

Greater Norwich Growth Board

Date: 18 March 2021

Time: 2:00pm

Venue: Virtual - *Microsoft Teams*

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Board members:	Officers:
Norfolk County Council:	
Cllr Andrew Proctor (chair)	Tom McCabe Vince Muspratt
Broadland District Council:	
Cllr Shaun Vincent (vice chair)	Trevor Holden Phil Courtier Helen Mellors
Norwich City Council:	
Cllr Alan Waters	Stephen Evans Graham Nelson
South Norfolk Council:	
Cllr John Fuller	Trevor Holden Phil Courtier Helen Mellors
New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership:	
CJ Green	Chris Starkie

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AGENDA

1.	Apologies	
2.	Declarations of Interest	
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4.	Greater Norwich Annual Growth Programme 2021/22 <i>Phil Courtier, Director of Place, Broadland and South Norfolk District Councils</i>	(Page 7)
	<i>Appendix A- Greater Norwich Growth Programme</i> <i>Appendix B- Joint Five-Year Infrastructure Investment Plan 2021-2026</i>	
5.	City Deal Borrowing, Long Stratton Bypass <i>Harvey Bullen, Director of Financial Management, Norfolk County Council</i>	(Page 26)
6.	Exclusion of the Public The GNGB is asked to consider excluding the public from the meeting under section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 for consideration of the item below on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act, and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. The GNGB will be presented with the conclusions of the public interest test carried out by the report author and is recommended to confirm the exclusion.	
7.	City Deal Borrowing <i>Harvey Bullen, Director of Financial Management, Norfolk County Council</i>	
	<i>Appendix C- Proposed projects pipeline</i>	
8.	Exempt minutes of meeting held on 01 December 2020	
	Date of Next Meeting <i>17 June 2021 at 10am</i> <i>This will be a virtual meeting, a link will be circulated with the papers</i>	

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Greater Norwich Growth Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 1 December 2020

Time: 2.00pm

Venue: Online; virtual Teams Live meeting

Present:

Board Members:

Broadland District Council:

Cllr Shaun Vincent (Vice-Chair)

Norwich City Council:

Cllr Alan Waters

South Norfolk Council:

Cllr John Fuller

Norfolk County Council:

Cllr Martin Wilby

Officers:

Phil Courtier

Graham Nelson

Stephen Evans

Phil Courtier

Vince Muspratt

In attendance:

Hollie Adams

Committee Officer, Norfolk County Council (clerking)

Grace Burke

Greater Norwich Project Team Leader, Norfolk County Council

Matt Tracey

Growth and Infrastructure Group Manager, Norfolk County Council

Ruth Oyeniyi

Greater Norwich Senior Project Officer, Norfolk County Council

1. APOLOGIES

1.1 Apologies were received from Chair Andrew Proctor (Martin Wilby substituting), the new LEP Representative on the Board CJ Green, and Chris Starkie.

1.2 Vice-Chair Cllr Shaun Vincent in the Chair.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2.1 No interests were declared

3. MINUTES

3.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2020 were agreed as an accurate record

4. GREATER NORWICH DRAFT FIVE YEAR INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PLAN 2021-26

4.1.1 The Board received the report presenting the Draft Greater Norwich Joint Five-Year Infrastructure Investment Plan 2021-26, for collective review ahead of the Plan being considered by each individual Partners' Cabinets and Councils in February 2021, before returning to this Board in March 2021.

4.1.2 Phil Courtier introduced the report to the Board;

- Since 2014 £21m infrastructure funding and over £40m of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) supported borrowing had been allocated to the Greater Norwich area.
- The Board had won the partnership working category of the 2020 national planning awards.
- Four projects were put forward in the 2021-22 annual growth programme totalling around £920k.
- Two existing Marriott's Way projects would be allocated an additional £340k for enhancements to the projects.
- The strategic project for the long Stratton Bypass was proceeding as an outline business case to the Department for Transport (DfT) for around £37m funding. Around 70% would come from DfT and £10m of CIL supported borrowing would be set aside alongside developer funding.
- The anticipated balance at the end of 2021-22 was £7.8m

4.2 The following points were discussed and noted:

- The £20m unspent City Deal funding was raised and suggested that this could be used to bring forward additional projects.
- A Member discussed inviting organisations who had benefitted from investment to attend future meetings.
- Officers were thanked for their work improving the process for moving forward with schemes and bringing the fund back under control.
- Cllr Wilby noted the transport and highway projects which were coming forward, in particular the Long Stratton Bypass. He discussed the Hempnall Roundabout which had been funded by Greater Norwich Growth Board and had made a positive impact.

4.3 The Greater Norwich Growth Board:

- (i) **COMMENTED** on the Draft Five Year Infrastructure Investment Plan 2021-26
- (ii) **RECOMMENDED** the approval of the Draft Five Year Infrastructure Investment Plan 2021-26 which includes the proposed 2021/22 Annual Growth Programme to each Partner's Cabinets and Councils.

4.4 Graham Nelson suggested that the query about the £20m unused city deal funding could be dealt with as a matter arising under discussion of the exempt minutes, at item 6 of the agenda.

5. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

5.1 The exempt minutes from the meeting held on 24 September 2020 were proposed to be considered in private session as it was considered exempt by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as they contained discussion of development sites which included commercially sensitive information, information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

5.2 The Board **AGREED** to exclude the public for item 6, exempt minutes.

6. **EXEMPT MINUTES**

6.1 The Board **AGREED** the exempt minutes from the meeting held on 24 September 2020.

The public meeting ended at 2.16

Greater Norwich Annual Growth Programme 2021/22

Phil Courtier, Director of Place, Broadland and South Norfolk District Councils

Summary

This report confirms the Greater Norwich Annual Growth Programme (AGP). These are the new projects which are prioritised for delivery in 21/22 and are to be funded either wholly or in part by the Infrastructure Investment Fund (IIF). The AGP is assembled from the Joint Five Year Infrastructure Investment Plan, the draft of which was agreed by the GNGB on 01 December 2020.

Recommendation

- (i) To agree the Greater Norwich Annual Growth Programme 21/22.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 In 2013 the Greater Norwich authorities (Broadland District Council, Norwich City Council, South Norfolk Council and Norfolk County Council) together with the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership, signed a City Deal with Government. To help achieve our growth ambitions, the City Deal agreed a strategic infrastructure programme supported through Government-approved access to borrowing at a preferential rate and the local authorities' commitment to pool a significant proportion of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) income to form an Infrastructure Investment Fund (IIF).
- 1.2 Decisions on delivery and allocations of IIF funding to support the strategic infrastructure programme are made by the Greater Norwich Growth Board.
- 1.3 The Greater Norwich Growth Board has responsibility for assembling the Annual Growth Programme (AGP) from the Joint Five Year Infrastructure Investment Plan (5YIIP), whilst also taking account of any further schemes for delivery across the area which may arise in response to mainstream funding decisions
- 1.4 The AGP identifies the schemes which are prioritised for delivery and are to be funded either wholly or in part by the IIF.

