

# Greater Norwich Growth Board

**Date:** 30 November 2023

**Time:** 11:00am

**Venue:** County Hall, Council Chamber

| <b>Name</b>                   | <b>Organisation</b>                                   | <b>Role</b>  |
|-------------------------------|---|--------------|
| Cllr Kay Mason Billig (Chair) | Norfolk County Council                                | Board Member |
| Tom McCabe                    | Norfolk County Council                                | Officer      |
| Chris Starkie                 | Norfolk County Council                                | Officer      |
| Cllr Sue Holland (Vice-Chair) | Broadland District Council                            | Board Member |
| Trevor Holden                 | South Norfolk Council &<br>Broadland District Council | Officer      |
| Phil Courtier                 | South Norfolk Council &<br>Broadland District Council | Officer      |
| Cllr Mike Stonard             | Norwich City Council                                  | Board Member |
| Louise Rawsthorne             | Norwich City Council                                  | Officer      |
| Graham Nelson                 | Norwich City Council                                  | Officer      |
| Cllr John Fuller              | South Norfolk Council                                 | Board Member |
| CJ Green                      | New Anglia LEP  | Board Member |
| Rosanne Wijnberg              | New Anglia LEP  | Officer      |

## Agenda

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
- 3. Minutes of meeting held on 27 September 2023** (Page 3)
- 4. Schools' Capital Programme for Greater Norwich** (Page 17)  
*Samantha Fletcher, Assistant Director of Education, Strategy and Infrastructure, Norfolk County Council*

- 5. Draft Five Year Infrastructure Investment Plan 2024 - 2029** (Page 25)  
*Phil Courtier, Director of Place, Broadland and South Norfolk District Councils*
- Annex A Recommendation of match funding* (Page 32)  
*Annex B Deed of Variation* (Page 36)  
*Annex C Draft Five Year Infrastructure Investment Plan 2024-2029* (Page 42)
- 5a. Match funding confirmed for Sloughbottom Park Regeneration Project** (To follow)  
*Graham Nelson, Executive Director of Development and City Services, Norwich City Council*
- 6. Withdrawal of New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership from the Board** (Page 127)  
*Chris Starkie, Director of Growth & Investment, Norfolk County Council*
- 7. Date of Next Meeting**  
*19 March 2024 at 14:00, Council Chamber, County Hall*

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# Greater Norwich Growth Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday 27 September 2023

**Time:** 3pm

**Venue:** Council Chamber, County Hall, Norwich, Martineau Lane, NR1 2DH

## Present

| <b>Name</b>           | <b>Organisation</b>                                | <b>Role</b>  |
|-----------------------|--|--------------|
| Phil Courtier         | South Norfolk Council & Broadland District Council | Officer      |
| Cllr Daniel Elmer     | South Norfolk Council                              | Board Member |
| Cllr Sue Holland      | Broadland District Council                         | Vice Chair   |
| Cllr Kay Mason Billig | Norfolk County Council                             | Chair        |
| Graham Nelson         | Norwich City Council                               | Officer      |
| Chris Starkie         | Norfolk County Council                             | Officer      |
| Cllr Mike Stonard     | Norwich City Council                               | Board Member |

## In Attendance

| <b>Name</b>    | <b>Organisation</b>    | <b>Job Title</b>   |
|----------------|------------------------|--|
| Hollie Adams   | Norfolk County Council | Committee Officer  |
| Grace Burke    | Norfolk County Council | Project Team Leader  |
| Thomas Cushan  | Norfolk County Council | Greater Norwich Project Officer                            |
| Piers Herrmann | Yare Boat Club         | Club Captain   |
| Francis Kemp   | Yare Boat Club         | Fundraising Manager  |
| Ellie Leeper   | Norfolk County Council | Greater Norwich Project Officer                            |
| Matt Tracey    | Norfolk County Council | Sustainability, Infrastructure & Development Group Manager |

## Minutes

| Item      | Minute  |
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| <b>1.</b> | <b>Apologies for absence</b>  |
| 1.1       | Apologies were received on behalf of Cllr John Fuller (Cllr Daniel Elmer substituting).   |
| <b>2.</b> | <b>Declarations of interest</b>   |
| 2.1       | No interests were declared.   |
| <b>3.</b> | <b>Minutes</b>  |
| 3.1       | The minutes of the meeting held on 27 June 2023 were agreed as an accurate record.  |
| <b>4.</b> | <b>Project Showcase: Yare Boat Club</b>   |
| 4.1       | <p>Piers Herrmann and Francis Kemp gave a presentation about the recent development of a boat house at Yare Boat Club using funding provided by Greater Norwich Growth Board (see appendix A of these minutes).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Two boat clubs had merged to form Yare Boat Club which meant more members and boats; the boats had to be stored outside which could cause decay.</li><li>• To build a new boathouse would cost the Club £130,000. Some of this was raised by the Club, and £80,000 of this was requested from a grant from Greater Norwich Growth Board.</li><li>• Club members carried out the work building the boathouse due to the increasing cost of construction at the time.</li><li>• A third of the project's budget was used for specialist screw piles being installed by a specialist company. Twenty-three tonnes of wood were delivered by hand across the river by boats and a pontoon.</li><li>• The structure was a 10m wide, 30m long and 30m high timber frame. The constructed boathouse could now house around 60 boats and club members had given positive feedback.</li><li>• The club wanted to further their reach to members of disadvantaged backgrounds and through discussions with the Leaving Care Team at Norfolk County Council had held taster sessions and learn to row course for 6 care leavers. At least three of them intended to join the group following these sessions. A reduced 18-24 rate had been introduced following discussion with the care leavers who would join the development squad on the club.</li><li>• The feedback given by care leavers was shown in the presentation; it was intended for such sessions to be delivered annually.</li></ul> |

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| 4.2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The existing brick and block boathouse would be upgraded to provide better facilities for club members and a training area and fundraising was currently underway.</li> </ul> <p>The following points were discussed and noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cllr Stonard was impressed with the work of the club members in building the boathouse.</li> <li>The Chair noted the achievement and hard work in achieving this project. She was also pleased that this had been opened up to include disadvantaged young people.</li> </ul>   |
| 4.3 | The Board noted the presentation.   |
| 5.  | <b>Establishment of the Greater Norwich City Deal Loans Fund</b>  |
| 5.1 | The board received the report setting out the proposed processes and templates to support the implementation of the City Deal Borrowing Loans fund, which will be repaid to form the Strategic Investment Fund.   |
| 5.2 | <p>Chris Starkie introduced the report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The element being discussed in this report was £20m previously allocated for the Local Infrastructure Fund.</li> <li>Greater Norwich Growth Board had agreed to restructure this facility, to provide up front loan funding to provide key infrastructure to establish a key cyclical fund.</li> <li>The draft terms of reference were agreed in 2022 and Greater Norwich Growth Board were authorised to manage the fund in 2022.</li> <li>The team had been working on developing the fund and allowing applications. The loan application process was shown on page 10 of the report.</li> <li>Figure 2 in the report showed the steps which would be taken once a loan was approved by Greater Norwich Growth Board. Norfolk County Council as the accountable body would draw down money from the Public Work Loans Board and Greater Norwich Growth Board would loan the money to the authority. Risk was transferred to the lead authority.</li> <li>Loans through this mechanism would stop when the total of £20m was reached or if repayments were not affordable.</li> <li>Strategic Infrastructure Fund would continue on a cyclical basis, relending money repaid into it.</li> </ul> |
| 5.3 | <p>The following points were discussed and noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cllr Stonard was in support of the proposal.</li> <li>Cllr Elmer felt the proposal set out in the report was clear.</li> </ul>   |
| 5.4 | <p>Greater Norwich Growth Board unanimously <b>RESOLVED</b> to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approve the proposed processes for the City Deal Borrowing Loans Fund</li> </ol>   |

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|           | (ii) Grant delegated authority to the Greater Norwich Infrastructure Delivery Board to oversee the continued management and development of City Deal Borrowing processes and documents as detailed in section 4.  |
| <b>6.</b> | <b>Application to City Deal Borrowing Loans Fund</b>  |
| 6.1       | The Board received the report setting out details of the application by South Norfolk District Council to borrow £4.5m from the City Deal Borrowing Loans Fund and providing a summary of the potential cost of this loan to Greater Norwich.   |
| 6.2       | Phil Courtier introduced the report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Long Stratton Bypass had received planning permission and final arrangements were being made for the final funding package including the Department for Transport funding package.</li> <li>• A 4.5m loan to forward fund the developer contribution to the scheme with mechanisms for South Norfolk District Council to receive repayments through land sales or other methods.</li> <li>• Once the funding had been loaned the risk would sit with South Norfolk District Council.</li> <li>• Precise figures cannot be shown as it would depend on interest rates at the time of repayment.</li> </ul>   |
| 6.3       | The following points were discussed and noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Stonard was happy to support this proposal and spoke in support of the Long Stratton Bypass scheme.</li> <li>• Cllr Elmer noted that this proposal marked another step towards delivery of the Long Stratton Bypass and would help deliver infrastructure and homes in South Norfolk and Greater Norwich.</li> <li>• Cllr Holland endorsed the proposal.</li> <li>• The Chair felt the Long Stratton Bypass was long overdue, referencing the traffic and pollution issues experienced in Long Stratton.</li> </ul>  |
| 6.4       | Greater Norwich Growth Board unanimously <b>RESOLVED</b> to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Approve £4.5m to be drawn down by Norfolk County Council through the City Deal agreement and loaned to South Norfolk Council to support the delivery of Long Stratton Bypass.</li> <li>(ii) Instruct the Infrastructure Delivery Board to progress the loan draw down of £4.5m to support the delivery of Long Stratton Bypass. This will be dependent on the signing of a legal agreement: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. A £4.5m loan schedule to be legally signed by all partners and added as an addendum to the existing legal agreement entitled ‘GNGB partner draw-down and borrowing authorisations’ which was signed by all partners in Oct 2015. This will secure the capital and interest repayments to be made to the Public Works Loan Board against the Infrastructure Investment Fund (IIF – Pooled Community Infrastructure Levy). In addition, the capital and interest to be paid by South Norfolk Council (the Lead Local Authority), will be secured with a backstop date ensuring the</li> </ol> </li> </ol> |

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|           | latest date the full repayment will be received by Norfolk County Council (as the Greater Norwich Growths Boards accountable Body).   |
| <b>7.</b> | <b>Proposed new funding source for the Greater Norwich Project Team</b>   |
| 7.1       | The Board received the report setting out a proposed change to the way the Greater Norwich Project team are funded and confirming the route of decision making for these changes to be progressed and implemented.  |
| 7.2       | Chris Starkie introduced the report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Infrastructure Delivery Board had undertaken a review against the team’s resource, and it was no longer able to undertake all the work. It was therefore proposed to change the way the team was funded by using income received through developer contributions.</li> <li>• Greater Norwich Delivery Board reviewed a plan for the change in March 2023. It was proposed that the project team continue to be funded by partner contributions with additional funding required coming from the Infrastructure Investment Fund (IIF – pooled Community Infrastrutre Levy).</li> <li>• The proposal was not recommending to use the 5% administration fee receipted by each district charging authority.</li> <li>• The decision to use IIF needed to progress in the next iteration of the Five Year infrastructure Investment Plan and could not progress before April 2024. The amount to be allocated would be around £115,000.</li> <li>• Since no changes could be implemented until 2024 a secondment role had been put in place to cover until this time.</li> </ul> |
| 7.3       | Greater Norwich Growth Board unanimously <b>RESOLVED</b> to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Agree that a new programme management fee should be allocated from the Infrastructure Investment Fund, as a contribution towards funding the work of the Greater Norwich Project Team</li> <li>(ii) Agree to pre-commit in the region of £115,000 for the cost of programme management in 24/25, within the Greater Norwich Five Year Infrastructure Investment Plan 2024-29, and to recommend its approval to the three partner district cabinets in Jan/Feb 2024.</li> </ol>  |
| <b>8</b>  | Date of next meeting<br><br>30 November, 11am, Council Chamber<br><br>Meeting ended: 15:36  |

# IIF Project Showcase



## Yare Boat Club - new boatshed

Delivered with the support of Broadland District Council and the Greater Norwich Growth Board

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# Project description

- Provision of a new lightweight boatshed
- At Yare Boat Club on Thorpe Island
- Phase 1 of plan to significantly improve physical facilities
- Outreach programme
- Total cost of boatshed £130,000
- IFF award £80,000
- Significant physical help from club members



# How it happened



The piling .... the timber .... the framework ....the cladding .... getting there ....

# Progress to date

- Boatshed completed within timescale and within budget
- All boats relocated from outside and older boatshed to create a light, modern, clean environment in which to store the fleet
- In use from February 2023
- To be formally opened by Alan Campbell, 2012 Olympic single scull bronze medallist
- Boatshed in use by combinations of crews and by individual scullers nearly every day of the week in daylight hours



# Feedback from users – “amazing”



New and longer time members have said

- “Really bright, practical space giving easy access to the equipment”
- “I have boated from many clubs in over 50 years and our new boathouse is without doubt the best I have known “
- “Such an impressive team effort. So satisfying to have played even a tiny part in its construction”
- “The new boathouse proves that this is a forward thinking club encouraging sport for all”



# Increasing diversity

- For young adults leaving care
- 7 sessions for 6 people starting by taking a rowing machine to the young care leavers at one of their sessions.
- Taster session at the club enabling young people to make an informed decision if they wanted to join a Learn to row course.
- Learn to row course - 2 full-day sessions and 3 three-hours sessions in crew boats and singles and on the rowing machines
- Offer to join the club at a new 18-24 year-old rate of £10 per month





# Outreach feedback

*“ I enjoyed everything so much - everyone was so friendly and supportive “*

*“ I have now overcome my fears and will never give up on it “*

*“Really loved doing the course and want to continue to do more rowing “*

*“ It was amazing to have this experience first-hand with people explaining everything by breaking things down and not piling it all at once “*

*“The whole experience has been so enjoyable and so valuable for me and given me a great sense of achievement “*

*“ The club members have been so patient and the coach was so supportive and patient “*

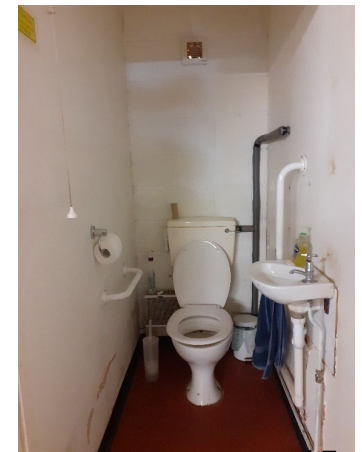
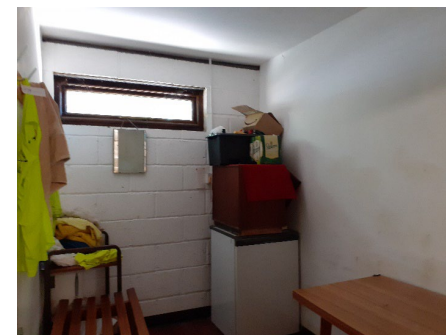
*“ It was so much fun and the location was so peaceful and beautiful - have never experienced anything like this“*





# Next steps

- Build on successful outreach programme to integrate new 18-24 year-olds into the club and run learn to row course again next year
- Conversion of brick and block built boathouse to include new changing rooms with shower and WC in each and third WC, kitchenette area and multi-purpose area for indoor training and socialising
- £24,000 of £48,000 raised so far



# Thank you – please come and visit





## **Schools' Capital Programme for Greater Norwich**

*Report of Samantha Fletcher, Asst Director Education Strategy and Infrastructure, Norfolk County Council and Isabel Horner, Sufficiency Delivery Manager, Norfolk County Council*

### **Summary**

Norfolk County Council has a statutory duty to ensure sufficient school places for children of statutory school age. Alongside the residual S106 income and Government grant for Basic Need, an annual contribution of £2.5m from the Greater Norwich Infrastructure Investment Fund has ensured this statutory duty is currently being met. To safeguard the medium to long term school capital programme, Norfolk County Council in 2020 agreed to underwrite any future shortfall of funding with a commitment to borrow where required. It is now anticipated from financial year 2024/2025 that the schools' capital programme will need to call on this funding.

