

Greater Norwich Growth Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday 18 March 2021

Time: 2.00pm

Venue: Online; virtual Teams Live meeting

Present:

Board Members:

Broadland District Council:

Cllr Shaun Vincent

Norwich City Council:

Cllr Alan Waters

South Norfolk Council:

Cllr John Fuller

Norfolk County Council:

Cllr Andrew Proctor (Chair)

New Anglia LEP

CJ Green

In attendance:

Hollie Adams

Harvey Bullen

Grace Burke

Ruth Oyeniyi

Matt Tracey

Officers:

Trevor Holden
Phil Courtier

Graham Nelson
Stephen Evans

Trevor Holden
Phil Courtier

Vince Muspratt

Chris Starkie

Committee Officer, Norfolk County Council
(clerking)

Director of Financial Management, Norfolk County
Council

Greater Norwich Project Team Leader, Norfolk
County Council

Greater Norwich Senior Project Officer, Norfolk
County Council

Growth and Infrastructure Group Manager, Norfolk
County Council

1. APOLOGIES

- 1.1 Apologies were received from Judith Davison.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 2.1 No interests were declared.

3. MINUTES

- 3.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2020 were agreed as an accurate record.

4. GREATER NORWICH ANNUAL GROWTH PROGRAMME

- 4.1 The Greater Norwich Growth Board received the report confirming the Greater Norwich Annual Growth Programme outlining the new projects prioritised for delivery in 2021-22 and to be funded, either wholly or in part, by the Infrastructure Investment Fund.
- 4.2 The Greater Norwich Growth Board **AGREED** the Greater Norwich Annual Growth Programme 2021/22.

5. LONG STRATTON BYPASS CITY DEAL LOAN DRAW DOWN

- 5.1 The Greater Norwich Growth Board received the report outlining the details of the borrowing facility, a summary of the Long Stratton Bypass budget, forecasting the loan repayments that would be required to be paid from the Infrastructure Investment Fund and setting out the future decision-making process.
- 5.2 Norfolk County Council had submitted its outline business case for the scheme on 15 January 2021 and were awaiting the outcome from the Department for Transport (DfT). The report sought approval from the Board to draw down the City Deal loan subject to all partners entering into a loan agreement.
- 5.3 The following points were discussed and noted:
- Cllr Alan Waters stressed the importance for Norwich of the Transport for Norwich Strategy being in place in the same timeframe as this scheme to ensure coherence with the Western Link and the Long Stratton Bypass. Graham Nelson confirmed a timetable was in place between District Councils and Norfolk County Council to progress the Transport for Norwich Strategy.
 - The Transport for Norwich Strategy was related to the Transforming Cities Funding (TCF) work but the TCF would be delivered over the next 2 years while the road schemes would be delivered over a longer period, meaning a strategy would need to be drawn up looking ahead and defining aims, modal shift and ambitions related to climate change and government initiatives.
 - Officers confirmed that the developer contribution outlined in sections 3.3 and 3.5 of the report was an additional contribution, separate to the CIL supported borrowing
 - Officers had met to discuss supporting requirements around governance and reported there was a clear shared ambition around the timeframe for the

delivery of the Transport for Norwich Strategy.

- South Norfolk Council was underwriting developer contributions. In the event of any shortfall in this contribution, CIL or other developer arrangements may be required to recover these costs in due course.
- £10m had been allocated for the project but £6.7 was projected at this time. Board Members felt that if the full £10m was required they would like to know the factors which influenced this.

5.4 The Greater Norwich Growth Board:

- (i) **RECOMMENDED** 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) **INSTRUCTED** the Infrastructure Delivery Board to progress the legal agreement which will commit the Greater Norwich partners to underwrite future loan repayments.

6. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

6.1 The Greater Norwich Growth Board **AGREED** to exclude the public from the meeting under section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 for consideration of items 7, "City Deal Borrowing", and 8, "Exempt Minutes of meeting held on 1 December 2020", on the grounds that they would involve 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 outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

6.2 The public session concluded 14:18

7. CITY DEAL BORROWING

7.1 The Greater Norwich Growth Board received and discussed the exempt report "City Deal Borrowing".

7/2 The Greater Norwich Growth Board **AGREED** the recommendations as set out in the exempt report.

8. EXEMPT MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 01 DECEMBER 2020

8.1 The Greater Norwich Growth Board **agreed** the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2020 as an accurate record.

The meeting concluded at 15:06