2. Decision Making

- 2.1 The GNGB recommended the approval of the Draft 5YIIP to the three partner Districts Authorities at their meeting on 01 December 2020.
- 2.2 Each District Cabinet has now agreed the recommendations within the Draft 5YIIP.
- 2.3 The projects within the first year of the 5YIIP are returning to the GNGB and are recommended for approval as the Greater Norwich Annual Growth Programme, which will formerly commit their funding allocation from the Infrastructure Investment Fund.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 To agree the Greater Norwich Annual Growth Programme 21/22.

4. Issues and Risks

4.1 Other resource implications (staff, property)

The new projects to be added to the Greater Norwich Growth Programme will be managed within the existing staff resource of the Greater Norwich Projects Team. Resource for project delivery will be the responsibility of the individual project managers.

4.2 Legal implications

The Infrastructure Investment Fund pooling arrangements and the designation of NCC as the Accountable Body are set out in the Joint Working Agreement, formalising the commitment to pool Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) income across the Greater Norwich area, signed on 21 October 2015.

4.3 Risks

The most significant risks are project cost and delivery risks. The responsibility of which remain with the individual projects but should be reported to the Infrastructure Delivery Board through quarterly highlight reports.

4.4 Equality

No specific issues arising from the funding of the Growth Programme.

4.5 Human rights implications

No specific issues arising from the funding of the Growth Programme.

4.6 Environmental implications

Individual projects will be required to meet their own environmental obligations.

Appendix

A- Greater Norwich Growth Programme Project Summary

B- Greater Norwich Joint Five-Year Infrastructure Investment Plan 2021 - 26

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Greater Norwich

Growth Board

Greater Norwich Annual Growth Programme 2021/22

March 2021

Introduction

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2. Decisions on delivery and allocations of IIF funding to support the strategic infrastructure programme are made by the Greater Norwich Growth Board.
3. The Greater Norwich Growth Board has responsibility for assembling the Annual Growth Programme (AGP) from the Joint Five-Year Infrastructure Investment Plan (5YIIP), whilst also taking account of any further schemes for delivery across the area which may arise in response to mainstream funding decisions.
4. The AGP identifies the schemes which are prioritised for delivery and are to be funded either wholly or in part by the IIF.

Approval

5. Prior to the development of the AGP, the Joint Five Year Infrastructure Investment Plan (5YIIP) was developed and agreed (see appendix B). This plan confirms the strategic priorities in the Greater Norwich area for the IIF to support over the next five years. The projects programmed to receive IIF funding during the forthcoming financial year are accepted and included within the AGP 2021/22.
6. On 01 December 2020 the GNGB recommended for approval the draft 5YIIP 2021-26.
7. The 5YIIP was then agreed at the individual district cabinet meetings on the below dates:

Monday 8th February 2021- South Norfolk District Council
Tuesday 9th February 2021- Broadland District Council
Wednesday 10th February 2021 - Norwich City Council
8. The AGP will also be reported to Norfolk County Council as the GNGB's accountable body and the New Anglia LEP as partner.

Annual Growth Programme 2021/22

9. In accordance with the agreed processes for the Infrastructure Investment Fund (IIF), the Greater Norwich Infrastructure Delivery Board (IDB) met on the 9th October 2020 to agree which projects are to be put forward as the proposed 2021/22 Annual Growth Programme (AGP). As a result, 4 new projects totalling £921,124.00 have been identified to be supported through the IIF. Full details of these projects are included as Appendix A.

Project Name	Applicant	Amount of CIL requested	Total project size
Brundall Sports Hub	Broadland	£ 100,000	£ 1,345,655
Bure Valley Path	Broadland	£ 259,124	£ 841,406
Kett's Heights	Norwich	£ 312,000	£ 312,000
FDC Bowthorpe 3G Pitch	Norwich	£ 250,000	£ 929,400

Total **£ 921,124**

10. In addition, it was proposed that NCC's Children's Services receive £2million to support the development of their Education capital programme within Greater Norwich. This allocation will support development at Ormiston Victory Academy.
11. It was also proposed that two Marriott's Way projects that were initially allocated funding within the 18/19 AGP, be allocated an additional £341,000 for their joint delivery in 21/22.
12. Over £2m from the IIF remains committed to ongoing projects that were identified in previous AGPs. Updates on these projects were provided in the Joint Five Year Infrastructure Investment Plan (5YIIP Appendix B).
13. This AGP also reaffirms the commitment to borrow funds as and when required to support the delivery of significant infrastructure projects. The Broadland Northway has already drawn down £40m from this facility and the interest and loan repayments are being paid through the IIF.
14. Forecasted interest and loan repayments to draw down an additional £10m of borrowing to support the delivery of Long Stratton Bypass was included within the 5YIIP. This borrowing is expected to be required from 2022/23 therefore the formal commitment will be outlined in next year's version of the 5YIIP, alongside confirmation of the final sum to be borrowed and details of the legal loan arrangements.

Delivery and Monitoring

15. Delivery of the growth programme is the responsibility of the Greater Norwich Infrastructure Delivery Board (IDB). Project promoters will be responsible for providing information on individual schemes to the IDB on a quarterly basis. The IDB will consider in-year changes to the Programme based on their monitoring of progress and the outcome of ongoing scheme identification work.

16. The IDB will report progress on programme delivery (and exception reports if required) to meetings of the Greater Norwich Growth Board.

The complete Greater Norwich Growth Programme

17. The GNGB have committed funding to projects through the acceptance of an Annual Growth Programme each year since the establishment of the IIF in 2014. The full list of projects making up the complete Greater Norwich Growth Programme, together with their expected year of delivery is shown below. Further information about each project can be found within appendix A.