This report by Norfolk County Council details the progress and budget updates on the schemes within the Greater Norwich Growth Area, expenditure of the income to date, and proposals for the coming year for GNGB support.

### **Recommendations**

The GNGB are asked

- To recommend the approval of the expenditure of £2.5m education contribution from the Infrastructure Investment Fund for 2024/25 towards Wymondham High Academy expansion for a second year
- To consider and comment on the Greater Norwich Schools' capital programme.

### **1 Background**

As an acknowledge of the impact of the move across to Community Infrastructure Levy from S106 and the importance of schools as a critical piece of infrastructure in new communities, Greater Norwich Infrastructure Fund has provided Education contributions since 2017, to the tune of £17m. Although it does not represent the same scale of ringfenced funding for new school places as S106 education contributions, it has been instrumental in ensuring the delivery of new schools infrastructure across Greater Norwich in that time. It does allow some additional flexibility in terms of timing and prioritisation. It has been utilised alongside the other funding streams available, which in the main are Basic Need central government grant for increased pupil places, and residual collected S106 education contributions.

The table below sets out the allocation of the Infrastructure Fund contributions since this time, with the majority of the allocations now collected and spent, demonstrating the critical importance of this funding:

Table 1: Infrastructure Funding allocations 2017 – 2024

| Year    | Project/s                            | Status               | Allocation            | Update   |
|---------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--|
| 2017/18 | Hethersett Academy                   | Drawn down and spent | £1m<br>Total £9m      | Completed 2020 and in use                      |
| 2017/18 | Hethersett Junior                    | Drawn down and spent | £1m<br>Total £4m      | Completed 2020 and in use                      |
| 2018/19 | Blofield new Primary building        | Drawn down and spent | £1.2m<br>Total £11m   | Start on site late 2023                        |
| 2018/19 | Brundall Primary extension           | Drawn down and spent | £0.8m<br>Total £0.85m | Completed 2020 and in use                      |
| 2019/20 | Cringleford New Primary              | Drawn down and spent | £2m<br>Total £10m     | Construction on site – completion Easter 2024. |
| 2020/21 | Costessey Ormiston Victory expansion | Drawn down and spent | £2m<br>Total £9m      | Completed 2022 and in use.                     |
| 2021/22 | Costessey Ormiston Victory expansion | See above            | See above             | See above                                      |
| 2022/23 | Hethersett High Academy expansion    | Drawn down and spent | £2m<br>Total £9.5m    | Construction on site                           |

Table 2: Allocations for projects yet to start on site:

| Year    | Project/s                | Status  | Allocation | Update         |
|---------|--------------------------|---------|------------|----------------|
| 2023/24 | Wymondham High expansion | Awaited | £2.5m      | Concept design |

Other new schools have been opened in the Greater Norwich area via the Department for Education Free School Programme. These were all delivered in Norwich, at Charles Darwin Primary, St Clement’s Hill Primary, Jane Austen College and Sir Isaac Newton 6<sup>th</sup> form College.

## 2. Greater Norwich Schools’ current capital programme – existing projects

### Cringleford Total Project Cost £11.0m

Delivery of the schools’ capital programme has continued in 2022/23 with the work on site to deliver a new primary school in the village of Cringleford. The land for the new school was secured via a Section 106 Agreement. £2m of CIL funding from financial year 2019/2020, awaiting the land transfer and the residual funding is from government grant for pupil growth. The project was tendered through the NCC Construction Framework. The project is now progressing well with RG Carter appointed as the main contractor, and they are on site and approximately halfway through the build programme with an anticipated handover in the Spring 2024. This completely new school is on target to be open to families in September 2024, as Cringleford Prep under the sponsorship of Inspiration Trust Multi Academy Trust. The photograph below shows the foundations in the ground.



### **Hethersett High Academy expansion Total Project Cost £9.5m**

A project to deliver a three-storey classroom block has just started on site, with completion scheduled for late 2024. The scheme includes new dining hall and kitchen, general teaching classrooms alongside DT and ICT classrooms. This is the second project delivered at Hethersett High Academy with contributions from Infrastructure Funding towards the delivery. Below is a planning image.



### **Blofield Total Project Cost £11m (excluding access road)**

The scheme to relocate and expand Blofield Primary with capacity for 420 pupils, the planning application has been determined and land transfer for part of the land is now complete. The project is now expected to start on site in Autumn 2023 with Pentaco Construction appointed as main contractor, via the NCC Construction Framework. Once a final building programme has been agreed, a date for the existing Blofield Primary to relocate to the new site can be confirmed.

### **Wymondham High Project Cost IRO £13.0m**

A final expansion of Wymondham High Academy is in the pipeline for 2025/26. The current scheme will be the fourth phase of development to meet the pupil demand from the housing development in the town. This is expected to include new gymnasium, Design and Technology block, including Food Technology and music space.

### **Greater Norwich Area School Projects – not funded with Infrastructure Funding contributions**

#### **Silfield Total Project Estimated Cost £11.0m**

New 420 place primary school is planned for Silfield, with land transfer and start on site anticipated in early 2024. Planning has been approved but start on site delayed by land issues. Norfolk County Council officers have been working closely with South Norfolk/Broadland District Planning Officers, and the housing developer. This scheme is funded via S106 contributions and central government grant to Norfolk County Council. An Academy Sponsor has been identified to open the school now and is expected to go out to tender in early 2024, with an anticipated handover of Easter 2024 and open to new families in September 2025. The playing fields for the school includes community use.

### **3. Norfolk School Sufficiency Plan**

The School Sufficiency Plan (replacing the Schools' Local Growth Investment Plan) outlines how the Local Authority is meeting its statutory duty to ensure sufficient school places for Norfolk children aged 4-16. It gives an overview of the key demographic changes that impact on this duty and highlights areas of interest across the county that could be affected by growth or decline. The plan indicates 4 key themes linked to growth and decline and breaks down the county into district areas, giving a clear overview of the different pressures that may exist for schools across the county. It outlines areas of growth and the possible capital solution to develop additional school places based on the proposed development areas and indicates the impact of birth rate decline and areas of challenge impacting schools at different times.

#### **Demographic changes**

For the majority of Greater Norwich, impact of demographic reduction in school age children caused by demographic decline will be offset to some degree by large scale housing development. For schools in the Norwich City area, where there are fewer developments are of a large scale, population data on families with school age children suggests movement to urban areas within the County which could balance a falling birth rate.

#### 4. Greater Norwich schools' forward capital programme

The table below sets out the pipeline for the next three years for the Greater Norwich Growth area to ensure place planning sufficiency. A combination of funding has been secured to deliver the schools' capital programme across the County, including NCC borrowing once other funding sources have been fully expended.

The proposed recipient scheme for 2024/25 £2.5M CIL education funding contribution is Wymondham High Academy expansion. Due to the programme timescale for Hethersett Academy and the start on site in October 2023, last year's allocation has been directed exclusively towards this project, rather than split between the two secondary school schemes with Wymondham now slightly behind in its build programme.

The Greater Norwich projects have been separated to form a separate mini-programme within the overall schools' capital programme, to allow reporting of expenditure and funding.

Table 3: Greater Norwich Schools projects in development:

| Project                         | Scope      | Delivery timescale | Project Cost/Estimate | Funding sources already secured | Anticipated additional funding sources | Anticipated additional funding sources |
|---------------------------------|------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|
| Wymondham High Academy          | Expansion  | 2025/26            | IRO £12.5m            | Basic Need S106                 | Proposed IIF 2024/25                   | Proposed IIF 2024/25                   |
| Rackheath new 11-16 high school | New School | 2026+              | IRO £40.0m            | None                            | TBC                                    | NCC Borrowing/ CIL                     |

Not all individual project budgets are fully approved at present, and most specifically those further in the delivery pipeline. A full list of current forecast projects for the next ten years is set out in the GNIP. This will be amended with future projects as they arise and are added to the forward programme in response to new developments.

#### 4. Current programme financial planning

£2.5m as a contribution for schools' capital infrastructure was agreed as an increase last year to reflect inflation from its previous amount of £2m. In addition, the GNGB has supported Norfolk County Council's request for flexibility on the use of its education contribution to support borrowing were it to be needed.

As yet, it has not been necessary to utilise this borrowing capacity. This is because income from external DFE Basic Need grant, remaining S106 education contributions combined with the annual allocation from CIL have remained at sufficient levels, and alongside careful scrutiny of capital expenditure, has allowed the planned Greater Norwich schools' programme to remain affordable within this funding envelope.

Norfolk County Council is scrutinising its borrowing obligations across all capital programmes whilst the cost of borrowing remains high. New school infrastructure is generally developed at a later phase of a new housing development to reflect need and whilst housing development has slowed this has allowed Norfolk County Council to delay expenditure for some school investment.

The funding required for the next five-year period is currently forecast in the table below. It is, however, proposed that this is presented in its refreshed form annually, to account for any funding received from central government for growth in places.

The projects set out below are based on housing delivery timescales provided by Districts however, based on previous experience, they are unlikely to come forward at the same time as the dates currently suggest. This will be updated on an annual basis. The estimated total of the Greater Norwich schools' programme is £110m (£150m including the new Rackheath High School currently not funded) based on recent market costs.

Table 4: Future pipeline of new school projects included in GNIP:

| <b>District</b> | <b>School Area</b> | <b>Project</b>            | <b>Estimated Delivery</b> | <b>Estimated budget</b> |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Broadland       | GT11/Smee Lane     | New school                | 2026+                     | 11,000,000              |
| South Norfolk   | Poringland         | Poringland New Primary    | 2027+                     | 11,000,000              |
| Broadland       | Aylsham            | Aylsham New Primary       | 2027+                     | 11,000,000              |
| Broadland       | Rackheath          | Rackheath New Primary #1  | 2027+                     | 11,000,000              |
| Broadland       | Beeston            | Beeston New Primary #1    | 2027+                     | 11,000,000              |
| Broadland       | Hellesdon          | Hellesdon New Primary     | 2027+                     | 11,000,000              |
| Broadland       | Taverham           | Taverham New Primary      | 2027+                     | 11,000,000              |
| South Norfolk   | Long Stratton      | Long Stratton New Primary | 2027+                     | 11,000,000              |
| Broadland       | Rackheath          | Rackheath New Primary #2  | 2028+                     | 11,000,000              |
| Broadland       | Beeston            | Beeston New Primary #2    | 2028+                     | 11,000,000              |

This information set out above and contained within the annexe will not prevent further projects being added to the forward programme in response to new developments, such as East Norwich.

The schools' capital programme is overseen by Children's Services officers reporting into the Education Planning and Infrastructure Group. The Member oversight is undertaken via a confidential cross-party Capital Priorities Group, which includes the NCC Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Deputy Cabinet Member. This Group scrutinises progress of all projects in the programme, including those within the GN programme in terms of time, quality, and cost.

Careful consideration is given to the timing of project delivery, in order to meet pupil demand in the context of the wider school landscape.

The delivery mechanism for the majority of schemes is via NPS Property Consultants under an SLA with Norfolk County Council and procured via the NCC Construction Framework.

All financial adjustments are approved by NCC Cabinet, or by the Executive Director of Children's Services with delegated powers from Cabinet.

## **5. Monitoring and reporting**

Currently the schools' capital programme reports annually to the GNGB and in addition, provides bi-annual reports on individual projects. It is proposed that this continues but with a greater emphasis on the wider programme for delivery for Greater Norwich as the spend will be spread across a potentially greater number of projects in receipt of the borrowing. The scope of the reporting will continue to include individual project level progress and expenditure where CIL funding has been applied either to support the borrowing or as direct capital towards the project.

Each project within the Children's Services Programme is identified with an individual budget code and there is transparency about how each budget is configured combining different funding sources. This is likely to include Basic Need (Growth) funding from central government, as well as any Developer Contribution or CIL. Any changes to budget.

## **6. Partnership working**

Approvals are made following approval either by NCC Cabinet or the Executive Director of Children's Services under delegated powers.

Norfolk County Council welcomes the beneficial partnership working with the Growth Board for the delivery of vital education infrastructure across the growth area and the delivery of school places via the CIL contributions for strategic projects in the past five years.

## **7. Recommendations**

### **The Board is asked to**

- To recommend the approval of £2.5m education contribution from the Infrastructure Investment Fund for 2024/25 towards Wymondham High Academy expansion for a second year
- To consider and comment on the Greater Norwich Schools' current and forward capital programmes.

## **8. Issues and risks to the capital programme**

Key risks are the costs of delivering capital to a carbon zero in use specification and the rising cost of borrowing.

There are wider risks relating to the speed of housing delivery due to Nutrient Neutrality, unpredictable nature of the economy and the impact this has on need for school places.

## **9. Legal implications**

No legal implications.

## 10 Equality

This GNIP schools' capital programme has been assessed to ensure that it has no adverse impact on young people including those with disabilities, gender reassignment, marriage/civil partnerships, pregnancy/maternity, race, religious belief, sex, or sexual orientation where appropriate, as it aims to secure a good place of education for every child. In particular it seeks to ensure that every school has sufficient capacity for strong leadership and governance to safeguard a good education for all.

## 11 Environmental implications

Carbon net zero targets are assumed in the delivery of the new school buildings from 2024 onwards, with the DFE output specification amended in late 2021 as the expected standard to reflect this national target.

NCC Climate Strategy sets the expectation for any new building, schools included.

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## Draft Greater Norwich Joint

### Five Year Infrastructure Investment Plan 2024/29

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

#### Summary

This report presents the Draft Greater Norwich Joint Five Year Infrastructure Investment Plan 2024-29, for collective review ahead of the Plan being considered by individual partnership Cabinets and Councils in Dec/Jan, before returning to this Board on 19 March 2024.

The Plan (Annex C) provides an evidence base to support decision making for the allocation of funding from the Infrastructure Investment Fund (pooled Community Infrastructure levy - CIL) whilst also reporting information on CIL spend which each charging authority is legally required to report on an annual basis. The information within the draft Plan is informed by a number of decisions which require pre approval:

- The details to support recommendation (i) are provided as Annex A and are to be approved by the GNGB under their delegated powers.
- The details to support recommendations (ii) are provided as Annex B and are required to be considered by the GNGB but would need to be progressed for approval to each District Cabinet and Council.

#### Recommendations

The GNGB are asked to:

- (i) use their delegated authority to allocate £650,000 Match Funding towards Phase 3 of development at The Nest, subject to the applicant meeting these conditions:
  - The project cannot draw down any IIF funding until all remaining match funding is secured, and onsite delivery of the project begins. Until that point, the project will progress towards delivery at its own risk.
  - The project has until 31 March 2025 to secure all remaining match funding and for an updated delivery programme to be agreed by the Greater Norwich Infrastructure Delivery Board.

(Further details within Annex A)

- (ii) recommend the signing of a deed of variation to the agreement

entitled, Partner Draw down and Borrowing Authorisations' that was originally signed by all partners on 21st October 2015. This is required to progress the establishment of the already agreed City Deal Borrowing Loans Fund.

(Further details within Annex B)

Subject to agreement of (i) and (ii)

- (iii) the approval of the draft Five Year Infrastructure Investment Plan 2024-29 which includes the proposed 2024/25 Annual Growth Programme, and for it to be recommended to each of the three partner district Cabinets and Councils to agree.

(The full Plan is provided as Annex C)

## **1 Background**

- 1.1. The GNGB agreed at its meeting on 24 March 2016 to produce an annual Joint Five Year Infrastructure Investment Plan (5YIIP- referred to herein as "the Plan," attached as Annex C). The Plan is prepared to provide a longer term, more strategic context for infrastructure decision making as well as eliminating the need to approve individual projects at Partner Cabinets and Councils more than once a year. (Subject to the GNGB not recommending any substantial changes to the Programme).
- 1.2. The projects identified within the Plan are those currently considered to be a priority for delivery to assist in achieving the economic growth targets as set out in the Joint Core Strategy and the Greater Norwich City Deal; one of the key strands of the City Deal was the delivery of an infrastructure programme facilitated by a pooled funding arrangement between the Authorities.
- 1.3. Income received from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is pooled within the Infrastructure Investment Fund (IIF) and allocated to infrastructure projects forming the Greater Norwich Growth Programme, which is administered by the Greater Norwich Growth Board (GNGB).
- 1.4. The new projects which have been recommended to receive IIF funding during the forthcoming financial year (the first of the planned five years) are proposed to be adopted as the 2024/25 Annual Growth Programme (AGP).
- 1.5. The Plan provides an update of the financial status of the IIF and therefore is an important evidence base to support decision making for new allocations. It also includes information which each charging authority is legally required to report on CIL spend on an annual basis.
- 1.6. As the IIF has matured, the scope of how the fund supports the delivery of infrastructure within the Plan has broadened. There is now a variety of ways in which funding can be allocated to projects, some of which require pre-approval (recommendations i-iii) which are further detailed within Annex A and B.

