

Greater Norwich Development Partnership Board

2pm to 2.40pm

13 December 2012

- Present: Councillor Brenda Arthur (Norwich City Council) (chair)
Councillor Andrew Proctor (Broadland District Council)
Councillor Derek Blake (South Norfolk Council)
Councillor John Fuller (South Norfolk Council)
Councillor Graham Plant (Norfolk County Council)
- In attendance: Phil Kirby (Broadland District Council)
Paul Harris (Broadland District Council)
Mike Burrell (Norwich City Council)
Jerry Massey (Norwich City Council)
Graham Nelson (Norwich City Council)
Tim Horspole (South Norfolk Council)
Andy Radford (South Norfolk Council)
Mike Jackson (Norfolk County Council)
Richard Doleman (Norfolk County Council)
Phil Morris (Norfolk County Council)
Chris Starkie (New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership)
Sandra Eastaugh (Greater Norwich Development Partnership)
Amy Baxter (Greater Norwich Development Partnership)
- Apologies: Councillor Stuart Clancy (Broadland District Council)
Councillor Shaun Vincent (Broadland District Council)
Councillor Bert Bremner (Norwich City Council)
Councillor Alan Waters (Norwich City Council)
Councillor Colin Foulger (South Norfolk Council)
Councillor Derrick Murphy (Norfolk County Council)
Councillor Ann Steward (Norfolk County Council)
Councillor Murray Gray (Broads Authority)
Andrea Long (Broads Authority)
Claire Hupton (Homes and Communities Agency) (and also Nick Lockley, substitute for Claire Hupton)
Andy Wood (New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership)

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2. HANDOVER OF CHAIR

RESOLVED to:

- (1) confirm the handover of the chair of the Greater Norwich Development Partnership Board from Councillor Andrew Proctor, Broadland District Council, to Councillor Brenda Arthur, Norwich City Council;
- (2) record the board's gratitude to Councillor Andrew Proctor and Broadland District Council for chairing and hosting meetings over the last year.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2012.

4. JOINT CORE STRATEGY (JCS) – PROPOSED SUBMISSION OF THE REMITTED PARTS FOLLOWING THE LEGAL CHALLENGE OF THE JOINT CORE STRATEGY

Phil Kirby introduced the report and said that the conclusion from all the existing evidence, and taking into account recent evidence and representations, was that the remitted parts remain sound. Richard Doleman then presented the report. He confirmed that there was no evidence to alter the board's previous conclusions. There were some typographical errors and cross references in the text and the respective authorities were recommended to delegate the final approval to officers. He outlined the timetable for the approval and submission of the remitted parts on 4 February 2013 and that adoption was anticipated by mid August 2013.

Councillor Arthur thanked the officers for their continuing hard work and recognised the huge amount of work which was seconded by Councillor Proctor. Councillor Proctor added that compliance with the judgment and order had been the key driver throughout the process and the councils had sought legal advice and could be confident that it was compliant with the judgment and order. The housing topic paper addressed the revocation of the East of England Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) and gave assurance that the JCS would not be affected. He therefore proposed the recommendations in the report.

During discussion a member referred to the revocation of the RSS in 2010 and pointed out that the Planning Inspectorate had been satisfied that the JCS was based on local evidence and not reliant on the RSS. Another member pointed out that it would be remiss not to prepare for a 15% growth in housing in the Greater Norwich Area.

RESOLVED to approve the recommendations in the report as follows:

“Having taken account of the information in this report and representations received during the publication period, The Greater Norwich Development Partnership Board considers it appropriate for the local planning authorities to submit the remitted parts of the Joint Core Strategy to the Secretary of State unchanged from the originally submitted version.

The Greater Norwich Development Partnership Board recommends to the constituent authorities:

- (1) That the Proposed Submission Document is considered to be legally compliant and sound; and,
- (2) That the “Joint Core Strategy for Broadland, Norwich and South Norfolk: proposed submission document” and supporting documents should be submitted to the Secretary of State under Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.”

5. WAVE 2 CITY DEALS

Jerry Massey referred to the board’s discussion about the first wave of the City Deals process 9 months ago and said that Greater Norwich (Broadland, Norwich and South Norfolk District Councils, Norfolk County Council and New Anglia Local Economic Partnership) was one of twenty towns or cities that had been invited by the Treasury to submit an expression of interest in the second wave of City Deals. He outlined the process following submission of an expression of interest in November 2012 to the agreement of the final City Deals in November 2013. Successful authorities would be invited for further negotiation in January. A bespoke offer would be worked up which focused on Norwich Research Park and the life sciences. This would be the blueprint for other sectors. The government could be confident that two tier local authorities could work together in partnership as evident in the GNDP and the JCS. New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership was very supportive of the bid. Greater Norwich was one of four City Deals in the region, as Ipswich, Cambridge and Southend had also been invited to submit an expression of interest in the second wave of the City Deals.

Broadland District Council and Norwich City Council would be seeking member approval for the final submission of an expression of interest to the Treasury in the first two weeks of January. Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk District Council had delegated authority to approve the submission to officers in consultation with the leader of the council.

RESOLVED to note the report.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

RESOLVED to confirm:

- (1) the date of the next meeting will be held on 21 March 2013 in the council chamber at City Hall, St Peter's Street Norwich; and,
- (2) the board will meet at 2pm on the following dates:
20 June 2013;
19 September 2013;
12 December 2013.

CHAIR