Ref	Expenditure	Project Budg	Other fundir	CIL fundir	CIL spend to date						Current*	Programmed CIL drawdown						
					2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19		2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Agreed 2014/15 Growth Programme																		
GP1	Harrisons' Wood	(45)		(45)			(10)	(21)	(4)	(4)	(5)							
	Harrisons' Wood secured funding (S106)	45		45							45							
GP2	Danby Wood	(35)		(35)			(26)											
GP3	Marston Marsh	(30)		(30)			(24)	(1)										
GP4	Earlham Millennium Green - Phase 1	(15)		(15)			(3)											
GP5	Riverside Walk	(70)	(19)	(51)			(17)	(31)										
GP6	Mariott's Way - Phase 1	(60)		(60)			(60)											
GP7	Norwich Health Walks	(40)		(40)			(38)											
Agreed 2015/16 Growth Programme																		
GP8	Earlham Millennium Green - Phase 2	(66)		(66)			(52)											
GP9	Mariott's Way - Phase 2	(250)		(250)			(236)	(1)										
GP11	St Clements Toucan Crossing			(113)					(113)									
GP13	Eaton Interchange			(100)					(100)									
GP13b	Roundhouse Way			(50)						(50)								
GP16	Golden Ball Street (NATS)			(1,023)					(1,023)									
GP17b	Cromer Rd - Aylsham Rd (A140)			(87)						(87)								
Agreed 2016/17 Growth Programme																		
GP19	St Faiths to Airport Transport Link	(1,000)		(1,000)			(20)											
GP22	Pink Pedalway - Heathgate	(250)	(100)	(150)			(150)											
GP23	Carrow to Deal Ground riverside walk			(100)														
GP24	Colney River Crossing (NRP to Threescore)	(422)	(251)	(171)					(29)	(48)	(30)	(90)						
GP25	NDR (see borrowing costs below)																	
GP26	Long Stratton Bypass (see borrowing costs below)																	
GP26b	Hempnall Crossroads	(4,600)	(4,038)	(562)							(562)							
Agreed 2017/18 Growth Programme																		
GP27	Lizard and Silfield Nature Reserves	(14)		(14)									(14)					
GP29	Mariott's Way-Barn Road Gateway	(69)	(24)	(45)					(4)	(4)	(41)							
GP30	Sloughbottom Park - Andersons Meadow	(343)		(343)					(4)	(4)	(58)							
GP31	Riverside Walk accessibility improvements	(200)		(200)					(5)	(2)	(22)		(172)					
GP33	Strumpshaw Pit Circular Walk	(60)	(25)	(35)						(2)	(12)							
GP34	Cringleford N&N strategic connections	(68)	(10)	(58)							(58)							
GP36	Castle Gardens	(220)	(70)	(150)							(100)		(50)					
GP37	Long Stratton Sports Hub	(2,545)	(2,045)	(500)							(610)							
GP38	Football pitch improvements	(100)		(100)							(80)		(20)					
GP39	Hales cricket and bowls clubhouse improvements	(190)	(160)	(30)					(5)		(25)							
GP40	Ketts Park Sports Hub, Wymondham	(800)	(550)	(250)						(250)								
GP41	Wroxham Library: self service improvements										(34)							
GP42	Plumstead Road Library: self service improvements	(153)	(33)	(120)							(112)							
GP43	Diss library: self service improvements										(29)							
GP44	Education - Hethersett	(2,000)		(2,000)					(2,000)									
Agreed 2018/19 Growth Programme																		
GP45	Green Pedalway- Junction Improvements	(560)		(560)							(560)							
GP46b	Mariott's Way-Costessey resurfacing & Drayton ramp	(526)		(526)					(5)	(20)	(8)	(493)						
GP47	UEA to Eaton Boardwalk	(30)		(30)							(3)	(27)						
GP48	Wherryman's Way: Yare Valley Cycle Route	(23)		(23)							(18)							
GP49	Earlham Millennium Green Improvement Project: Phase 3	(25)		(25)							(4)	(21)						
GP50	Yare and Wensum Valleys Link	(170)		(170)							(170)							
GP51	Green Infrastructure: Access for All	(150)		(150)						(27)	(25)	(37)	(30)	(30)				
GP52	Thorpe Mariott Greenway	(121)		(121)						(5)	(9)	(107)						
GP55	Community Sports Hub - The Nest Horsford	(4,625)	(3,501)	(1,124)						(386)	(384)	(413)						
GP56	Harleston Library self-access improvement	(35)		(35)							(22)							
GP57	Costessey Library self-access improvement	(35)		(35)							(26)							
GP58	Loddon Library self-access improvement	(35)		(35)							(22)							
GP59	Earlham Library self-access improvement	(35)		(35)							(26)							
GP60	Mile Cross Library self-access improvement	(35)		(35)							(24)							
GP61	Education - Blifield and Brundall	(2,000)		(2,000)							(1,000)	(1,000)						
Agreed 2019/20 Growth Programme																		
GP62	Education - Cringleford	(2,000)		(2,000)								(1,000)	(1,000)					
Agreed 2020/21 Growth Programme																		
GP63	North West Woodlands Project	(1,265)	(546)	(719)							(147)	(143)	(143)	(143)				
GP64	Hellesdon Station Green Infrastructure	(453)	(221)	(232)							(36)	(111)	(86)					
GP65	East Wymondham Green Infrastructure	(46)	(2)	(44)							(44)							
GP66	20 Acre Wood Community Access Improvements	(62)		(62)							(62)							
GP67	Ketts Country Long Distance Trail	(98)		(98)							(15)	(83)						
GP68	Frenze Beck Green Infrastructure	(45)	(10)	(35)							(35)							
GP69	Aylsham Sports Hub Stage 3	(986)	(511)	(475)							(90)	(385)						
GP70	Wymondham Tennis Club	(150)		(150)							(150)							
GP71	Crusaders Rugby Football Club	(600)	(450)	(150)							(150)							
GP72	Recreation Road Pool	(60)		(60)							(60)							
GP73	Norwich Parks Tennis	(423)	(320)	(103)							(103)							
GP74	Plumstead Road Roundabout	(1,350)	(625)	(725)							(725)							
GP75	Education - Ormiston Victory Academy (allocation rolled forward to 21/22)																	
Proposed 2021/22 Growth Programme																		
GP75	Education - Ormiston Victory Academy	(9,000)	(5,000)	(4,000)								(4,000)						
GP76	Brundall Sports Hub	(1,346)	(1,246)	(100)							(100)							
GP77	Bure Valley Path	(841)	(582)	(259)							(30)	(229)						
GP78	Ketts Heights	(312)	(312)								(109)	(203)						
GP79	FDC Bowthorpe 3G Pitch	(929)	(679)	(250)							(250)							
Full Growth Programme					(21,492)		(178)	(511)	(1,109)	(2,944)	(930)	(5,866)	(7,978)	(1,690)	(143)	(143)	-	
Cash reserve (agreed in 19/20 Annual Growth Programme)						(2,000)						(2,000)						
GP25	GP25 Broadland Northway (amount borrowed)			(40,000)			(40,000)					(2,057)	(2,057)	(2,057)	(2,057)	(2,057)		
	Interest and loan repayment against borrowing						(559)	(2,057)	(2,057)	(2,057)								
GP26	GP26 Long Stratton Bypass (forecasted borrowing amount)			(10,000)								(10,000)						
	Forecasted interest and loan repayments against the borrowing											(473)	(473)	(473)	(473)			
TOTAL borrowing costs (annual payment made from pooled CIL)								(559)	(2,057)	(2,057)	(2,057)	(2,057)	(2,057)	(2,530)	(2,530)	(2,530)	(2,530)	
TOTAL pooled CIL funding requirement								(178)	(1,070)	(3,166)	(5,001)	(2,987)	(9,923)	(10,035)	(4,220)	(2,673)	(2,673)	(2,530)
Actual pooled CIL Income					56	851	2,490	3,215	3,334	5,710	6,870	3,725	8,949	7,212	9,437	8,316	7,441	
Forecasted pooled CIL Income												6,877						
Forecasted annual pooled CIL surplus / (deficit)					56	851	2,312	2,145	167	709	3,884	679	(1,087)	2,992	6,764	5,643	4,912	
CIL Interest Earned						0	7	14	15	30	49							
Forecasted Cumulative CIL balance (including interest)					56	907	3,226	5,385	5,567	6,306	10,239	10,917	9,831	12,823	19,587	25,230	30,142	
Forecasted Cumulative CIL income					56	907	3,397	6,612	9,945	15,655	22,525	33,127	42,075	49,288	58,725	67,040	74,482	
Forecasted Cumulative CIL commitment								(178)	(1,248)	(4,414)	(9,415)	(12,402)	(22,325)	(32,360)	(36,580)	(39,252)	(41,925)	(44,455)