## **2 Recommendation of Match Funding**

- 2.1. The Greater Norwich Infrastructure Delivery Board are recommending that £650,000 be allocated from the Match Funding category of the Infrastructure Investment Fund, to support phase 3 of development at The Nest, a community sports hub in Horsford. This match funding will evidence local support and help the project to in lever in the additional more substantial amount of funding that they need from others, including from central government.
- 2.2. Further details are included within Annex A.

## **3 Signing a deed of variation to progress the establishment of the already agreed City Deal Borrowing Loans Fund**

- 3.1. For the agreed City Deal Borrowing Loans(CDBL) Fund to be progressed, an amendment is required to be made to an existing legal agreement that was originally signed by all Greater Norwich partners in 2015.
- 3.2. The legal agreement entitled 'Partner draw-down and Borrowing Authorisations' currently caps the City Deal borrowing to be repaid by the Infrastructure Investment Fund (IIF) at £60m. All partners have already agreed for an additional £20m to be used to establish the CDBL fund and for this borrowing to be repaid by the IIF. Prior to the first CDBL loan being drawn, the original 2015 legal agreement needs to be amended, increasing the cap on borrowing from £60m to £80m, to accommodate this decision.
- 3.3. More details including the draft deed of variation are detailed within Annex B.

## **4 Draft Five Year Infrastructure Investment Plan 2024-29**

- 4.1. The draft Five Year Infrastructure Investment Plan (the Plan) is being recommended to the GNGB for collective review ahead of it being considered by the individual partners' Cabinets and Councils in December 23 and January 2024. The Plan along with the confirmed Annual Growth Programme 24/25 will then return to the GNGB at their meeting on 19 March 2024 for final agreement and commitment of funds.
- 4.2. The Plan incorporates the updated position on infrastructure delivery, includes revised CIL income forecasts and provides updates on projects accepted within previous AGPs. The plan is split into five chapters.
- 4.3. Chapter 1, Context and introduction to the work of the GNGB, details how the Plan is developed, and provides information around the long-term strategic planning for Greater Norwich.

- 4.4. Chapter 2, The Infrastructure Investment Fund, provides an overview of what the IIF is, its eligibility criteria, and the different mechanisms the GNGB use to fund and deliver infrastructure using the IIF.
- 4.5. Chapter 3, New Allocations, details the projects which are being proposed within the 2024/25 Annual Growth Programme. Those which if agreed will receive IIF funding to support their delivery in the forthcoming financial year. It also presents the Match Funding and City Deal Borrowing Loans Fund allocations which have been agreed by the GNGB this year under their delegated powers.
- 4.6. Chapter 4, Previous Allocations, provides a financial overview and drawdown timeframe of each project which has been allocated funding from the IIF since its establishment. This is referred to as the Full Growth Programme with all projects listed by their Growth Programme (GP) number. This information is required to be reported on an annual basis by legislation.
- 4.7. Chapter 5, Delivery Updates, provides delivery updates for projects that have received funding in previous years and are currently underway.
- 4.8. The Plan is included as Annex C.

## 5 Data Dashboard

- 5.1. [A new digital dashboard has been developed, presenting the financial information contained in the Plan.](#) It provides an interactive and more accessible platform for readers to be able to explore the financial data more easily.

**Greater Norwich Annual Growth Programme (AGP)**

Each year, a new group of projects receive funding from the Infrastructure Investment Fund (IIF) and are called the Annual Growth Programme. This table shows all the projects that have been received funding since the fund was established in 2014/2015. Click on the authority logos or select from the drop down menus to filter the projects by different factors. Please note that multiple factors can be selected at once.

Greater Norwich Growth Board

Growth Programme

Growth Programme Overview

Match Funding

Loans

CIL Forecast

Planned Spend

IIF Balance

**Lead Authority Partner**

**Infrastructure Theme**

All

**District Location**

All

**AGP Year**

All

**Project Status**

All

| AGP Year | Ref    | Lead Authority Partner | Project Name                       | Infrastructure Theme | Project Status | Project Budget | Other Funding | IIF Funding | Spend to 2022/23 |
|----------|--------|------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|
| 2024/25  | GP100  | County                 | Plumstead Road Library             | Community            | Not Started    | £260,391       | £65,391       | £195,000    | £0               |
| 2024/25  | GP099  | Norwich                | Eaton Park                         | Community            | Not Started    | £601,000       | £268,000      | £333,000    | £0               |
| 2024/25  | GP098  | Broadland              | Aylsham Gym & Fitness Centre       | Community            | Not Started    | £1,309,988     | £909,988      | £400,000    | £0               |
| 2023/24  | GP097  | South Norfolk          | Hethel Technology Park             | Transport            | Not Started    | £8,218,900     | £3,218,900    | £5,000,000  | £0               |
| 2023/24  | GP095  | County                 | Hethersett to NRP Cycle Route      | Transport            | Ongoing        | £728,015       | £227,000      | £501,015    | £0               |
| 2023/24  | GP094  | South Norfolk          | Venta Icenorum                     | Green Infrastructure | Ongoing        | £155,628       | £2,500        | £153,128    | £0               |
| 2023/24  | GP093  | South Norfolk          | Cringleford Country Park           | Green Infrastructure | Ongoing        | £798,000       | £330,000      | £468,000    | £0               |
| 2023/24  | GP092  | South Norfolk          | Queens Hill Community Park         | Green Infrastructure | Ongoing        | £153,553       | £20,000       | £133,553    | £0               |
| 2023/24  | GP091  | Broadland              | Youngs Park Aylsham AGP            | Community            | Ongoing        | £900,000       | £650,000      | £250,000    | £0               |
| 2023/24  | GP090  | South Norfolk          | Easton Village Hall                | Community            | Ongoing        | £1,505,204     | £1,000,204    | £505,000    | £0               |
| 2024/25  | GP088b | County                 | Education - Wymondham High Academy | Education            | Not Started    | £12,500,000    | £10,000,000   | £2,500,000  | £0               |

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## 6 Recommendations

Having considered the information within this report and its supporting Annex's A, B and C, the GNGB are asked to:

- (i) use their delegated authority to allocate £650,000 Match Funding towards Phase 3 of development at The Nest, subject to these conditions:
  - The project cannot draw down any IIF funding until all remaining match funding is secured, and onsite delivery of the project begins. Until that point, the project will progress towards delivery at its own risk.
  - The project has until 31 March 2025 to secure all remaining match funding and for an updated delivery programme to be agreed by the Greater Norwich Infrastructure Delivery Board.

(Further details within Annex A)

- (ii) recommend the signing of a deed of variation to the agreement entitled, 'Partner Draw down and Borrowing Authorisations' that was originally signed by all partners on 21st October 2015.

(Further details within Annex B)

Subject to agreement of (i) and (ii)

- (iii) the approval of the draft Five Year Infrastructure Investment Plan 2024-29 which includes the proposed 2024/25 Annual Growth Programme, and for it to be recommended to each of the three partner district Cabinets and Councils to agree.

(The full Plan is provided as Annex C)

## 7 Issues and Risks

### 7.1. Resource implications (staff, property)

The Greater Norwich Growth Programme requires continuous monitoring and reporting which will be undertaken by the existing resource of the Greater Norwich Projects Team.

Resources for the delivery of each project within the programme will be the responsibility for the individual project manager and sponsor.

### 7.2. Legal implications

The IIF pooling arrangements and the designation of an Accountable Body are set out in the Joint Working Agreement which was signed on 21 October 2015 and is supported by the Infrastructure Investment Fund Programme Governance. Which is agreed by all partners.

The proposed deed of variation is in relation to the existing 2015 signed agreement. Signing this deed will allow previously agreed decisions to

proceed. No new risks are identified.

There is an anticipated change from the current scheme of Community Infrastructure Levy to the proposed Infrastructure Levy scheme. The full details of this change are not yet known but will need to be considered by the GNGB. NCC will work with the GNGB to assess any risk, but this will not be a risk to the Board because NCC are the constituent body for all borrowing.

Long Stratton Bypass:

The Long Stratton Bypass loan is yet to be drawn from the Public Works Loan Board by Norfolk County Council as the Accountable Body. This has already been agreed by the partners and no new risks are identified. The loan will be underwritten by a legal agreement which will need to be signed by all partners. This mirrors the agreement that has already been signed when borrowing for the Broadland Northway.

### **7.3. Other Risks**

The risks related to project cost and delivery remain with the project manager and sponsor. New projects are asked to sign an IIF funding offer letter to cover any additional project specific risks subject to specific conditions. Funding is also drawn in arrears from the IIF.

There is a risk that there will not be enough money within the IIF to make interest and loan repayments in the medium to long term. This risk is alleviated by the agreed monitoring and reporting processes that the GNGB adhere to.

The Plan provides an annual financial update, any new allocations are only agreed when all existing commitments are considered. It was agreed by each partner s151 officer that a reserve equal to one annual loan repayment was required to be kept in reserves as a safeguard. A £2m cash reserve to support the repayments for the Broadland Northway was allocated in 20/21 and £345,000 was allocated in 22/23 in readiness for the repayments of the borrowing for Long Stratton Bypass. Any required increase to the reserve amount for Long Stratton Bypass will be allocated in next year's version of the Plan, when the final loan repayment amount is known.

### **7.4. Equality**

No specific issues arising from the funding of the Growth Programme. Individual project issues are the responsibility of the project manager and sponsor.

### **7.5. Environmental implications**

Project managers and sponsors will be required to meet their own environmental obligations.

### **7.6. Data Protection Impact Assessment**

Not applicable.

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### Attachments:

Annex A – Recommendation for match funding

Annex B – Deed of Variation

Annex C – Draft Greater Norwich Joint Five-Year Infrastructure Investment Plan 24-29

## **Recommendation of Match Funding – The Nest**

### **Summary**

The Greater Norwich Infrastructure Delivery Board are recommending that £650,000 be allocated from the Match Funding category of the Infrastructure Investment Fund, to support phase 3 of development at The Nest, a community sports hub in Horsford. This match funding will evidence local support and help the project to lever in the additional more substantial amount of funding that they need from others, including from central government.

### **Recommendation**

- (i) The GNGB use their delegated authority to allocate £650,000 Match Funding towards Phase 3 of development at The Nest, subject to the applicant meeting these conditions:
- The project cannot draw down any IIF funding until all remaining match funding is secured, and onsite delivery of the project begins. Until that point, the project will progress towards delivery at its own risk.
  - The project has until 31 March 2025 to secure all remaining match funding and for an updated delivery programme to be agreed by the Greater Norwich Infrastructure Delivery Board.

## **Report**

### **1 Introduction**

- 1.1 At the meeting of the GNGB on 15 December 2022, two new investment categories were proposed to be added to the Infrastructure Investment Fund: Match Funding and Major Infrastructure.
- 1.2 In the Five-Year Infrastructure Investment Plan 2023-28, £4m was agreed to be set aside to use as match funding, and each district partner authority provided delegated authority to the GNGB to allocate this funding from this new category in-year. The intention of the Match Funding category is to provide a local commitment to schemes which are seeking to lever in significant match from central government.
- 1.3 This paper proposes the allocation of £650,000 from the match funding pot to support phase 3 of delivery at The Nest. If approved, £3,350,000 would remain in the ringfenced pot, still available for other projects.
- 1.4 The Nest is a community sports hub in Horsford, to the north of Norwich. It is designed as a space which is accessible for all and provides inclusive facilities for the growing local community. The space currently includes sports facilities, a café, and conference / events space. It is already a well-established community asset in Greater Norwich, which has previously been supported by the GNGB.
- 1.5 The GNGB was the first funder to commit to the project, providing £1.2m to date. The Nest were able to use this initial investment to leverage in substantial amounts of match funding from many other sources, including Norfolk County Council (750,000), the New Anglia LEP (£250,000), the Football Foundation (£2.9m), Norwich City Football Club (£500,000) and



the Community Sports Foundation (£1.2m). The total cost of the completed initial phases at the Nest was £7.5m.

## **2 The Project**

- 2.1 The project is requesting £650,000 funding, equating to just 8% of the total project cost of phase three (£8,104,000).
- 2.2 This proposed project phase, would deliver a new multi-sport indoor community hub which will include:
- 8-court sports hall (4 courts primarily to be used for young people)
  - Clip & Climb climbing wall (9 stations)
  - Health, well-being and fitness Room
  - Multi-use room (classroom, fitness studio)
  - Classrooms / 1:1 Space
  - E-sports (gaming and computer suite)
  - Café & social space
  - Office
  - Balcony to view 3G pitch, sports hall
  - Accessible changing rooms
  - 4 individual changing rooms
  - Toilets
- 2.3 This would increase the indoor space available at the Nest, allowing the community to access vital sports, recreation and health and well-being provision. The new wider range of services at the site will be delivered through local clubs, charities, Norwich City Community Sports Foundation and The Nest. The new facilities will enable a wide range of disability sports to be delivered, providing the specialist equipment people with disabilities require to participate which are not currently available elsewhere in Norfolk.

## **3 Government Match**

- 3.1 The project is seeking match from central government and will aim to lever in this funding by using the GNGB's contribution to demonstrate significant local support. The project applied within this year's annual call for projects whilst waiting to hear the outcome regarding a bid to the Youth Investment Fund. They have since found out that this bid was unsuccessful, however other funding pathways are being explored, and securing this match from the GNGB would greatly help them to lever in the remaining amount required.

## **4 Project Appraisal**

- 4.1 A project application has been received and appraised in accordance with the agreed processes for the Infrastructure Investment Fund (IIF). The application was identified as presenting a strong strategic case for funding. It presented an exceptional project rationale,

clearly demonstrating the potential positive impact for the local community. Overall, the application was well researched and substantiated.

- 4.2 The Infrastructure Delivery Board met on 29th September 2023 and agreed to put forward this project to the GNGB for approval of match funding.

## 5 Conditions

- 5.1 Subject to the GNGB's approval of the match, the below conditions will be applied alongside all established fund rules within an IIF match funding offer letter:

- The project cannot draw down any IIF funding until all remaining match funding is secured, and onsite delivery of the project begins. Until that point, the project will progress towards delivery at its own risk.
- The project has until 31 March 2025 to secure all remaining match funding for an updated delivery programme to be agreed by the Greater Norwich Infrastructure Delivery Board.

## 6 Recommendations

Having reviewed the information within this report, the GNGB are recommended:

- (ii) use their delegated authority to allocate £650,000 Match Funding towards Phase 3 of development at The Nest, subject to the applicant meeting the conditions in section 5.

## 7 Issues and Risks

### 7.1 Other Resource Implications

- 7.1.1 The project will be monitored through the existing Greater Norwich Growth Programme processes. This will be undertaken within the existing resource of the Greater Norwich Projects Team.

### 7.2 Legal Implications

- 7.2.1 The Greater Norwich Growth Board has delegated authority from district cabinets to manage the match funding category for the Infrastructure Investment Fund, and to make allocations independently.

### 7.3 Risks

- 7.3.1 The risks related to project cost and delivery remain with the project manager and sponsor. The match funding offer is time limited and will expire if the project is not able to secure its additional funding by end March 2025, at this stage the funding would be returned to the pot.

### 7.4 Equality

- 7.4.1 No specific issues arising from the match funding of this project. Individual project issues are the responsibility of the project manager and sponsor.