* Current Draw down figures are made up of part actual draw down (spend) and part programmed future draw down

Greater Norwich Growth Programme Project Summary

Ref	Project Description
2014/15 Annual Growth Programme	
GP1	Harrisons' Wood, Salhouse Road, Norwich Public access improvements to improve connections from Mousehold Heath to the Broads, contributing to an eventual continuous corridor extending to the Broads buffer/ sensitivity zone and beyond. Works to ensure that Harrison's wood is suitable for public access with path development and clear signage, whilst also transferring the land from private to public ownership.
GP2	Danby Wood Biodiversity and access improvements including upgrading the main footpath through the wood.
GP3	Marsden Marsh Improved pedestrian access to the western part of the site whilst improving the site's biodiversity value.
GP4	Earlham Millennium Green (EMG) (Phase 1) EMG also forms a valuable link for pedestrian access connecting Bowthorpe, West Earlham, the UEA and the Research Park. With the Three Score developments progressing, this route is likely to increase in importance and there are opportunities for improvements that would encourage more people to walk rather than use their cars. This phase will involve the creation of high quality open space and wildlife area, improvements to access and enhanced potential for educational use.
GP5	Riverside Way- Oasis site The development of a revised layout and design for the Oasis site adjacent to Fye Bridge on the River Wensum. Working in partnership with key stakeholders to enhance the site to maximize its use, linkages and potential for access to the river.
GP6	Marriotts Way (Phase 1) Improvements to the city end of Marriott's Way to encourage commuting by bicycle and on-foot. Included surface and lighting improvements
GP7	Norwich Health Walks The development of a footpath through the tree belt surrounding the N&N University Hospital. Offering an opportunity for staff and patients of the hospital to enjoy fresh air and exercise thus aiding a sense of well-being for patients and staff alike.
2015/16 Annual Growth Programme	
GP8	Earlham Millennium Green Path Improvements (Phase 2) Enhancement of EMG for site users and wildlife. This project is a second phase of works and will improve a gravel path which had come to the end of its life with a hard surface path suitable for pedestrians and cyclist.
GP9	Marriott's Way (Phase 2) A second phase of improvement to the section of Marriott's Way from Thorpe Marriott to Norwich City Centre in addition to those agreed in the 2014/15 Growth Programme. Including repairs to Dragon Bridge to enable adoption, highway improvements to access points and barriers, signage and lighting.

<p>GP 10-17</p>	<p>Norwich Area Transportation Strategy Initially 8 projects (GP10-17) were identified from Transport for Norwich’s programme of works. The programme aimed to improve accessibility by all forms of transport in and around the city, encouraging the use of more sustainable forms of transport, such as public transport, cycling and walking, while also improving the capacity of the road network, in particular through the Broadland Northway.</p> <p>The programme was delivered by a partnership between Norfolk County Council and Norwich City Council, as well as local authorities within Greater Norwich on schemes in the wider area. Funding sources included the Department for Transport, developer contributions, the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership and local growth funds.</p> <p>Pooled CIL was made available to these schemes to use as a top up to fill their funding gaps. Some of the initial 8 projects which were able to secure alternative funding so the Infrastructure Development Board were able to agree amendments to the projects which received CIL.</p> <p>The below 5 projects have been allocated CIL funding (GP11-17b)</p>
<p>GP11</p>	<p>St Clements Toucan Crossing The development of a crossing point at Denton Road/ Chartwell Road/ School Road. The primary objective was to enable cyclists and pedestrians to cross much more quickly and directly providing separate cycling and pedestrian crossing areas: Part of the Blue Pedalway route which links the city centre with the North East Growth Triangle (NEGT).</p>
<p>GP13</p>	<p>Eaton Interchange Works at the crossroads in Eaton to improve safety and traffic flow including reducing traffic speeds, traffic calming measures, widening the cycle track, moving the vehicle stop line so buses and other large vehicles can turn more easily, resurfacing the carriageway, improved lining, a new cycle traffic signal and simplifying pedestrian crossings.</p>
<p>GP13b</p>	<p>Roundhouse Way The creation of a new bus interchange at Roundhouse Way, Cringleford</p>
<p>GP16</p>	<p>Golden Ball Street This scheme builds on the traffic improvements realised as part of the Chapelfield North scheme and is an important element of the City Centre NATS measures that will provide a more attractive environment for pedestrians and cyclists. Additional funding of £500,000 was awarded to enhance the quality of public realm in Westlegate and All Saints Green.</p>
<p>GP17b</p>	<p>A140 Corridor The primary objective is to implement on-carriageway bus priority measures through the reallocation of road space on the A140 Cromer Road north of Norwich city centre. This will enable the benefits of the Broadland Northway to be realised by improving bus journey reliability and bus service performance as well as having a positive impact on bus patronage. The project involves the provision of an inbound bus lane between Fifers Lane and Waterloo Road along the Cromer Road/Aylsham Road corridor. The provision of the inbound bus lane would be shared with cyclists</p>

2016/17 Annual Growth Programme	
GP19	St Faiths Rd to Airport Transport Link Establishment of a road and cycle links between St Faiths Rd and Airport Industrial Estate (AIE) to join the existing employment area with the North East Growth Triangle. This project closed prematurely prior to all funds being drawn down.
GP22	Heathgate - Pink Pedalway The construction of a 3m wide lit cycling and walking path between Heathgate and Gurney Road at the junction with Britannia Road.
GP23	Carrow to Deal Ground riverside walk Delivery of a short section of cycle/ footway on north bank of the River Wensum. This will provide a key 'missing link' in the route between Norwich city centre/ rail station and Whitlingham Country Park, which is also needed to serve several planned new developments in the area. This project closed prematurely prior to all funds being drawn down. See page 27 of the 5YIIP for full details.
GP24	Colney River Crossing (NRP to Threescore) Improvements to the existing right of way, including a new footbridge across the River Yare and improvements to the existing footpaths will improve linkages between housing at Three Score and the Norwich Research Park. This is part of a wider project of improvements to green space in Bowthorpe associated with the development of Three Score. The river crossing and footpath improvements would provide a direct link between housing in Bowthorpe and the major employment locations at NRP and the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital.
GP25	Northern Distributor Road- Broadland Northway The Growth Board Partners agreed £40m of reduced cost borrowing to support delivery of a 12.4-mile dual carriageway linking the A47 from the south east of Norwich to the airport and north of the District. The NDR was named the Broadland Northway when completed.
GP26	Long Stratton Bypass The proposed new A140 bypass will be a single carriageway road that will provide a new junction at Church Lane to the north, extending from this junction on the east side of Long Stratton in a southerly direction for approximately 3.9km, where it will re-join the existing A140 just south of Oakside farm
GP26B	Hempnall Crossroads To improve road safety at this busy junction where traffic crosses the a140 near Hempnall, by installing a roundabout.
2017/18 Annual Growth Programme	
GP27	Lizard and Silfield Nature Reserves To protect and enhance the Lizard and Silfield Nature Reserve by the creation of alternative green infrastructure routes for recreational access. The project will identify and agree new routes, which will be developed as appropriate. Necessary infrastructure such as stiles, fencing, signage/way marking, hedgerow planting/restoration and interpretation/localised publicity will be provided to encourage and manage use of the network.
GP29	Barn Road Gateway This is part of a programme of projects being developed through the Marriott's Way Implementation & Delivery plan, which have been informed by the public and stakeholder consultation that took place in 2015. The aims of the project are to improve the gateway to Marriott's Way with signage, paving and removal of vegetation to improve legibility and raise the quality of this important entrance.

GP30	<p>Marriott's Way: Sloughbottom Park - Andersons Meadow</p> <p>A part of the Marriott's Way Implementation and Delivery plan, this project provides improvements to a section of the route to increase safety, comfort and personal security. Works include path widening/realigning, providing street lighting, improving an adjacent storm drain, vegetation management, tree planting, and drainage improvements.</p> <p>The scheme is split into two phases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 1 – Dragon Bridge to Mile Cross Road Bridge adjacent Andersons Meadow • Phase 2 – Mile Cross Road Bridge to Sloughbottom Park
GP31	<p>Riverside Walk accessibility improvements</p> <p>A package of accessibility improvements to the Riverside Walk, to enable its use by all, including access measures on and adjacent to the walk, and improved signage linking the river with the city centre and other key attractors. It is proposed that the project is implemented in phases, with the development of a branding and identity for the whole Riverside Walk in the first phase, followed by physical improvements to the Riverside Walk in the city centre (i.e. downstream of New Mills) in phase 2.</p>
GP33	<p>Strumpshaw Pit Circular Walk</p> <p>A project to expand the dog walking capabilities of Strumpshaw Pit, which is owned by Norfolk County Council. This could be achieved through additional parking, which would increase the distance that dog walkers travel. In addition, cycle rack provision will provide for other users. The existing site includes a circular walk around a closed landfill site with various wildflowers growing and it is commonly used by dog walkers, but is not fully accessible.</p>
GP34	<p>Cringleford N&N strategic connections</p> <p>Green infrastructure projects of various types to link N&N Hospital, Yare Valley Walk in Cringleford, and possibly along A47 corridor: a) a footpath between N&N hospital walk and application to the west of Newfound Farm (around 365m); b) habitat connections between N&N hospital tree belt and boundary treatment for application to the west of Newfound Farm; c) a footpath through Cringleford Wood (around 600m); d) improvement to CWS in Cringleford (details to be confirmed). This would supplement GI to be delivered by other developments</p> <p>(The delivery of this project was put on hold whilst discussions continued with local landowners. It is expected that the project will be re-confirmed within the forthcoming year)</p>
GP36	<p>Castle Gardens</p> <p>Restoration and improvement works to Castle gardens to promote the use of the gardens as a linear park. Restoration works will safeguard the gardens for future use whilst planned improvements will ensure that the gardens can be maintained within the available budgets. The linkage to the gardens from the surrounding street scene will be enhanced along with improved linkages to the castle and green</p>
GP37	<p>Long Stratton Sports Hub</p> <p>The project aims to bring together a number of facility-providing partners (South Norfolk Council, Long Stratton High School and Long Stratton Parish Council) to improve the sport and leisure facility stock in the village in anticipation of significant housing growth. It will create a new sport and leisure 'Hub' across three adjacent sites and provide new and enhanced facilities that are fit for purpose and better suited to the current and future facility needs of local residents. Management will be shared across the three sites, resulting in economies of scale and efficiencies in service delivery. In May 2020 a project change request was agreed by the Infrastructure Delivery Board and a further £110,000 of CIL funds were awarded as a result of updated construction costs.</p>

GP38	Football pitch improvements Football pitch improvement works at Eaton Park, Sloughbottom Park, Britannia Barracks and Fountain Ground including drainage improvements, improved grass species and improved goal facilities through the provision of new posts, nets and additional ground sockets. This will permit moving the pitches annually to prevent excessive wear, improving the playability of the pitches and increasing capacity.
GP39	Hales cricket and bowls clubhouse improvements There is a need for a replacement pavilion to serve Loddon and Hales Cricket Club and Hales Bowls Club on their shared site on Green Road, just off the A146, to the south-east of Loddon. The proposed new pavilion will give both clubs a permanent home in spaces that meet their respective needs, allowing to develop and grow participation across a range of ages.
GP40	Wymondham: new sports improvements Ketts Park in Wymondham has been identified as being a location that would be suitable for a sports hub, the provision of which can ensure that there are economies of scale in outdoor sports delivery and that clubs can benefit from shared and jointly managed facilities. A new full-size, floodlit artificial grass pitch on the site would take advantage of existing infrastructure and with tennis also being available on the Ketts Park site the argument for creating a hub is strengthened with the potential for significant gains in sporting participation likely. With the expected growth in demand for pitches in Wymondham due to the forthcoming housing, the carrying capacity of a full-size AGP will help to ensure that the quality of existing natural turf pitches (whose drainage will be improved as part of this project) is not compromised in future.
GP 41-43	Library self-access improvements Self-access technology allows the library service to automatically control and monitor building access, self-service kiosks, public access computers, lighting, alarms, public announcements and customer safety. Each library will be able to have increased opening hours, making access to the library more convenient for current and new customers without an increase in staff costs. This is a great opportunity for libraries to be accessible and relevant to more people.
GP41	Wroxham Library: self-access improvements This project will introduce both public customer toilets and self-access technology
GP42	Plumstead Road Library: self-access improvements This project will introduce self-access technology plus provide car and bike customer parking (including disabled parking).
GP43	Diss library: self-access improvements This project will introduce self-access technology.
GP44	Education- Allocation for Children's Services Capital Programme Allocation to support the development of Hethersett Junior school and Hethersett Academy. (this is supporting additional need over and above those already supported by s106 contributions)
2018/19 Annual Growth Programme	
GP45	Green Pedalway – Earlham Road Section The Green Pedalway project sees a comprehensive upgrade and extension to this strategic cycle route. This project relates to improvements to the Earlham Road (B1108) junction with Mill Hill Road and Heigham Road. This project has been combined with cycle ambition funding awarded by the Department for Transport for safety improvements at the Earlham Road (B1108) / Outer ring road (A140) roundabout and along the length of Earlham Road between the outer ring road and Heigham Road.