## 7.5 Environmental implications

7.5.1 Project managers and sponsors will be required to meet their own environmental obligations.

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## Details to support recommendation (ii)

- (ii) The signing of a deed of variation to the agreement entitled 'Partner Draw down and Borrowing Authorisations', that was originally signed by all partners on 21st October 2015. This is required to progress the establishment of the already agreed city Deal Borrowing Loans Fund.**

### **1 The proposed deed of variation.**

- 1.1. As part of the Greater Norwich City Deal agreement signed with Government in 2013, the GNGB were afforded the opportunity to access lower-cost loan funding from the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB).
- 1.2. The borrowing is allocated in two specific ways:
  - £60 million for strategic infrastructure projects:
    - £40m for the Broadland Northway
    - £10m for the Long Stratton Bypass
    - £10m for Central Norwich Road network schemes
  - £20m to establish a local infrastructure fund
- 1.3. To date, only the £40m for the Broadland Northway has been drawn down; A further £10m for the Long Stratton Bypass has been agreed by all partners but is yet to be drawn down.
- 1.4. In 2021 the GNGB agreed in principle to repurpose the £20m borrowing capacity allocated to a local infrastructure fund, to a new City Deal Borrowing Loans (CDBL) Fund. This facility will provide the partners upfront loan funding to support the delivery of key infrastructure in the Greater Norwich area. Monies repaid will in turn establish a new cyclical fund called the Strategic Investment Fund (SIF).
- 1.5. Initial work to develop the CDBL progressed during 2022, draft terms of reference were agreed and the GNGB was granted delegated authority from all four partner Cabinets in July 2022 to manage the allocation of the £20m City Deal borrowing to individual projects.
- 1.6. Due to a lack of resource within the Greater Norwich Project Team, work was put on hold for a while until 27 June 2023 when the GNGB committed to accelerating the development of the CDBL Fund.

- 1.7. Work to develop the monitoring and administrative processes of the CDBL fund was progressed and later agreed by the GNGB on 27 September 2023, triggering the opening of the fund. At the same meeting, the first application to the CDBL fund was reviewed and agreed, allocating £4.5m of borrowing to forward fund the developer contribution for Long Stratton Bypass and bring forward the delivery of the road.
- 1.8. In order for this £4.5m and any future agreed borrowing to be progressed, an amendment is required to be made to an existing legal agreement that was originally signed by all Greater Norwich partners in 2015. The legal agreement entitled 'Partner draw-down and borrowing authorisations' currently caps the total amount of City Deal borrowing to be drawn at £60m, because initially only the first £60m (as detailed in 2.2) was intended to be repaid by the Infrastructure Investment Fund (IIF- Pooled CIL). All partners have already agreed for the £20m allocated to establish a local infrastructure fund to be repurposed to be used to establish the CDBL fund and ultimately a new SIF (see 2.4), and in doing so agreed for the total of up to £80m borrowing drawn down from PWLB to be repaid by the IIF. Prior to the first CDBL loan being drawn, the original 2015 legal agreement needs to be amended, increasing the cap on borrowing from £60m to £80m to accommodate this decision.
- 1.9. The deed of variation requires a minor administrative change to be made to the 2015 agreement, but any change to a legal agreement requires specific agreement from all signatories before it can be actioned.
- 1.10. The full Deed of Variation is provided below.
- 1.11. The GNGB are recommending that each partner agrees to the signing of this deed.

DATED

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**DEED OF VARIATION OF CONTRACT  
BETWEEN  
BROADLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL  
NORWICH CITY COUNCIL  
SOUTH NORFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL  
AND  
NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL**

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## Annex B

This deed is dated [DATE]

### Parties

- (1) BROADLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL of South Norfolk Council, The Horizon Centre, Broadland Business Park, Peachman Way, Norwich, NR7 0WF (**“Broadland”**);
- (2) NORWICH CITY COUNCIL of City Hall, St Peter Street, Norwich, NR2 1NH (**“Norwich”**);
- (3) SOUTH NORFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL of South Norfolk Council, The Horizon Centre, Broadland Business Park, Peachman Way, Norwich, NR7 0WF (**“South Norfolk”**); and
- (4) NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL of County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, NR1 2DH (**“County Council”**)
- (5) (together “the Parties” and each one “a Party”; Broadland, Norwich and South Norfolk together the “District Councils”)

### BACKGROUND

- (A) The Parties are party to an agreement relating to funding under the Greater Norwich Growth Board Partner Draw-down and Borrowing Authorisations dated 21 October 2015 as amended from time to time (“Agreement”).
- (B) Pursuant to the Agreement, the County Council borrows fund to assist with the delivery of the Greater Norwich Growth Programme, up to a maximum of £60m, undertaken at the equivalent of the prevailing Public Works Loan Board (“PWLB”) project rate discount as set out in the City Deal dated 12 December 2013.
- (C) The City Deal also contained provisions for an additional amount of borrowing, at the Public Works Loan Board project rate discount, of up to £20m in order to establish a local infrastructure fund intended to provide upfront funding for onsite infrastructure delivery to small and medium-sized local developers. The facility was available for four years but the rate and level of take up was lower than expected. All the agreed loans were financed directly by Norfolk County Council without the need to draw down the £20m through the City Deal.
- (D) Pursuant to a review of the LIF facility, on 17th March 2020 the Greater Norwich Growth Board (“GNGB”) made the decision to bring it to a close and instructed the Greater Norwich Infrastructure Delivery Board (“IDB”) to prepare an updated City Deal Borrowing schedule, proposing a reassignment of the £20m previously allocated to LIF. On 17 June 2021 the GNGB endorsed the ‘in principle’ draw down of £20m City Deal borrowing to create a new cyclical programme of funding to bring forward the delivery of major community infrastructure projects.
- (E) In accordance with the meetings of each of the Parties, as set out in Schedule 1, the maximum amount of borrowing permitted pursuant to this agreement shall be increased by £20m.
- (F) Pursuant to each of the Party’s agreement it has been determined that the costs of the £20m additional borrowing will be underwritten by the CIL-funded Infrastructure

## Annex B

Investment Fund, and as a result an additional £20m borrowing capacity needs to be added to the Agreement. Consequently, the parties wish to amend the Agreement as set out in this deed with effect from the date of this deed (**Variation Date**).

(G) This Deed of Variation (“Deed”) is supplemental to the Agreement

### Agreed terms

#### 1. Terms defined in the Agreement

In this deed, expressions defined in the Agreement and used in this deed have the meaning set out in the Agreement unless otherwise defined. The rules of interpretation set out in the Agreement apply to this deed.

#### 2. Variation

2.1 With effect from the Variation Date, the parties agree the following amendments to the Agreement:

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| a) | Recitals limitation “borrowing” amended | (iii) on | The words “(up to £60m)” to be deleted and replaced with the words “(up to £80m)” |
| b) | Clause 1.1 Definition of “Loan” amended |          | The words “up to £60m” to be deleted and replaced with the words “up to £80m”.    |

2.2 Except as set out in **Error! Bookmark not defined.**2.1, the Agreement will continue in full force and effect.

2.3 To the extent of any conflict between the terms of the Agreement and this deed, the terms of this deed will prevail.

#### 3. Governing law

This Deed and any dispute or claim (including non-contractual disputes or claims) arising out of or in connection with it or its subject matter or formation is be governed by and will be interpreted in accordance with the law of England and Wales.

#### 4. Jurisdiction

4.1 Each party irrevocably agrees that the courts of England and Wales will have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute or claim (including non-contractual disputes or claims) arising out of or in connection with this deed or its subject matter or formation.



Annex B

**ANNEX A SCHEDULE 1 Dates of meetings of each Party approving increase in amount of borrowing permitted under the Agreement.**

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| Norwich City Council           | 06 June 2022 |
| Norfolk County Council         | 06 July 2022 |
| South Norfolk District Council | 11 July 2022 |
| Broadland District Council     | 19 July 2022 |

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# Draft Joint Five-Year Infrastructure Investment Plan 2024-2029

**November 2023**

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# 1 Context

## 1.1 Introduction

This Plan is published on an annual basis by the Greater Norwich Growth Board (GNGB) who work in partnership to monitor and drive forward the delivery of infrastructure which is required to support planned growth. The development of this plan is informed by the updated Greater Norwich Infrastructure Plan (GNIP) which [is published in a new digital format on the GNGB website here](#).

The projects detailed within this Plan are those currently considered to be a priority for delivery, to assist in achieving the economic growth targets as set out in the Joint Core Strategy and the Greater Norwich City Deal; one of the key strands of the City Deal was the delivery of an infrastructure programme facilitated by a pooled funding arrangement between the Authorities.

To support the delivery of infrastructure, the partners pool their income received from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) into one Infrastructure Investment Fund (IIF). This Plan reports all agreed financial commitments of the IIF, providing current delivery updates of the programme of projects that have previously been funded. It also includes high level details of the different funding mechanisms the partnership has developed to fund the delivery of infrastructure, plus CIL income projections for the next five years. Together this information forms the evidence base against which all new allocations are reviewed.

This Plan includes details of the new projects which are to receive IIF funding during the next financial year. These will be adopted as the 2024/25 Annual Growth Programme (AGP).

Each district planning authority area is required to produce an Infrastructure Funding Statement which reports on CIL spend. Uniquely, this Plan reports across the combined administrative areas of Norwich City Council, South Norfolk, and Broadland District Councils. This area is known as Greater Norwich.

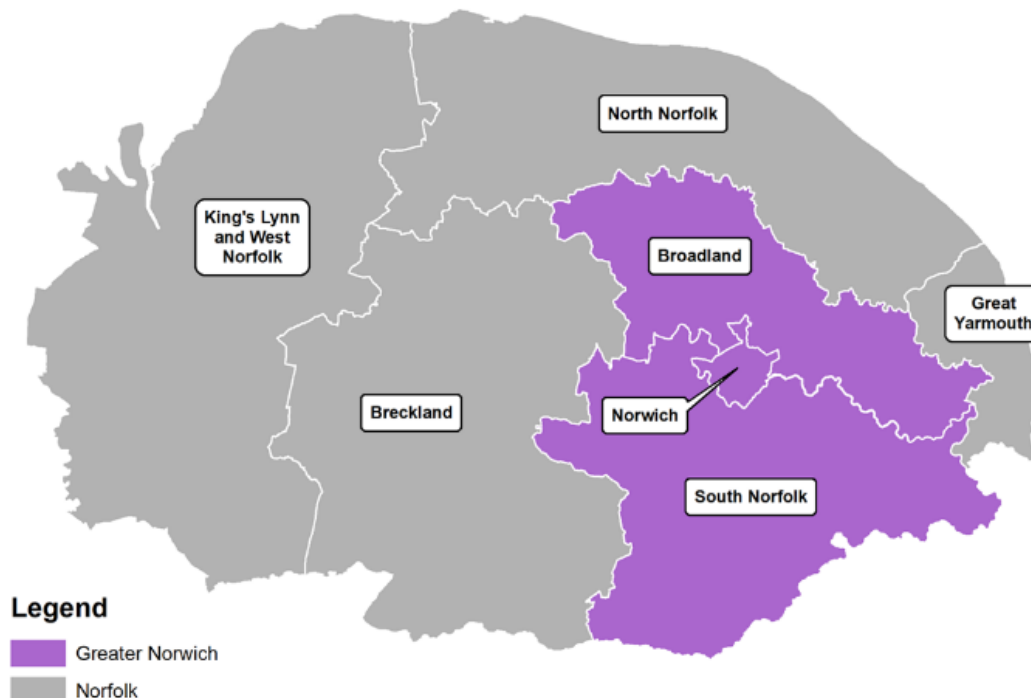
## 1.2 The Greater Norwich Growth Board

The Leaders from the Councils of Norfolk County, Norwich City, South Norfolk, and Broadland District form the Greater Norwich Growth Board (GNGB), which is a partnership unlike any other in the UK. They have voluntarily chosen to work together to accelerate the delivery of infrastructure within the Greater Norwich area, because they recognise the benefits that can be achieved by looking beyond their individual administrative boundaries.

Approximately £38m of funding and £54.5m of CIL supported borrowing is currently allocated from the IIF, which has helped lever in at least an additional £286m of match funding to deliver infrastructure projects across the Greater Norwich area.

Since the establishment of the GNGB in 2014, their partnership working practices and particularly the pooling arrangements of CIL contributions within the IIF, have become an exemplar model of working. The Planning Advisory Service (PAS) have described the GNGB 'as a partnership who are pursuing ambitious growth agendas under strong strategic leadership and cross boundary collaboration'.

Figure 1 Map of Greater Norwich and Norfolk



The GNGB received their first accolade in 2020 when they became the winners of the partnership working category at the national Planning Awards, this confirmed that their unique working arrangement is to be celebrated. Since then, the partnership has continued to develop, and now leads the way on a national scale, often invited to share their knowledge and experience with other authorities and industry experts.

In more recent years the GNGB has brought forward the design of new financial solutions so that the IIF can be used in a variety of ways to deliver a range of projects and accelerate growth through the forward funding of infrastructure. The IIF has grown from being a programme of directly funded projects to becoming an award winning, unique fund that supports a programme of interdependent financial streams, that are managed through clear and robust partnership working practices.

The GNGB looks forward to continuing to work together to pool their shared skills and resources, leveraging additional funding and increasing delivery outcomes, whilst continually planning for future infrastructure schemes.



### 1.3 Development of the joint Five-Year Infrastructure Investment Plan

The development of this Plan is informed by the updated Greater Norwich Infrastructure Plan [which is published in a new digital format on the GNGB website here](#). The GNIP provides an overview of the infrastructure required to support growth in Greater Norwich. It:

- identifies infrastructure priorities to the end of the currently adopted Joint Core Strategy (JCS) (2026)
- details the progress of infrastructure delivery within the Greater Norwich area.
- includes details of the emerging Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP). The GNLP is currently progressing through a period of government examination and expected to be formally adopted in Spring 2024. Once agreed, the GNLP will supersede the JCS, extending the period covered by the GNIP to 2038.

Included within the GNIP's infrastructure priorities are the four infrastructure types that are eligible to receive CIL funding (see section 2.1). These priorities form part of the project appraisal process of all projects that apply to the IIF for funding. A call for new projects is triggered upon the acceptance of the GNIP by the Board.

Applications from new projects are appraised by the Greater Norwich Projects Team (GNPT) against clear acceptance criteria. The GNPT provide recommendations to the Infrastructure Delivery Board (IDB) alongside comments received from the Greater Norwich Delivery Officers Group. This provides a measured and robust selection process which supports informed recommendations from the IDB.

Projects listed within this Plan under the next financial year, comprise the Annual Growth Programme (AGP) for that year.