GP46b	<p>Marriott's Way Ramp & Resurfacing (replaces GP46 & GP53)</p> <p>The projects aim to improve access and accessibility on Marriott's Way and link into a number of other projects along the route funded from the Heritage Lottery Fund, Transforming Cities as well as the IIF, to help facilitate the use of Marriott's Way as a key walking and cycling route and a sustainable transport corridor for people commuting into and out of Norwich. They involve the improvement in access points and resurfacing between Thorpe Marriott and Costessey plus the creation of a ramp to the rear of the Tesco supermarket in the Drayton area to reduce the gradient allowing much improved accessibility for all.</p>
GP47	<p>UEA to Eaton Boardwalk</p> <p>The project will extend the existing boardwalk which forms part of the Yare Valley Walk between UEA and Eaton/Cringleford. The boardwalk currently only extends half the length of the path.</p>
GP48	<p>Wherryman's Way- Yare Valley Cycle Route</p> <p>Improve the Yare Valley Cycle Route, which follows the Wherryman's Way Lodon cycle loop which links into the Norwich cycle map and Norwich pedalways project.</p>
GP49	<p>Earlham Millennium Green (EMG) Improvement Project (Phase 3)</p> <p>This will builds on the woks already completed in previous phases (GP4 and GP8) Works will include improving links to the main route through the site from Bowthorpe, and from West Earlham via George Fox Way, refurbishing and improving existing entrance features, new signage, replacing pond dipping platforms and a timber footbridge connecting EMG with Earlham Marsh</p>
GP50	<p>Yare and Wensum Valley Link</p> <p>The River Wensum and Yare run close together in the west of the city between Marriott's Way and the Three Score development site. The link between the two river valleys is a recognised green infrastructure corridor and the route of the purple pedalway. The project will improve this link for walkers, cyclists and wildlife. (The first phase of this project is supported through s106 allocation at Bunkers Hill)</p>
GP51	<p>Green Infrastructure: Access for All</p> <p>A number of Green Infrastructure trails across the Greater Norwich area have been audited for both power chair use and general accessibility and to identify the improvement works necessary to allow such access. This project implements a range of smaller scale accessibility improvements across various projects and areas. The funding is spread across 5 years with new 'access improvement' projects being identified each year. The first tranche of works will be access improvements to the full length of the Boudicca way (over 30 miles).</p>
GP52	<p>Thorpe Marriott Greenway</p> <p>The Thorpe Marriot Greenway is designed to promote better greenspace and access in the Thorpe Marriot area. To create the greenway, a path will be established through the current tree belt that will link the Thorpe Marriot estate, the Marriott's Way, Nabour Furlong, Pendlesham Rise, Littlewood (three woodlands owned by Broadland District Council) and the Broadland Northway green bridge that leads to Drayton Drewray. This will also help to deliver the identified Thorpe Marriott to Hevingham Secondary Green Infrastructure Corridor.</p>

GP55	<p>Community Sports Hub- The Nest, Horsford</p> <p>Norwich City Community Sports Foundation (CSF) has obtained the Anglia Windows sports site at Horsford Manor within Broadland District to develop a large scale “Community Hub” that will provide inclusive facilities for the growing community. Named ‘The Nest’ it will comprise: An indoor sports facility comprising full size 3G football pitch, full size sports hall, indoor gym and associated changing facilities, cafe, learning space, classrooms and office, 10 sleeping pods to be used for residential training courses, external spectator stand and associated parking, and an outdoor gym. It will be the only full 11aside indoor football pitch in the region that is open to the public. Alterations to access and infrastructure will be necessary to delivery these facilities.</p> <p>Phase 1 consisting the pitches, clubhouse and sleeping pods is complete and the CIL funding will support the development of operational phase 2.</p>
GP 56-60	<p>Library self-access improvements</p> <p>Self-access technology allows the library service to automatically control and monitor building access, self-service kiosks, public access computers, lighting, alarms, public announcements and customer safety. Each library will be able to have increased opening hours, making access to the library more convenient for current and new customers without an increase in staff costs. This is a great opportunity for libraries to be accessible and relevant to more people.</p>
GP56	Harleston Library- self-access improvement
GP57	Costessey Library- self-access improvement
GP58	Loddon Library- self-access improvement
GP59	Earlham Library- self-access improvement
GP60	Mile Cross Library- self-access improvement
GP61	<p>Education- Allocation for Children’s Services Capital Programme</p> <p>This allocation was committed to two projects;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -to identify and secure a new site to move the existing school at Blofield into larger and more suitable accommodation - to ensure the primary school in Brundall has suitable accommodation for larger cohorts of children.
2019/20 Annual Growth Programme	
GP62	<p>Education- Allocation for Children’s Services Capital Programme</p> <p>The funding will be allocated to a new two form entry primary school in Cringleford.</p>
2020/21 Annual Growth Programme (please see GP26B for Hempnall Crossroads project details)	
GP63	<p>North West Woodlands Project</p> <p>The North West Woodlands Country Park (NWWCP) project creates a new country park facility surrounded by a large area of woodland, heathland and fenland in the Greater Norwich area. The project delivers a series of walking, cycling and trim trial routes, habitat restoration and enhancement schemes, public engagement events, car parking and visitor facilities as well as large woodland play area.</p> <p>£715,000 commitment from the GNGB supported the acquisition of the Houghen Plantation land and will be repaid in annual instalments over 5 years.</p>

<p>GP64</p>	<p>Hellesdon Station Green Infrastructure</p> <p>The project will deliver a range of inter-related green infrastructure improvements in the Hellesdon Station area. These improvements will boost the transport and ecological functions of strategic green infrastructure corridors to support growth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marriott's Way - Red pedalway (and National Cycle Route 1) and Purple pedalway (Outer circuit): Improvements to make walking and cycling routes safer and more convenient including a parallel pedestrian / cycle zebra crossing of Hellesdon Road, path re-alignment onto the railway track bed and accessible ramp, • New and improved recreational facilities: canoe launch platform, picnic area, path access and car park improvements, • Natural area enhancements to river valley sites; Hellesdon Mill Meadow, Marlpit Paddock and Hellesdon Marsh. These include vegetation management, habitat improvement, tree planting and landscaping which will result in biodiversity gains. • Community involvement through volunteering and engagement with community groups.
<p>GP65</p>	<p>East Wymondham Green Infrastructure</p> <p>The project will deliver infrastructure around the Oxford Common site to create an accessible area for local residents to visit for recreational purposes. The project will establish approximately 1800m of new permissive paths, with the result being a new circular walk route and the enclosure of 9 hectares of grassland for restoration of the site to County Wildlife Site standard.</p> <p>The project will also deliver stock fencing, vehicular gates, the relocation of existing stepping stones across the river Tiffey, the installation of liggers and a bridge across the ditches in appropriate locations and the installation of finger posts, way-markers and an information board along the route.</p>
<p>GP66</p>	<p>20 Acre Wood Community Access Improvements</p> <p>The project will improve an existing woodland path through 20 Acre Wood from Enfield Road to Earlham Green Lane. The current path itself is used regularly by the community to access the West Earlham shops, school and Health Centre.</p> <p>The project involves installing a raised hard surface path to avoid damaging any tree roots, and this would be suitable for both cyclists, pedestrians, mobility scooters and push chairs. Additionally, the project would install way-markers at each end of the path, and a wooden chicane to slow pedestrian movement from the path to the tarmac path and road.</p> <p>A second part of the project will deliver an element of community engagement working with the Friends of West Earlham Woods and the Local Infant and Primary Schools to develop a sense of community ownership of the woodland</p>
<p>GP67</p>	<p>Ketts Country Long Distance Trail</p> <p>The project is to create a long-distance walking trail from Wymondham to Norwich via a number of South Norfolk towns and villages. It is the intention of the project to create several circular walks near/next to areas of increased development along the route.</p> <p>The project will deliver signage, furniture and will see the removal of all access obstacles and deliver countryside access improvements.</p>