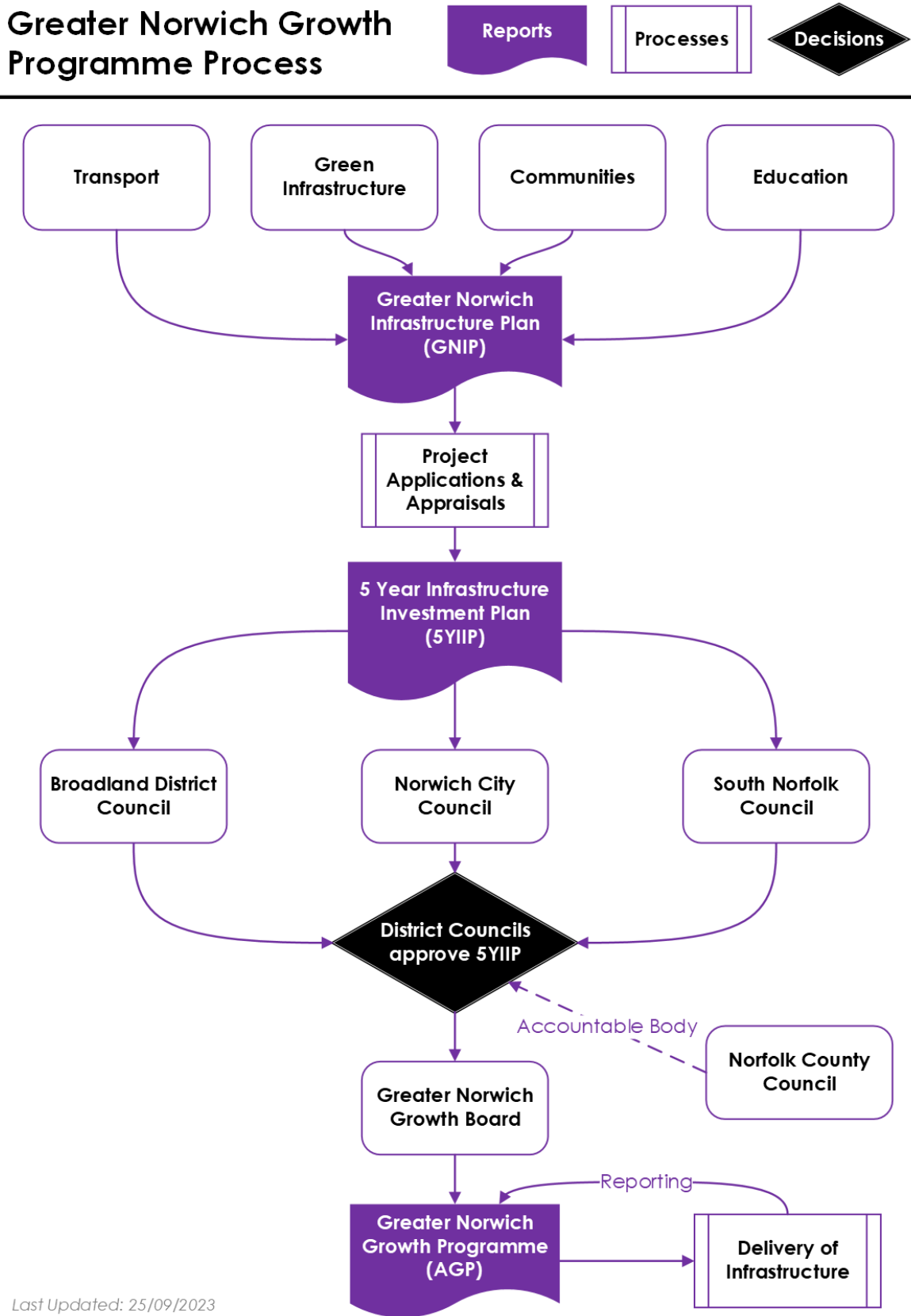
This Plan considers the cost of these new projects against existing financial commitments for the IIF and the forecasted CIL income. It forms the evidence base to support the partner authorities' annual decision-making process to allocate funding to new projects and enables the GNGB to allocate CIL from the IIF in a clear and decisive manner. Once this Plan is approved by each District Council's Cabinet, then IIF funding is committed to all projects within the forthcoming financial year, accepting them as the AGP.

Figure 2 shows how each Greater Norwich publication informs the decision-making process to establish the AGP. This year's timetable is below.

- The 2023 GNIP was accepted by the GNGB at the Board Meeting on 27 June 2023.
- This year's call for new projects closed on 4 August.
- The GNGB initially consider the Draft Five Year Infrastructure Investment Plan on 30 December 2023. As the Accountable Body for the GNGB, Norfolk County Council will receive a report on the 2024/25 AGP in early 2024.
- The three District Councils consider this Plan at their Cabinet meetings in December 2023/January 2024.
- The final report confirming AGP 24/25 returns to the GNGB for formal joint agreement at their meeting on 19 March 2024.



Figure 2 – Greater Norwich Growth Programme decision making process



Last Updated: 25/09/2023

## 1.4 Greater Norwich's Long Term Strategic Planning

The Greater Norwich partners have been proactively working together for over 10 years. This voluntary partnership working arrangement is due to be reconfirmed when the Greater Norwich Local Plan is adopted, which will extend the planned development period to 2038, reaffirming the partners' commitment to working together for the longer term.

In addition to extending their joint plan for growth, the Greater Norwich partners:

- have published a joint **Physical Activity and Sports Strategy** in accordance with Sport England's planning guidance and are progressing an annual review of the action plan for 2024.
- are progressing an update to their joint **Green Infrastructure Strategy** aligning with the Environment Bill (which requires the establishment of nature recovery networks and delivery of biodiversity net gain).
- worked in consultation with Norfolk County Council to adopt the new **Transport for Norwich Strategy**.
- established **Norfolk Environmental Credits Ltd** together with North Norfolk and Breckland district council, a new joint venture that will provide a trading platform for nutrient offsetting and other environmental credits, including Biodiversity Net Gain.

Each of these provides clear evidence of need alongside identified delivery solutions, which ensures that the partnership's strategic planning of infrastructure delivery is well informed whilst also supporting the transition to net zero.

For these programmes to progress, investment is also required to support project development, particularly the cost to undertake feasibility studies and bringing forward major projects. Whilst the IIF's Annual Growth Programme is prioritised for projects that are nearing delivery, the Greater Norwich authorities understand the need to commission new project development, and they continue to work together to source new funding streams and seek new routes of financing to ensure this work continues in the future.

All funds currently unallocated within the IIF will be used to support projects arising from the plans and other policies and strategies that relate to the Greater Norwich area. This includes but is not restricted to:



- The **Stage 2 Masterplan for East Norwich** which indicates a total cost of £153m for the infrastructure required to underpin regeneration at East Norwich.
- **Schools' capital programme** - approximately £195.5m
- **Norfolk Strategic Infrastructure Delivery Plan** (includes the Broadland Growth Link Road £38m), and the **Norfolk Strategic Planning Framework**.
- **Local Transport Plan** and **Transport for Norwich Strategy** Implementation Plans, including the **Transforming Cities Programme**, the **Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans** (includes the Green Loop £5.8m), the **Draft Walking, Wheeling and Cycling Strategy** and the **Norfolk Access Improvement Plan**.
- Mitigating the effects of **nutrient neutrality**
- **Strategic development locations** including: The North-East Growth Triangle, East Norwich, Long Stratton, and the Cambridge-Norwich Tech Corridor.
- Potential new City Centre Vision

Eligible projects that progress to delivery are welcomed to apply to the IIF but as demonstrated by the size of the above programmes, the amount of pooled CIL available within the fund is small when compared to the total that will be required. This is why the GNGB continues to work together, proactively seeking to close the funding gap, using the IIF to lever in additional match funding and sharing their resources, skills, and influence to accelerate the delivery of infrastructure in their joint Greater Norwich area.

## 2 The Infrastructure Investment Fund

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) was introduced by Government in 2010, as a new means to collect developer contributions to help fund infrastructure projects. In Greater Norwich we have adopted a unique partnership arrangement. The three district planning authorities receipt their own CIL income, an amount is deducted for administration and the neighbourhood portion is allocated, the remaining balance is then transferred to a 'shared pool' called the **Infrastructure Investment Fund (IIF)**.

The IIF provides funding for strategic projects which support the planned growth in Greater Norwich. It is intended to offset the impact of growth on communities through the delivery of a variety of infrastructure measures, with priority given to the areas which have experienced the most growth.

Together the GNGB oversee the delivery of a joint growth programme of projects across their joint Greater Norwich area. **This pooling process simplifies the delivery of cross border projects where the benefits can be realised by residents in multiple districts, whilst also bringing forward the delivery of larger or more complex projects that the individual partners would struggle to achieve alone.**

The GNGB are the only local authorities in the country voluntarily pooling CIL contributions in this way. This fund has been highly successful, and since 2014 we have allocated approximately £38m of IIF funding to over 100 projects. This approach to partnership working has been celebrated by the Planning Advisory Service (PAS), who cited the GNGB as a partnership pursuing ambitious growth agendas under strong strategic leadership and cross boundary collaboration. The GNGB won the partnership working category at the 2020 National Planning Awards and has continued to lead the way on a national scale by developing creative solutions to accelerate the delivery of infrastructure.

The IIF has specific eligibility criteria and is used to support the delivery of infrastructure through a growing number of mechanisms. The same eligibility criteria and rules apply across all these funding routes, details of these are provided in this chapter.

## 2.1 IIF Eligibility - Four Thematic Groups

Allocations from the IIF are currently restricted to the four thematic groups as agreed within the Greater Norwich adopted CIL charging policy. These are **Transport, Education, Green Infrastructure** and **Community** (which includes sports). When CIL was initially adopted, local authorities were required to report a Regulation 123 list confirming the infrastructure thematic groups which were considered within their CIL charging calculations and therefore the groups to which CIL can be reallocated to. The need for this list was withdrawn by legislation from September 2019, but this does not automatically allow other groups to apply to the IIF because the Greater Norwich authorities are still adhering to their locally adopted CIL charging policy.

The GNGB understand the funding pressures that other infrastructure thematic groups are experiencing and were planning to undertake a review of CIL alongside the development of the Greater Norwich Local Plan. However, this was put on hold following the publication of the Planning For The Future - White Paper in August 2020, which proposed the cessation of CIL in favour of a new Infrastructure Levy. This change was re-confirmed in the Levelling Up the United Kingdom – White Paper in February 2022 and the Levelling up and Regeneration Bill which recently received royal ascent becoming law, and includes the introduction of a new Infrastructure Levy to replace CIL.

A technical consultation on the Infrastructure Levy closed in June 2023 and was quickly followed by an All-Party Parliamentary Group inquiry into developer contributions in September. Responses to these will be used to inform the design of the new Levy but the government has confirmed that this represents a significant change to the system, one that will be brought forward gradually over time using a 'test and learn' rollout. **Until the timetable for any changes to CIL are known and the supporting regulations are agreed, the GNGB are required to proceed with their existing adopted CIL charging policy.**

## 2.2 Grant Funding

To support growth and development in Greater Norwich, the IIF provides grant funding for strategic projects which help achieve the priorities of our four thematic groups, as outlined in the Greater Norwich Infrastructure Plan (GNIP).

The IIF is open to applications for six weeks each June/July, following the approval of the GNIP by the Greater Norwich Growth Board. Applications must be sponsored by a member of the Infrastructure Delivery Board and be ready to begin delivery in the next financial year.

Projects applying to the IIF for grant funding vary from large projects with multimillion budgets that are supported by substantial amounts of match funding, to smaller projects that are looking for thousands of pounds to build something that forms part of the wider strategic network. For full details on all projects that have previously been granted funding, see section 4.3 [Greater Norwich Growth Programme](#).

### **2.3 Education Allocation**

Education projects are not required to apply through the grant funding process, instead an annual allocation is made to support the delivery of the education capital programme. As the education programme spans the whole of Norfolk, this allocation is ringfenced specifically for projects within Greater Norwich. It can be used flexibly and is either invested in specific capital projects or used in whole or in part to repay NCCs own borrowing to fund the capital programme.

### **2.4 Match Funding**

This ringfenced pot of money in the IIF can be allocated to projects as match funding. It is intended for major projects that require local match to lever in additional, more substantial amounts of funding only.

This match funding is overseen by the GNGB under delegated authority from the district partners. Ringfencing the match to only those projects that are applying for central government funds provides additional assurance to the partners that the fund will only be used to support projects which have gone through a rigorous approval process.

Applications can be made in-year and must be sponsored by at least one member of the Greater Norwich Infrastructure Delivery Board. Applications are appraised following the agreed IIF appraisal guidance. A unanimous agreement is required by the GNGB before match funding can be allocated to a project.

### **2.5 Major Infrastructure Projects**

Major infrastructure and regeneration projects take many years to progress. This category allows for large strategic projects to earmark future IIF spending in the medium to long term. Unlike the Grant Funding category, it does not

require that projects are 'shovel ready'.

This funding allocation allows the partners to smooth the cost of major projects over several years, by gradually building up fund reserves in readiness for future spend.

Projects can apply for Major Infrastructure allocations at any time, but applications must be sponsored by at least one member of the Greater Norwich Infrastructure Delivery Board, and a full business case be unanimously approved at a public meeting of the Greater Norwich Growth Board.

## **2.6 Programme Management Fee**

An annual allocation from the IIF is made to support the programme management of the projects in the growth programme, and the overall management of the fund. This is in accordance with section 59 of the CIL regulations which states that CIL can be applied to the 'provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure to support the development of its area'. This allocation ensures there is sufficient resource to fund the Greater Norwich Project Team, who are instrumental in driving forward the delivery of the 100+ infrastructure projects that have been allocated funding from the IIF.

## **2.7 City Deal Borrowing Loans (CDBL) Fund**

As part of the City Deal agreement, Greater Norwich were given access to reduced cost borrowing from the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB); £20m was allocated to establish a local infrastructure fund.

This fund provides the partners upfront loan funding to support the delivery of key infrastructure in the Greater Norwich area. The GNGB will drawdown funds from the PWLB which will be repaid over an agreed period from the IIF. The amount drawn from PWLB will be onward loaned to one or more of the partner authorities, who will repay the full amount plus interest to the GNGB. The process of drawing down of funds will be undertaken by Norfolk County Council acting as the GNGBs Accountable Body.

The establishment of the CDBL Fund was approved by the Greater Norwich Growth Board at their meeting on 27 September 2023 and consequently opened to receive applications from the partners.

Applications to the CDBL are welcomed all year round and must come from one of the Infrastructure Delivery Board (IDB) Directors acting as the Lead Authority. The proposals will be reviewed by the IDB and if approved, an

assurance check will be undertaken by the Greater Norwich Projects Team before being progressed for unanimous agreement by the Greater Norwich Growth Board.

## **2.8 Establishment of the new Strategic Investment Fund**

Loans that are taken out by partners, through the City Deal Borrowing Loans Fund, will be repaid into a new Strategic Investment Fund.

The SIF will be available to all Greater Norwich partner authorities, providing upfront loan funding and investment for projects that support infrastructure required to unlock sites specifically for housing or employment growth.

The SIF application processes are to be further developed by the Greater Norwich Projects Team and will return to the Greater Norwich Growth Board for agreement prior to any projects being considered. This fund will not be available for applications until the first interest and loan repayments are received from the City Deal Borrowing Loans Scheme. At this stage, it is anticipated that the fund will not be available until at least 2027.



## 3 New allocations

### 3.1 Current balance

This Plan proposes committing **£928,000** to new projects which will commence delivery from April 2024. [Table 1: Infrastructure Investment Fund](#), evidences the affordability of this new commitment, forecasting that £8m of noncommitted funds will remain within the fund at the end of 24/25.

Forecasts for the balance of the IIF are calculated using a combination of received and forecasted CIL income figures. Please note that the forecasted balance is subject to change because it is dependent upon CIL income for the second half of 22/23 and all of 23/24 being received as forecast. Given the complex nature of CIL income, it is expected that these figures will change between publications of this Plan, particularly in years 3-5 when the effects of inflation and market changes are not yet known.

Forecasting CIL income has become more difficult to calculate in recent years with a drop in income expected from 24/25. This is mostly attributed to the planning delays caused by **Nutrient Neutrality**.

The development of nutrient pollution mitigation is now advancing and enabling some new housing schemes to proceed through the planning system. But the increase in delivery is likely to be gradual and it will take time before we reach the rates of delivery and CIL income as previously achieved. This is not only because authorities will need to address all the planning backlog, but because the housing market will need time to remobilize and progress to the point of delivery.

In Summer 2023 the government announced it intended to remove Nutrient Neutrality legislation, however this move was later overturned in the House of Lords. It is not yet clear how this will progress.

Mid-year CIL income forecasts suggested that it may not be possible to open a call for projects in some future years, but changes to the existing programme have seen several large projects withdraw, releasing funding back into the IIF. These include GP81 Wensum walkway (£1.26m), GP89 Sloughbottom Park (£850,000) and GP96 Guildhall Hill and Exchange Street (£2.77m). For more details regarding these projects, including the special arrangements for the Guildhall Hill and Exchange Street project, please see the project delivery updates in Section 5 [Project Delivery Update](#). The changes to the existing programme have provided a welcome financial buffer within the fund, enabling new allocations to be committed within this Plan for the forthcoming year.

The financial balance of the IIF will continue to be monitored by the Infrastructure Delivery Board under the direction of the GNGB. The decision whether to open the fund again in Summer 2024 will be made by the GNGB at their meeting in May/June 2024.