GP68	<p>Frenze Beck Green Infrastructure</p> <p>The project will deliver a number of green infrastructure updates and installations on Frenze Beck, on the eastern edge of Diss. The work to be delivered includes the installation of new entrance gates, the design and installation of new information boards and trails, installing benches and picnic benches and the installation of gravel footpaths to unlock access to two viewing areas.</p>
GP69	<p>Aylsham Sports Hub Stage 3</p> <p>The Project is to deliver a full-size, floodlit 3G pitch which can be sub-divided into 3 smaller pitches suitable for football and rugby, on the site of the Aylsham Sports Hub at Aylsham High School, owned by the Aylsham Cluster Trust. The project also will deliver a two-team changing room, and FA standard referees' area adjacent to the gym/fitness building.</p> <p>The project is part of a wider programme and complements additional projects on the site including the refurbishment of Aylsham's swimming pool, and the provision of a gym, fitness suite and dance/multi use hall. The aim of the project is to deliver additional leisure and sporting facilities for Aylsham Town and the surrounding area in order to promote physical activity and social inclusion.</p>
GP70	<p>Wymondham Tennis Club</p> <p>The project improves Wymondham Tennis Club's facilities at Kett's Park in Wymondham. This includes a new fourth court to provide additional capacity in an area of high housing and population growth.</p> <p>Additionally, the project will deliver the resurfacing of three existing courts which have experienced a lack of investment and appropriate maintenance under the management of the town council, the conversion of floodlights to LED Lumineers to provide lower running costs and deliver a greener operation and the enhancement will also see netball courts provided on the site, bringing outdoor, publicly-accessible, floodlit courts to Wymondham for the first time.</p>
GP71	<p>Crusaders Rugby Football Club</p> <p>The project will deliver new infrastructure and enhanced facilities at Crusaders Rugby Club, based in Little Melton (South Norfolk). The enhanced facilities to be provided include four en-suite changing rooms that meet RFU guidelines, a new referees' changing space, refurbished and extended social spaces, an accessible entrance, first floor viewing area and new accessible toilet facilities.</p>
GP72	<p>Recreation Road Swimming Pool</p> <p>The project will increase car park capacity at the Recreation Road school swimming pool and install new fencing and a covered bike store. This project will increase the community access to the pool, while also increasing the number of hours which are available to be used by potential customers, which in turn makes it more viable as a sustainable business proposition.</p>
GP73	<p>Norwich Parks Tennis</p> <p>The project will deliver a total of 5 all-weather tennis courts across two different parks in Norwich, to add to the provision offered by the Norwich Parks Tennis Programme. The courts will be located at Heigham Park (3 courts) and at Lakenham Recreation ground (2 courts). The additional courts and improvements are required to support the future growth of affordable quality tennis, accommodating the demands of the growing population in the Greater Norwich area.</p>
GP74	<p>Plumstead Road Roundabout</p> <p>The project will deliver a new roundabout on Plumstead Road. The delivery also includes the creation of new footways and cycleways, a new pedestrian crossing, road re-alignment and associated services. In delivering the scheme, the project will directly unlock the development of 315 homes across two allocated sites located within the Broadland Growth Triangle. Furthermore, it will ensure that the strategically important orbital link road between Salhouse Road and Plumstead Road can be delivered.</p>

<p>GP75</p>	<p>Education- Allocation for Children’s Services Capital Programme The funding will be allocated to an extensive expansion project at Ormiston Victory Academy. This involves a new three-story classroom block and internal remodelling to increase the number of school places to 1500 for ages 11-16.</p> <p>Within the 2021/22 AGP a further £2 million funding has been allocated to this project, with a total project cost likely to be in the region of £9.5m. The shortfall of £5.5m will be met with a government grant of Basic Need and if necessary, NCC borrowing.</p>
<p>2021/22 Annual Growth Programme</p>	
<p>GP76</p>	<p>Brundall Sports Hub Phase one of the project is to deliver a Sports Hub to include a multi-sport floodlit 3G artificial grass pitch with fencing, floodlighting, maintenance storage container, hard standing pathways, car parking and single storey club house/changing room building. With the possibility of a later Phase two to create a Community Gym.</p>
<p>GP77</p>	<p>Bure Valley Path: Access, Promotion and Recreational Enhancement This project will improve the Bure Valley walking and cycle path by delivering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A crossing over the A140 delivering safe passage for cyclists and pedestrians; • The creation of 6 circular walks, way marking, surface improvements, and a range of improvements to the ecological corridor through the implementation of biodiversity improvements
<p>GP78</p>	<p>Kett’s Heights The proposed improvements to Kett’s Heights provide for a more accessible and resilient space, but also provide enhancements to the green links through this area (linking with Mousehold Heath and Lion Wood). It connects to the green pedalway that leads to the start of the proposed Broadland Way near Dussindale / Broadland Business Park and is also adjacent to promoted walking routes that include Lion Wood and the Wensum Riverside Walk.</p>
<p>GP79</p>	<p>Football Development Centre Bowthorpe – 3G Pitch The proposed project at FDC Norwich (Bowthorpe) will see the installation of a 3G full sized football pitch, replacing an existing full-sized grass pitch. By converting the existing grass pitch to an artificial 3G pitch we will ultimately be able to cater for more football activity, both traditional and recreational.</p>

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**Long Stratton Bypass
City Deal Loan Draw Down**

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Summary

The five GNGB partners signed a City Deal with Government in December 2013 which granted them access to lower-cost loan funding from the Public Works Loans Board (PWLB). This can be drawn down to support the delivery of strategic infrastructure projects and repaid from the Infrastructure Investment Fund (IIF- pooled CIL). This paper outlines the details of the borrowing facility, provides a summary of the Long Stratton Bypass budget, forecasts the loan repayments that would be required to be paid from the Infrastructure Investment Fund and sets out the future decision-making process.