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This financial framework has been provided for the specific purposes of this Plan to support the decision making of new allocations of CIL from the IIF. A detailed breakdown of individual project drawdowns set against CIL income as required within an Infrastructure Funding Statement, is detailed within the section; *Greater Norwich Growth Programme*

**Table 1 Infrastructure Investment Fund**

| ITEM   | To End March<br>2023 | 2023/24            | 2024/25            | 2025/26            | 2026/27            | 2027/28            | 2028/29            |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Actual CIL receipts <sup>1</sup>   | £60,293,153          | £5,246,397         | £0                 | £0.00              | £0.00              | £0.00              | £0.00              |
| Interest <sup>2</sup>  | £665,650             | £0                 | £0                 | £0.00              | £0.00              | £0.00              | £0.00              |
| Forecast CIL receipts <sup>3</sup>   | £0                   | £2,212,036         | £2,918,286         | £4,257,439         | £4,995,225         | £5,591,271         | £8,252,882         |
| <b>Cumulative Income<sup>4</sup></b>   | <b>£60,958,803</b>   | <b>£68,417,236</b> | <b>£71,335,522</b> | <b>£75,592,961</b> | <b>£80,588,186</b> | <b>£86,179,457</b> | <b>£94,432,339</b> |
| Programme agreed <sup>5</sup>  | £7,585,967           | £3,761,976         | £5,364,403         | £5,191,000         | £0                 | £0                 | £0                 |
| Programme proposed (24/25<br>AGP) <sup>6</sup>   | £0                   | £0                 | £842,771           | £85,229            | £0                 | £0                 | £0                 |
| Borrowing agreed <sup>7</sup>  | £12,900,299          | £2,057,045         | £2,057,045         | £2,798,179         | £3,387,477         | £3,387,477         | £3,387,477         |
| Cash Reserve: Borrowing <sup>8</sup>   | £2,345,000           | £0                 | £0                 | £0                 | £0                 | £0                 | £0                 |
| Cash Reserve: Match Funding <sup>9</sup>   | £0                   | £4,000,000         | £0                 | £0                 | £0                 | £0                 | £0                 |
| Education <sup>10</sup>  | £12,000,000          | £2,500,000         | £2,500,000         | £2,500,000         | £2,500,000         | £2,500,000         | £2,500,000         |
| Programme Management Fee <sup>11</sup>   |                      | £0                 | £115,000           | £0                 | £0                 | £0                 | £0                 |
| <b>Total Expenditure</b>   | <b>£34,831,266</b>   | <b>£12,319,021</b> | <b>£10,879,219</b> | <b>£10,574,408</b> | <b>£5,887,477</b>  | <b>£5,887,477</b>  | <b>£5,887,477</b>  |
| <b>Cumulative Expenditure<sup>12</sup></b>   | <b>£34,831,266</b>   | <b>£47,162,787</b> | <b>£58,042,006</b> | <b>£68,616,414</b> | <b>£74,503,891</b> | <b>£80,391,368</b> | <b>£86,278,845</b> |
| <b>Cumulative Balance<sup>13</sup></b>   | <b>£26,127,537</b>   | <b>£21,254,449</b> | <b>£13,293,516</b> | <b>£6,976,547</b>  | <b>£6,084,295</b>  | <b>£5,788,089</b>  | <b>£8,153,494</b>  |
| <b>Funds proposed and<br/>committed for spend in future<br/>years (25/26-28/29)<sup>14</sup></b> | N/A                  | N/A                | £5,276,229         | N/A                | N/A                | N/A                | N/A                |
| <b>FORECASTED non committed<br/>funds, available to spend<sup>15</sup></b>                       | N/A                  | N/A                | <b>£8,017,287</b>  | N/A                | N/A                | N/A                | N/A                |

\*Please note the five-year CIL forecast now extends beyond the adopted Joint Core Strategy period.

### Explanation of the table.

- 1 The amount of CIL income received from the District receipting authorities which has been paid into the IIF.
- 2 Interest earned on the balance of funds held within the IIF since 2014.
- 3 The CIL income that the IIF is forecasting to receive in the next 5 years. Given the complex nature of CIL income, it is expected that these figures will change between publications of this Plan, particularly in years 3-5 when the effects of inflationary rises are not yet known. The medium to long term effect on the construction industry following the Covid-19 outbreak, Brexit, the war in Ukraine, Nutrient Neutrality and the proposed planning reform all add additional uncertainty to these figures.
- 4 Total CIL income received since the opening of the IIF to the end of each given financial year. Future years are forecasted figures.
- 5 The amount of CIL which will be drawn down from the IIF to deliver all projects in each given financial year. These projects have been agreed in previous AGPs and will either be delivered over multiple years or are projects whose delivery has been delayed and their draw-down has rolled over from a previous year.
- 6 The amount of CIL which will be drawn down by the projects included within the 2024/25 Annual Growth Programme in each given financial year. All projects are due to begin delivery in 24/25 but the delivery and funding draw down can continue over multiple years. These projects have been through the project selection process and are sponsored by the Infrastructure Delivery Board.
- 7 The agreed loan repayments for the Broadland Northway plus the forecasted loan repayments for the Long Stratton Bypass from 25/26 (the latter is agreed but yet to be drawn) For more details see the sections 2.7 [City Deal Borrowing Loans \(CDBL\) Fund](#) and 2.8 [Establishment of the new Strategic Investment Fund](#), financial information relating to these loans is reported in [Table 2 IIF Expenditure](#)
- 8 It was agreed by each partner's S151 officer that a reserve equal to one annual loan repayment was required to be kept in reserves as a safeguard. A £2m cash reserve to support the repayments for the Broadland Northway was allocated in 20/21 and £345,000 was allocated in 22/23 in readiness for the repayments of the borrowing for the Long Stratton Bypass. Any required increase to the reserve amount for the Long Stratton Bypass will be allocated in a future version of this Plan when the final loan repayment amount is known.

- 9 The amount allocated as Match Funding. This is for major projects that require match funding to lever in additional, more substantial amounts of funding from central government. The GNGB has delegated authority to allocate this match funding to eligible projects throughout the year. See Section 2.4 [Match Funding](#) for more information, and [Table 2 IIF Expenditure](#) for financial information.
- 10 NCC has a statutory duty to support the growth of schools. A £2.5million allocation from the IIF has been identified for the forthcoming year. This can be used in whole or in part to support NCC's own borrowing to deliver the Greater Norwich Schools Capital programme (See section 2.3 [Education Allocation](#)). Allocations are confirmed annually alongside the acceptance of each new Annual Growth Programme, so no commitment is made for future years, they are indicative figures only.
- 11 A contribution towards the cost to programme manage the full programme of projects within the IIF. This will supplement the cost of the Greater Norwich Project Team who are instrumental in driving forward the provision of infrastructure across the full Greater Norwich area. Costs for future years will be confirmed within each subsequent version of this Plan.
- 12 Total committed funding from the opening of the fund to each year end. Future years are forecasted figures.
- 13 Total amount remaining within the fund at the end of each financial year. This amount does not consider any future expenditure. The cumulative balance for 24/25 onwards are forecasts only, and are subject to a high degree of change because both the income and expenditure are forecasted.
- 14 Amount programmed to be drawn from the fund beyond 24/25 for projects that are delivering over multiple years. This amount will not be spent in the forthcoming year but is included in the calculation because it is committed and therefore not available to be allocated to other projects.
- 15 The forecasted funds available within the IIF at the end of the forthcoming year which could be allocated to new projects. This is a forecast only, because both income and expenditure are forecasted and are subject to a high degree of change.

### 3.2 2024/25 Annual Growth Programme

In accordance with the agreed processes for the Infrastructure Investment Fund (IIF), the Infrastructure Delivery Board met on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023 to agree which projects are to be put forward as the 2024/25 Annual Growth Programme (AGP). As a result, 3 projects totaling £928,000 have been identified to be supported through the IIF. Details of these projects have been included below.

| Project Name              | Applicant | Amount of CIL requested | Total project size |
|---------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Aylsham Gym & Fitness Hub | Broadland | £ 400,000               | £ 1,309,988        |
| Eaton Park                | Norwich   | £ 333,000               | £ 601,000          |
| Plumstead Road Library    | Norfolk   | £ 195,000               | £ 260,391          |
| <b>Total</b>              | N/A       | £ 928,000               | £ 2,171,379        |

In addition, Education will receive **£2.5million** to support the delivery of their capital programme within Greater Norwich.

**£115,000** will be allocated as a programme management fee. This will supplement the cost of the Greater Norwich Project Team, who manage all funding streams within the IIF and are instrumental in driving forward the provision of infrastructure across the full Greater Norwich area.

It is forecast that **up to £10m will be drawn down as a loan** from the Public Works Loan Board, in Q3 2024/25, to support the delivery of the Long Stratton Bypass. This loan has already been agreed by all partners with delegated authority for the signing of the final loan agreement granted to the GNGB and their S151 officers, under the direction of Norfolk County Council as the Accountable Body. The current forecasted annual repayment is in the region of **£756,000**, to be paid from the IIF for 25 years. (Please note that this is a forecasted figure. The interest repayments for this loan will not be confirmed until the date that the money is drawn down. In addition, Norfolk County Council are continuing budget conversations with the Department For Transport so the loan amount required may be reduced, subject to what is agreed.)

It is forecast that a further **£4.5m will be drawn down as a loan** from the

Public Works Loan Board to support the delivery of the Long Stratton Bypass in Q1 2025/26. This has been agreed through the newly established City Deal Borrowing Loans Fund (see section 2.7 [City Deal Borrowing Loans \(CDBL\) Fund](#) for more details). The current forecasted annual repayment is in the region of **£589,000**, to be paid from the IIF for 10 years. (The interest repayments for this loan will not be confirmed until the date that the money is drawn down.)

Approximately **£5m** from the IIF is committed to projects that have a delivery programme spanning multiple years, some of which were agreed in previous AGPs. Updates on previously agreed projects are provided in Section 5 [Project Delivery Update](#).

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### **Aylsham Gym & Fitness Hub - £400,000**

This project will deliver a new 487m<sup>2</sup> community health and fitness facility on the Aylsham High School site, which includes a 40-station gym, multi-use fitness studio and changing facilities. The building will be located on land adjacent to the 3G pitch, swimming pool and sports hall, to expand the 'hub'. Following the previous successful delivery of stage one and two, the **Aylsham Gym and Fitness Hub** proposal is the third stage of a programme of works, managed and delivered by Aylsham High School. These works are providing necessary new community sport and leisure facilities for Aylsham and the surrounding area.

### **Eaton Park - £333,000**

This project will deliver a range of improvements to Eaton Park, a destination park based in the Southwest of Norwich. The improvements will include renovations to the changing rooms in the central pavilion to install 4 player changing rooms and 2 officials changing rooms, installation of green technologies (including solar panels, heat pump, PIR system, LED lighting), improved park signage at all entrances and 10 cycle storage racks located at several locations throughout the park.

This project will make the facilities compliant with Football Association regulations and accessible by all, as well as improving the efficiency of the building. The installation of cycle racks will help encourage active travel in and around the park.

### **Plumstead Road Library - £195,000**

This project will deliver a 72m<sup>2</sup> extension to Plumstead Road Library, based in the east of Norwich. The extension will include an internal entrance, a multi-use space to accommodate 20 people, a kitchen area, and a disabled

toilet. In addition to this, a disability access ramp will be installed to improve accessibility from the car park.

The open nature of the library limits what can be offered currently. Developing this new space will allow for events and activities to be made available to a broader range of individuals and community groups, in a location where community facilities are limited. Examples of groups that will be able to be offered include Audio Book Club, Autism Friendly Sessions, Bereavements and carer cafes, Come Singing at The Library, Digital Support, Family History club, Home Educators Group, Homework Club, Lego Club for Adults, Meet the author events, Mini Movers, Music Club, Poetry Group, Pokémon Club, Seated exercise and Writing groups. The space will also allow the development of a wider range of partnerships with other organisations being able to use a purpose build, accessible room.

Figure 3 - Plumstead Road Library



## **Wymondham High Academy - £2,500,000**

This final expansion of Wymondham High Academy will be the fourth phase of development to meet the pupil demand from the housing development in



the town. This is expected to include a new gymnasium, Design and Technology block, including Food Technology and music space.

This funding will be allocated directly to the project, rather than used to support overall borrowing for the programme. It has not been necessary to borrow, because income from external Department For Education Basic Need grant, remaining S106 education contributions combined with the annual allocation from the IIF have remained at sufficient levels. Alongside scrutiny of capital expenditure this has allowed the planned Greater Norwich schools' programme to remain affordable within this funding envelope.

### 3.3 Match Funding Allocation

In the previous version of this plan, £4m was set aside in the IIF to use as match funding and each District authority provided delegated authority to the GNGB to allocate funding from this category.

The Infrastructure Delivery Board met on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and agreed to put forward one project for the Match Funding category. The GNGB considered this project at their meeting on 30 November 2023 and agreed to allocate this project £650,000 match funding.

This funding will be used by the project to help lever in significant match funding from other sources, including from central government. If the total funding required is not secured by 31 March 2025, the match from the IIF will be withdrawn from the project.

Following this decision, £3,350,000 remains available in the Match Funding pot which will continue to be available to eligible projects in future years. It is not being proposed to set aside additional funds from the IIF at this stage.

| <b>Project Name</b> | <b>Applicant</b> | <b>Amount of CIL requested</b> | <b>Total project size</b> |
|---------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| The Nest            | Broadland        | £ 650,000                      | £ 8,104,000               |
| <b>Total</b>        | N/A              | £ 650,000                      | £ 8,104,000               |

## The Nest - £650,000

This project will deliver a multi-sport indoor community hub at The Nest in Horsford. The 22-acre site currently has a range of facilities including grass football pitches, a floodlit 3G pitch and a club house. This project will include the construction of a new hub, which forms phase 3 of the facility's development plans. The hub will include an 8-court sports hall, clip & climb climbing wall, a health, wellbeing and fitness room, multi-use room, classrooms, e-sports suite, café and social space, office space, a viewing balcony, accessible changing rooms, 4 individual changing rooms and toilets. The expansion will increase the indoor space available, allowing the community to access vital sports and providing the specialist equipment which will allow people with disabilities participate (which are not currently available elsewhere in Norfolk).

Figure 4 - The Nest



### 3.4 City Deal Borrowing Loans Fund

£4.5m will be drawn down as a loan from the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) to support the delivery of the Long Stratton Bypass in Q1 2025/26. This has been agreed through the newly established City Deal Loans Fund and is a loan to South Norfolk Council, to forward fund the developer's contribution and enable the bypass to be delivered sooner. This loan was agreed by the Greater Norwich Growth Board on 27 September 2023 under their delegated powers as previously agreed by each of the partners Cabinets in June/July 2021.

The current forecasted annual repayment to the PWLB is in the region of £598,000, to be paid from the IIF for 10 years. South Norfolk Council will repay both the capital amount and the interest to the Greater Norwich Growth Board on an annual basis following the 2nd anniversary of the completion of the bypass. The repayment will be made into a new fund called the Strategic Investment Fund. (Please note that this is a forecasted figure. The interest repayments for this loan will not be confirmed until the date that the money is drawn down).

| <b>Project Name</b>  | <b>Applicant</b>      | <b>Amount of CIL requested</b> | <b>Total project size</b> |
|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Long Stratton Bypass | South Norfolk Council | £ 4,500,000                    | £46,900,00                |
| <b>Total</b>         | N/A                   | £ 4,500,000                    | £46,900,00                |

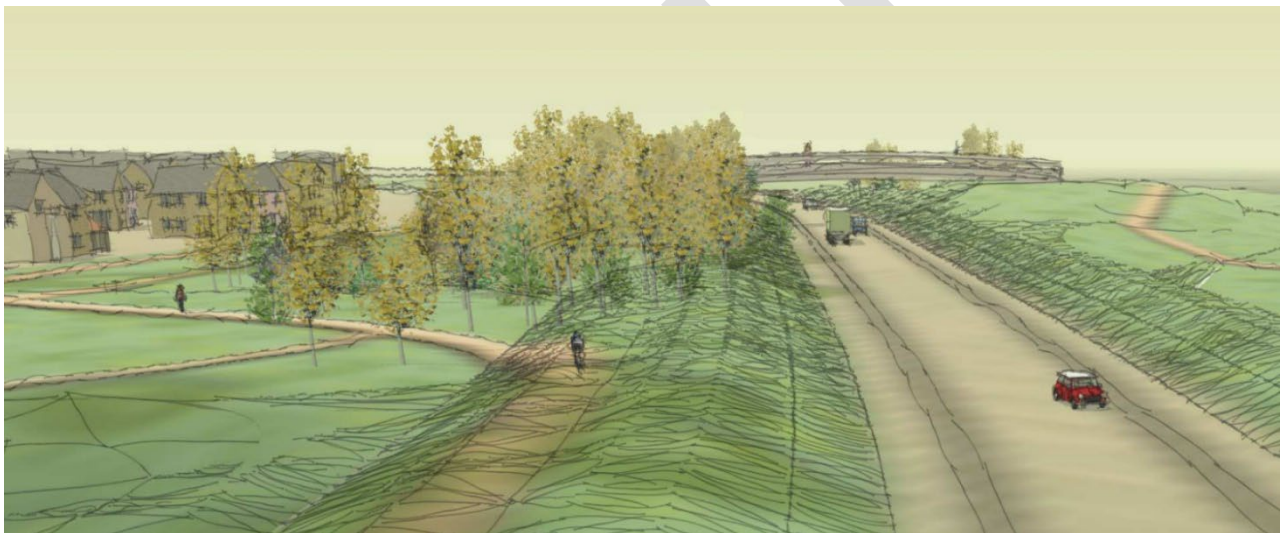
## Long Stratton Bypass - £4,500,000 Loan

The Long Stratton bypass is an approximately 4km long single carriageway highway improvement on the eastern side of Long Stratton. The scheme includes both non-motorised and vehicular overbridges to ensure connectivity between Long Stratton and outlying settlements to the east of the proposal. Intermediate roundabouts will serve as both access points back into Long Stratton and entry points to the proposed new development areas.