Recommendations

- (i) GNGB to recommend that the City Deal loan is drawn down to support delivery of Long Stratton Bypass, subject to all partners signing a supporting legal agreement and agreement by all partner authorities Full Councils.
- (ii) Instruct the Infrastructure Delivery Board to progress the legal agreement which will commit the Greater Norwich partners to underwrite future loan repayments.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Together the five GNGB partners signed a City Deal¹ with Government in December 2013. This included the opportunity to access lower-cost loan funding from the Public Works Loans Board (PWLB)

2. City Deal Borrowing to date

- 2.1 The borrowing was allocated to specific strategic projects within the City Deal document:
 - £40m for the Broadland Northway
 - £10m for the Long Stratton Bypass (LSBP)
 - £10m for Central Norwich road network schemes
 - £20m to establish the Local Infrastructure Fund
- 2.3 To date, only the £40m for the Broadland Northway has been drawn down by the Board. This loan runs until June 2041 and is repaid in annual instalments from the Infrastructure Investment Fund (IIF- pooled CIL). Repayment of interest and principal to PWLB is £2.065m per annum. The cumulative total paid to February 2021 was £8.583m including £5.498m of principal repaid.

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/city-deal-greater-norwich>

- 2.4 Hempnall Crossroads was provisionally included as part of the LSBP £10m borrowing, but delivery progressed ahead of LSBP. Hempnall Crossroads is now complete and was allocated £561,760 in the 2020/21 Annual Growth Programme, receiving funding directly from the IIF without the need for borrowing.

3. Long Stratton Bypass Project Budget

- 3.1 The estimated costs of delivering of the Long Stratton Bypass is £37.443m as set out in the Outline Business Case (OBC) submitted to the Department for Transport (DfT)

- 3.2 The spend profile of the scheme is set out in the table below:

Scheme Element	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Construction Contracts	-	1,067	6,399	13,865	21,331
Statutory Undertakers Works	-	449	1,346	-	1,794
Design Investigations, Surveys, Procurement, Supervision and Client Costs	1,989	1,989	746	532	5,255
Total Cost (excluding risk)	1,989	3,504	8,490	14,397	28,379
Risk	469	907	2,088	3,615	7,079
Total Cost @2020: Q2 prices	2,458	4,411	10,579	18,011	35,459
Adjustment to out-turn (inflation)	42	149	546	1,248	1,985
Scheme Cost (out-turn prices)	2,500	4,560	11,125	19,259	37,443

- 3.3 Based on the overall cost estimate, the assumed funding for the scheme is as follows:

Funding Stream	£'000	
Major Road Network Funding	£26,210	70% of the scheme costs
Developer Contribution (underwritten by South Norfolk District Council)	£4,500	Based on current view on viability
PWLB City Deal borrowing (loan repayments to be made from the Infrastructure Investment Fund – IIF)	£6,733	Of the £10m assigned to LSBP within the City Deal document. This amount is subject to change and formal agreement.
Total scheme Cost	£37,443	

- 3.4 We are currently forecasting that a contribution of £6.733m will be required to be borrowed from the PWLB which is £3.267m lower than the amount assigned to LSBP within the City Deal agreement. Once the OBC has been agreed and accepted by DfT, the MRN funding will become a fixed funding source. Until then, the project requests to retain the flexibility of having access of up to the full commitment of £10m of borrowing, to cover the risk of potential cost overruns on the scheme or a shortfall of the £4.5m assumed developer contribution.

3.5 The forecasted drawn down profile for all funding streams is (£'000):

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
DfT Funding	1,750	3,192	7,787	13,482	26,210
CIL Supported Borrowing		1,368	3,337	2,028	6,733
Developer contribution	750			3,750	4,500
Total scheme cost	2,500	4,560	11,125	19,259	37,443

4. Effect on the Infrastructure Investment Fund

- 4.1 Borrowing to support the delivery of Long Stratton Bypass will be repaid directly from the IIF (the pooled CIL fund). Therefore, the partners will need to agree to pre commit future CIL income to the project. Loan repayments have been forecasted and pre-programmed within previous versions of the Joint Five-Year Infrastructure Investment Plan (5YIIP).
- 4.2 The [5YIIP 2021-26](#) which has recently been agreed by all District Cabinets, included a forecast to borrow and repay the full £10m from 2022/23. The annual repayments were forecasted to be £472,808. The total repayment including interest over 25 years would be £11.820m
- 4.2 The final loan repayment amounts will be dependant upon the amount borrowed and interest rates at the time. It is currently expected that less than the full £10m will be required. Forecasted annual repayments to borrow £6.733m is £318,342. The total repayment including interest over 25 years would be £7.959m

5. Accountable Body

- 5.1 Norfolk County Council is the Accountable Body for the GNGB. The PWLB borrowing will therefore be drawn down by NCC on behalf of the GNGB. A legal agreement will need to be signed by the four partner authorities agreeing to the terms of the loan and the borrowing authorisations, prior to the loan being drawn. The legal agreement will mirror that signed by the partners in 2015 when the PWLB loan was drawn down to support the delivery of the Broadland Northway.

6. Decision making process

- 6.1 The GNGB are being asked to recommend that that the City Deal loan is drawn down to support the delivery of Long Stratton Bypass and to instruct the Infrastructure Delivery Board to progress the legal agreement which will commit the Greater Norwich authorities to underwrite future loan repayments. The timeline of future decision making:
- Legal agreement developed and agreed in principle by all partners by Oct 2021
 - Draft legal agreement including confirmed loan amount to be included within the Draft 5YIIP 22-27, which will be reviewed by the GNGB December 2021.
 - Draft 5YIIP 22-27 to be agreed by all district Cabinet and Councils Jan/Feb 2022, which will include the commitment to use the IIF (future CIL income) to repay the loan.
 - 5YIIP 22-27 agreed by GNGB March 2022.

- Borrowing can be drawn down from 1st April 2022 subject to all partners signing and sealing the legal loan agreement.

7. Recommendations

- (i) GNGB to recommend that the City Deal loan is drawn down to support delivery of Long Stratton Bypass, subject to all authorities signing a supporting legal agreement and agreement by all District Full Councils.
- (ii) Instruct the Infrastructure Delivery Board to progress the legal agreement which will commit the Greater Norwich partners to underwrite future loan repayments.

8. Issues and Risks

Other resource implications (staff, property)

No specific staffing issues

Legal implications

A legal agreement will be drawn up and signed by all GNGB partners ahead of the loan being drawn down.

Risks

There is a risk that CIL income will be lower than forecast. This could ultimately lead to there not being enough funds available within the IIF to make each annual loan repayment. The Greater Norwich Project Team continuously monitor the IIF and publish a financial report to the GNGB on an annual basis [here](#). Risks to the fund will be reported to the GNGB to allow for mitigating actions to be taken if necessary. The IIF also has a £2m reserve to safeguard against any financial risk to the fund. The board could consider increasing this reserve to reflect this new borrowing within the next version of the 5YIIP.

Equality

No specific issues

Environmental implications

Environmental issues will be considered by the project delivery team which is overseen by the Transport for Norwich board.

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