Existing Public Rights of Way (PRoW's) affected by the proposal have been subjected to a Side Roads Order consultation, this will ensure that the proposed amendments to the PRoW's will allow safe and convenient access across the bypass.

This loan will forward fund the developer's contribution to the bypass, enabling delivery of the bypass to commence earlier than it otherwise would.

Figure 5 - Artist Impression of Long Stratton Bypass



## 4 Previous Allocation

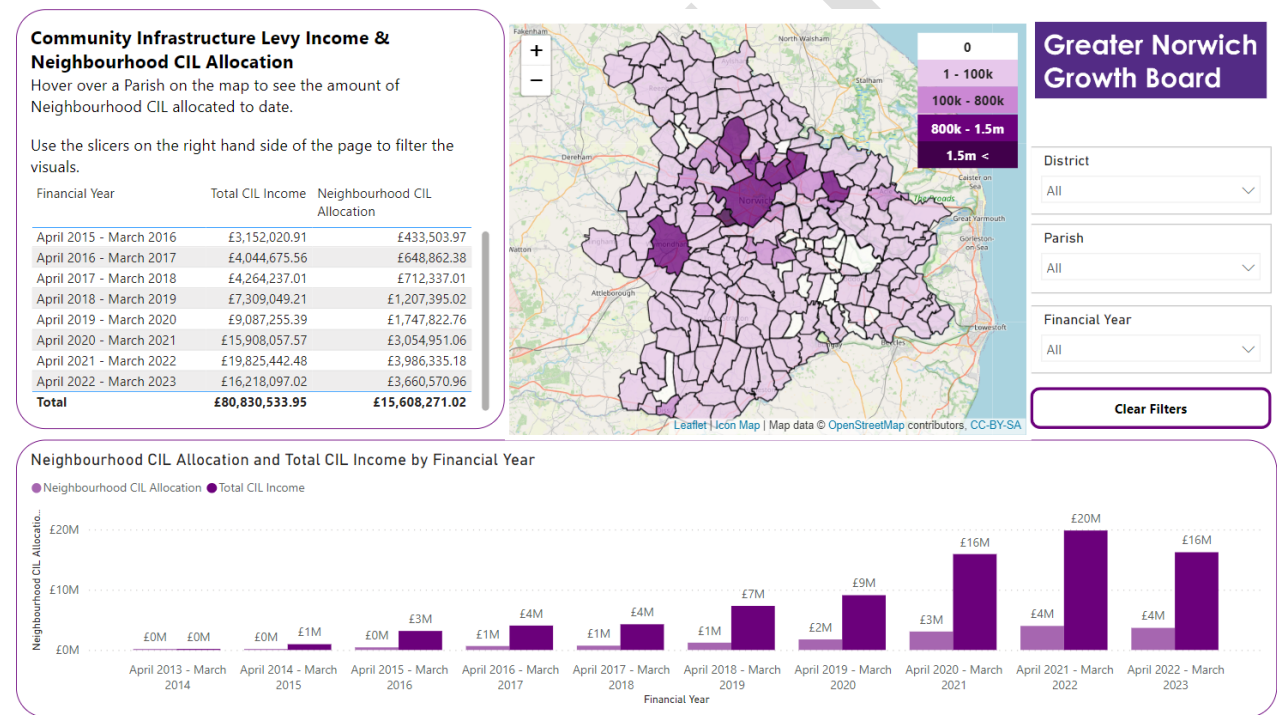
Delivery updates of the projects which have previously secured funding from the IIF are published annually in this Plan. This chapter provides an overview of the complete list of projects which together form the Greater Norwich Growth Programme. Delivery updates are provided in Chapter 5.

### 4.1 CIL/IIF Income

To date, £89,550,776 CIL income has been received in Greater Norwich. £65,539,549 has been received into the Infrastructure Investment Fund and £17,278,356 allocated to local parishes through the Neighbourhood allocation.

[Click here to view a data dashboard which displays CIL and IIF income across Greater Norwich.](#)

Figure 6 - CIL Data Dashboard

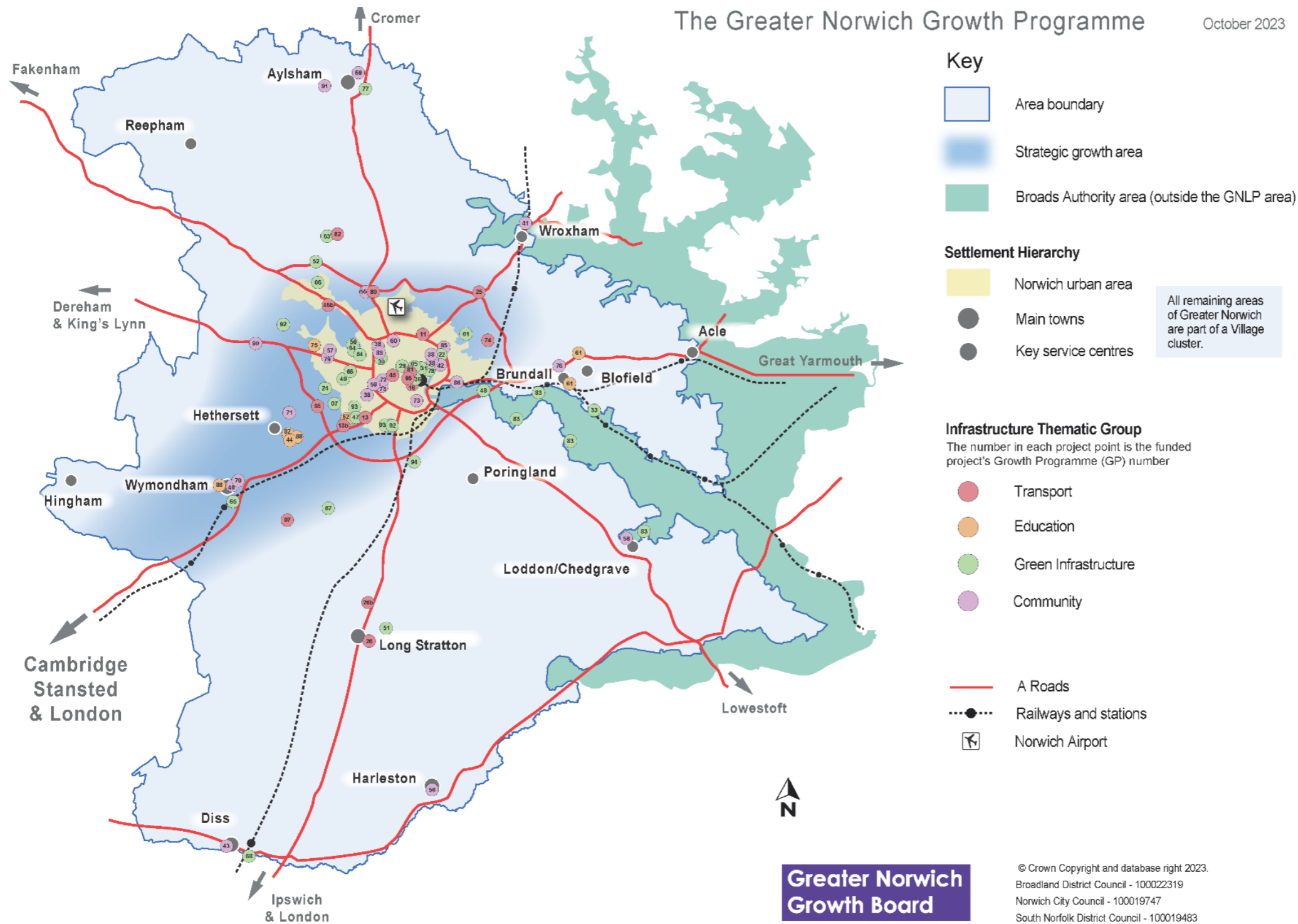


## 4.2 Previously Agreed Projects.

The map below shows the location of all the projects which have been agreed to date. The numbers correspond to the projects 'GP' or Growth Programme number which is included in the Greater Norwich Growth Programme. A delivery update for all active projects is provided in Section 5 [Project Delivery Update](#).

[View an interactive project map here.](#)

Figure 7 - Map of the Greater Norwich Growth Programme



### 4.3 Greater Norwich Growth Programme

To date, approximately £38m from the IIF has been allocated to projects. As infrastructure can take several years to deliver, some of these projects are still ongoing and not all the allocation has yet been drawn down.

The table below lists each project based on their allocation year and Growth Programme number, showing the individual allocations for each project. Rows are colour coordinated, with Transport projects in Red, Green Infrastructure in Green, Community in Purple, and Education in Orange.

Each row shows the overall project budget, match funding, and CIL/IIF funding, as well as the amount of IIF funding which has been drawn down to date. The numbers shown are in 1000s, so (227) is £227,000.

The columns to the right show the financial year which the funding is expected to be drawn down in. Many projects have delivery programmes which span multiple years. Mapping out the draw downs in this way allows for prudent financial planning.

Table 2 – Full Growth Programme

| AGP Year | Ref    | Applicant     | Status      | Theme      | Expenditure                        | Project Budget | Other funding | IIF funding | Spend to 2022/23 | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 | 2028/29 |
|----------|--------|---------------|-------------|------------|------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 2024/25  | GP100  | County        | Not Started | Community  | Plumstead Road Library             | (260)          | (65)          | (195)       | 0                | 0       | (110)   | (85)    | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2024/25  | GP099  | Norwich       | Not Started | Community  | Eaton Park                         | (601)          | (268)         | (333)       | 0                | 0       | (333)   | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2024/25  | GP098  | Broadland     | Not Started | Community  | Aylsham Gym & Fitness Hub          | (1,310)        | (910)         | (400)       | 0                | 0       | (400)   | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2023/24  | GP097  | South Norfolk | Not Started | Transport  | Hethel Technology Park             | (10,560)       | (5,560)       | (5,000)     | 0                | 0       | 0       | (5,000) | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2023/24  | GP095  | County        | Ongoing     | Transport  | Hethersett to NRP Cycle Route      | (728)          | (227)         | (501)       | 0                | (501)   | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2023/24  | GP094  | South Norfolk | Ongoing     | Green Inf. | Venta Icenorum                     | (156)          | (3)           | (153)       | 0                | (153)   | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2023/24  | GP093  | South Norfolk | Ongoing     | Green Inf. | Cringleford Country Park           | (798)          | (330)         | (468)       | 0                | (27)    | (250)   | (191)   | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2023/24  | GP092  | South Norfolk | Ongoing     | Green Inf. | Queens Hill Community Park         | (154)          | (20)          | (134)       | 0                | (134)   | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2023/24  | GP091  | Broadland     | Ongoing     | Community  | Youngs Park Aylsham AGP            | (900)          | (650)         | (250)       | 0                | (250)   | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2023/24  | GP090  | South Norfolk | Ongoing     | Community  | Easton Village Hall                | (1,505)        | (1,000)       | (505)       | 0                | (505)   | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2024/25  | GP088b | County        | Not Started | Education  | Education - Wymondham High Academy | (13,000)       | (8,000)       | (5,000)     | 0                | (2,500) | (2,500) | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2023/24  | GP088a | County        | Not Started | Education  | Education - Wymondham High Academy | 0              | 0             | 0           | 0                | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |

| AGP Year | Ref    | Applicant     | Status   | Theme      | Expenditure  | Project Budget | Other funding | IIF funding | Spend to 2022/23 | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 | 2028/29 |
|----------|--------|---------------|----------|------------|--|----------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 2022/23  | GP087  | County        | Ongoing  | Education  | Education - Hethersett High Academy                              | (9,500)        | (7,500)       | (2,000)     | 0                | (2,000) | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2022/23  | GP086  | Broadland     | Complete | Community  | Yare Boat Club   | (271)          | (191)         | (80)        | (80)             | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2022/23  | GP085  | Norwich       | Complete | Community  | FDC - Heartsease Open Academy                                    | (480)          | (330)         | (150)       | 0                | (150)   | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2022/23  | GP083  | County        | Ongoing  | Green Inf. | Wherryman's Way Access Improvements                              | (445)          | (229)         | (217)       | 0                | (37)    | (180)   | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2022/23  | GP082  | Broadland     | Ongoing  | Transport  | Broadland Country Park - Horsford Crossing                       | (174)          | (30)          | (144)       | 0                | (144)   | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2022/23  | GP080  | County        | Ongoing  | Transport  | Yellow Pedalway Extension  | (1,903)        | (303)         | (1,600)     | 0                | (100)   | (1,500) | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2021/22  | GP079  | Norwich       | Complete | Community  | FDC Bowthorpe 3G Pitch   | (929)          | (679)         | (250)       | (250)            | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2021/22  | GP078  | Norwich       | Ongoing  | Green Inf. | Kett's Heights   | (312)          | 0             | (312)       | (10)             | (302)   | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2021/22  | GP077  | Broadland     | Ongoing  | Green Inf. | Bure Valley Path   | (641)          | (582)         | (59)        | (10)             | (49)    | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2021/22  | GP076  | Broadland     | Ongoing  | Community  | Brundall Sports Hub  | (2,259)        | (1,799)       | (461)       | 0                | (461)   | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2021/22  | GP075b | County        | Complete | Education  | Education - Ormiston Victory Academy                             | (9,000)        | (5,000)       | (4,000)     | (4,000)          | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2020/21  | GP075a | County        | Complete | Education  | Education - Ormiston Victory Academy (added to 21/22 allocation) | 0              | 0             | 0           | 0                | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2020/21  | GP074  | Broadland     | Ongoing  | Transport  | Plumstead Road Roundabout  | (1,350)        | (625)         | (725)       | 0                | 0       | (725)   | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2020/21  | GP073  | Norwich       | Complete | Community  | Norwich Parks Tennis   | (423)          | (320)         | (103)       | (16)             | (87)    | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2020/21  | GP072  | Norwich       | Complete | Community  | Recreation Road Pool   | (60)           | 0             | (60)        | (60)             | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2020/21  | GP071  | South Norfolk | Complete | Community  | Crusaders Rugby Football Club                                    | (344)          | (194)         | (150)       | (150)            | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2020/21  | GP070  | South Norfolk | Complete | Community  | Wymondham Tennis Club  | (140)          | 0             | (140)       | (140)            | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2020/21  | GP069  | Broadland     | Complete | Community  | Aylsham Sports Hub Stage 3                                       | (766)          | (381)         | (385)       | (385)            | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |



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|----------|--------|---------------|--------------------|------------|--|----------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 2020/21  | GP068  | South Norfolk | Complete           | Green Inf. | Frenze Beck Green Infrastructure           | (45)           | (10)          | (35)        | 0                | (35)    | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2020/21  | GP067  | County        | Complete           | Green Inf. | Ketts Country Long Distance Trail          | (86)           | 0             | (86)        | (86)             | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2020/21  | GP066  | Norwich       | Complete           | Green Inf. | 20 Acre Wood Community Access Improvements | (62)           | 0             | (62)        | 0                | (39)    | (13)    | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2020/21  | GP065  | South Norfolk | Complete           | Green Inf. | East Wymondham Green Infrastructure        | (75)           | (15)          | (60)        | 0                | (50)    | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2020/21  | GP064  | Norwich       | Ongoing            | Green Inf. | Hellesdon Station Green Infrastructure     | (453)          | (221)         | (232)       | (2)              | (230)   | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2020/21  | GP063  | Broadland     | Ongoing            | Green Inf. | Broadland Country Park (prev NWW)          | (1,265)        | (546)         | (719)       | (433)            | (143)   | (143)   | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2019/20  | GP062  | County        | Ongoing            | Education  | Education - Cringleford                    | (10,000)       | (8,000)       | (2,000)     | (2,000)          | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2018/19  | GP061b | County        | Ongoing            | Education  | Education - Blofield                       | (11,000)       | (9,800)       | (1,200)     | (200)            | (1,000) | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2018/19  | GP061a | County        | Complete           | Education  | Education - Brundall                       | (850)          | (50)          | (800)       | (800)            | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2018/19  | GP060  | County        | Complete           | Community  | Mile Cross Library self-access improvement | (35)           | 0             | (35)        | (24)             | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2018/19  | GP059  | County        | Complete           | Community  | Earlham Library self-access improvement    | (35)           | 0             | (35)        | (26)             | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2018/19  | GP058  | County        | Complete           | Community  | Loddon Library self-access improvement     | (35)           | 0             | (35)        | (22)             | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2018/19  | GP057  | County        | Complete           | Community  | Costessey Library self-access improvement  | (35)           | 0             | (35)        | (26)             | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2018/19  | GP056  | County        | Complete           | Community  | Harleston Library self-access improvement  | (35)           | 0             | (35)        | (22)             | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2018/19  | GP055  | Broadland     | Complete           | Community  | Community Sports Hub - The Nest Horsford   | (4,625)        | (3,501)       | (1,124)     | (1,124)          | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2018/19  | GP053  | County        | Closed Prematurely | Transport  | MW: Surfacing Works (Drayton)              | (24)           | 0             | (24)        | (24)             | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2018/19  | GP052  | Broadland     | Complete           | Green Inf. | Thorpe Marriott Greenway                   | (121)          | 0             | (121)       | (109)            | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2018/19  | GP051  | County        | Ongoing            | Green Inf. | Green Infrastructure: Access for All       | (150)          | 0             | (150)       | (86)             | (64)    | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2018/19  | GP050  | Norwich       | Ongoing            | Green Inf. | Yare and Wensum Valleys Link               | (170)          | 0             | (170)       | (45)             | (125)   | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |

| AGP Year | Ref    | Applicant     | Status             | Theme      | Expenditure   | Project Budget | Other funding | IIF funding | Spend to 2022/23 | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 | 2028/29 |
|----------|--------|---------------|--------------------|------------|---|----------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 2018/19  | GP049  | Norwich       | Complete           | Green Inf. | Earlham Millennium Green Improvement Project: Phase 3                 | (25)           | 0             | (25)        | (20)             | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2018/19  | GP048  | South Norfolk | Complete           | Green Inf. | Wherryman's Way: Yare Valley Cycle Route                              | (23)           | 0             | (23)        | (16)             | (2)     | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2018/19  | GP047  | Norwich       | Complete           | Green Inf. | Yare Valley Walk-Cringleford Meadow (formerly UEA to Eaton Boardwalk) | (47)           | 0             | (47)        | (4)              | (43)    | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2018/19  | GP046b | County        | Complete           | Transport  | Marriotts Way-Costessey resurfacing & Drayton ramp                    | (491)          | 0             | (491)       | (416)            | (74)    | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2018/19  | GP046  | County        | Closed Prematurely | Transport  | MW: Thorpe Marriott to Costessey                                      | (12)           | 0             | (12)        | (12)             | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2018/19  | GP045  | Norwich       | Complete           | Transport  | Green Pedalway-junction improvements                                  | (560)          | 0             | (560)       | (462)            | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2017/18  | GP044  | County        | Complete           | Education  | Education - Hethersett Academy & Junior                               | (13,000)       | (11,000)      | (2,000)     | (2,000)          | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2017/18  | GP043  | County        | Complete           | Community  | Diss library: self service improvements                               | 0              | 0             | 0           | (29)             | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2017/18  | GP042  | County        | Complete           | Community  | Plumstead Road Library: self service improvements                     | 0              | 0             | 0           | (112)            | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2017/18  | GP041  | County        | Complete           | Community  | Wroxham Library: self service improvements                            | (153)          | (33)          | (120)       | (34)             | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2017/18  | GP040  | South Norfolk | Complete           | Community  | Ketts Park Sports Hub: Wymondham                                      | (800)          | (550)         | (250)       | (250)            | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2017/18  | GP039  | South Norfolk | Closed Prematurely | Community  | Hales cricket and bowls clubhouse improvements                        | (5)            |               | (5)         | (5)              | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2017/18  | GP038  | Norwich       | Complete           | Community  | Football pitch improvements   | (115)          | (15)          | (100)       | (45)             | (40)    | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2017/18  | GP036  | Norwich       | On Hold            | Green Inf. | Castle Gardens  | (220)          | (70)          | (150)       | 0                | 0       | (150)   | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2017/18  | GP033  | Broadland     | Ongoing            | Green Inf. | Strumpshaw Pit Circular Walk  | (60)           | (25)          | (35)        | (35)             | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2017/18  | GP031  | Norwich       | Ongoing            | Green Inf. | Riverside Walk accessibility improvements                             | (200)          | 0             | (200)       | (30)             | (17)    | (153)   | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2017/18  | GP030  | Norwich       | Complete           | Green Inf. | Sloughbottom Park - Andersons Meadow                                  | (343)          | 0             | (343)       | (343)            | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |

| AGP Year | Ref    | Applicant     | Status             | Theme      | Expenditure                                      | Project Budget | Other funding | IIF funding | Spend to 2022/23 | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 | 2028/29 |
|----------|--------|---------------|--------------------|------------|--|----------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 2017/18  | GP029  | Norwich       | Complete           | Green Inf. | Marriott's Way-Barn Road Gateway                 | (64)           | (18)          | (46)        | (46)             | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2017/18  | GP027  | South Norfolk | Closed Prematurely | Green Inf. | Lizard and Silfield Nature Reserves              | (14)           | 0             | (14)        | (14)             | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2023/24  | GP026c | County        | Ongoing            | Transport  | Long Stratton Bypass CDBL (Se borrowing costs)   | 0              | 0             | 0           | 0                | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2016/17  | GP026b | South Norfolk | Complete           | Transport  | Hempnall Crossroads                              | (4,064)        | (3,758)       | (305)       | (305)            | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2016/17  | GP026  | County        | Ongoing            | Transport  | Long Stratton Bypass (see borrowing costs below) | 0              | 0             | 0           | 0                | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2016/17  | GP025  | Broadland     | Complete           | Transport  | NDR (see borrowing costs below)                  | 0              | 0             | 0           | 0                | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2016/17  | GP024  | Norwich       | Complete           | Transport  | Colney River Crossing (NRP to Threescore)        | (422)          | (251)         | (171)       | (171)            | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2016/17  | GP023  | Norwich       | Closed Prematurely | Green Inf. | Carrow to Deal Ground riverside walk             | (29)           |               | (29)        | (29)             | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2016/17  | GP022  | Norwich       | Complete           | Green Inf. | Pink Pedalway - Heathgate                        | (250)          | (100)         | (150)       | (150)            | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2016/17  | GP019  | Broadland     | Closed Prematurely | Transport  | St Faiths to Airport Transport Link              | (20)           | 0             | (20)        | (20)             | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2015/16  | GP017b | County        | Complete           | Transport  | Cromer Rd - Aylsham Rd (A140)                    | (416)          | (329)         | (87)        | (87)             | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2015/16  | GP016  | County        | Complete           | Transport  | Golden Ball Street (NATS)                        | (3,448)        | (2,425)       | (1,023)     | (1,023)          | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2015/16  | GP013b | County        | Complete           | Transport  | Roundhouse Way                                   | (795)          | (745)         | (50)        | (50)             | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2015/16  | GP013  | County        | Complete           | Transport  | Eaton Interchange                                | (825)          | (725)         | (100)       | (100)            | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2015/16  | GP011  | County        | Complete           | Transport  | St Clements Toucan Crossing                      | (339)          | (226)         | (113)       | (113)            | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2015/16  | GP009  | County        | Complete           | Green Inf. | Marriott's Way - Phase 2                         | (250)          | 0             | (250)       | (237)            | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2015/16  | GP008  | Norwich       | Complete           | Green Inf. | Earlham Millennium Green - Phase 2               | (66)           | 0             | (66)        | (52)             | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2014/15  | GP007  | South Norfolk | Complete           | Green Inf. | Norwich Health Walks                             | (40)           | 0             | (40)        | (38)             | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |

| AGP Year | Ref   | Applicant | Status   | Theme      | Expenditure                            | Project Budget   | Other funding   | IIF funding     | Spend to 2022/23 | 2023/24        | 2024/25        | 2025/26        | 2026/27  | 2027/28  | 2028/29  |
|----------|-------|-----------|----------|------------|--|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 2014/15  | GP006 | County    | Complete | Green Inf. | Marriott's Way - Phase 1               | (60)             | 0               | (60)            | (60)             | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 2014/15  | GP005 | Norwich   | Complete | Green Inf. | Riverside Walk                         | (70)             | (19)            | (51)            | (48)             | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 2014/15  | GP004 | Norwich   | Complete | Green Inf. | Earlham Millennium Green - Phase 1     | (15)             | 0               | (15)            | (3)              | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 2014/15  | GP003 | Norwich   | Complete | Green Inf. | Marston Marsh                          | (30)             | 0               | (30)            | (24)             | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 2014/15  | GP002 | Norwich   | Complete | Green Inf. | Danby Wood                             | (35)             | 0               | (35)            | (26)             | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 2014/15  | GP001 | Broadland | Ongoing  | Green Inf. | Harrisons' Wood                        | (45)             | 0               | (45)            | (44)             | (1)            | 0              | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 2014/15  | GP001 | Broadland | Ongoing  | Green Inf. | Harrisons' Wood secured funding (S106) | 45               | 0               | 45              | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0        |
|          |       |           |          |            |  | <b>(115,377)</b> | <b>(77,628)</b> | <b>(37,749)</b> | <b>(16,586)</b>  | <b>(9,262)</b> | <b>(6,457)</b> | <b>(5,276)</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> |

Table 3 IIF Expenditure Summary\* - Table 2, above is summarised in the 'Full Growth Programme' row.

| IIF Expenditure   | Project Budget | Other funding | Allocation | Spend to 2023/24 | 2023/24         | 2024/25        | 2025/26        | 2026/27        | 2027/2028      | 2028/29        |
|---|----------------|---------------|------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Full Growth Programme</b>                                  | (115,377)      | (77,628)      | (37,749)   | (16,586)         | (9,262)         | (6,457)        | (5,276)        | 0              | 0              | 0              |
| Cash Reserves - Equal to one years City Deal loan repayment   | 0              | 0             | (2,345)    | (2,345)          | 0               | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              |
| <b>Cash Reserves - Match Funding</b>                          | 0              | 0             | (3,350)    | (4,000)          | (4,000)         | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              |
| Match Funding: The Nest - Phase 3                             | 8,104          | 7,454         | (650)      | 0                | 0               | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              |
| GP25 Broadland Northway (amount borrowed)                     | 205,000        | 165,000       | (40,000)   | 0                | 0               | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              |
| Interest and loan repayment against borrowing                 | 0              | 0             | 0          | (14,957)         | (2,057)         | (2,057)        | (2,057)        | (2,057)        | (2,057)        | (2,057)        |
| Loan set up fee   | 0              | 0             | 0          | (14)             | 0               | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              |
| GP26 Long Stratton Bypass (City Deal Borrowing)               | 46,231         | 36,231        | (10,000)   | 0                | 0               | (10,000)       | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              |
| Forecasted interest and loan repayments against the borrowing | 0              | 0             | 0          | 0                | 0               | 0              | (741)          | (741)          | (741)          | (741)          |
| Forecasted loan set up fee                                    | 0              | 0             | 0          | 0                | 0               | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              |
| City Deal Borrowing Loans Fund                                | 46,231         | 0             | (4,500)    | 0                | 0               | 0              | (4,500)        | 0              | 0              | 0              |
| LSBP Developer Contribution - Loan                            | 46,231         | 0             | (4,500)    | 0                | 0               | 0              | 0              | (589)          | (589)          | (589)          |
| LSBP Developer Contribution - Set Up fee                      | 0              | 0             | 0          | 0                | 0               | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              |
| TOTAL borrowing costs (annual payment made from pooled CIL)   | 0              | 0             | 0          | (14,971)         | (2,057)         | (2,057)        | (2,798)        | (3,387)        | (3,387)        | (3,387)        |
| Programme Management Fee                                      | 0              | 0             | (115)      | 0                | 0               | (115)          | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              |
| <b>TOTAL pooled CIL funding requirement</b>                   | N/A            | N/A           | N/A        | N/A              | <b>(15,319)</b> | <b>(8,629)</b> | <b>(8,074)</b> | <b>(3,387)</b> | <b>(3,387)</b> | <b>(3,387)</b> |
| <b>Actual pooled CIL Income</b>                               | N/A            | N/A           | N/A        | N/A              | 5,246           | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              |
| <b>Forecasted pooled CIL Income</b>                           | N/A            | N/A           | N/A        | N/A              | 2,212           | 2,918          | 4,258          | 4,995          | 5,591          | 8,253          |
| <b>Forecasted annual pooled CIL surplus / (deficit)</b>       | N/A            | N/A           | N/A        | N/A              | <b>(7,861)</b>  | <b>(5,711)</b> | <b>(3,817)</b> | <b>1,608</b>   | <b>8,358</b>   | <b>8,358</b>   |
| <b>CIL Interest Earned</b>                                    | N/A            | N/A           | N/A        | N/A              | 0               | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              |
| <b>Forecasted CIL balance (including interest)</b>            | N/A            | N/A           | N/A        | N/A              | 21,254          | 15,543         | 11,726         | 13,334         | 21,692         | 30,051         |
| <b>Forecasted Cumulative CIL income</b>                       | N/A            | N/A           | N/A        | N/A              | 62,505          | 65,423         | 69,681         | 74,676         | 80,268         | 88,520         |
| <b>Cumulative CIL income (including interest)</b>             | N/A            | N/A           | N/A        | N/A              | 68,417          | 71,336         | 75,593         | 80,588         | 86,180         | 94,432         |
| <b>Forecasted Cumulative CIL commitment</b>                   | N/A            | N/A           | N/A        | N/A              | (47,164)        | (55,793)       | (63,867)       | (67,255)       | (70,642)       | (74,030)       |

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

### 5 Project Delivery Update

This section provides an update on projects that are currently underway, which were funded in previous Annual Growth Programmes. They are grouped by their Sponsoring Authority as denoted in the AGP. There are currently 31 active projects in the growth programme.

14 projects completed delivery in the financial year 2023/24, these are:

- [GP038 – Football Pitch Improvements](#)
- [GP046b – Marriotts Way: Costessey Resurfacing & Drayton Ramp](#)
- [GP047 – Yare Valley Walk: Cringleford Meadow Improvements](#)
- [GP048 – Wherryman's Way: Yare Valley Cycle Route](#)
- [GP61a – Brundall Primary School Extension](#)
- [GP065 – East Wymondham Green Infrastructure](#)
- [GP066 - 20 Acre Wood Community Access Improvements](#)
- [GP068 - Frenze Beck Green Infrastructure](#)
- [GP069 – Aylsham Sports Hub Stage 3](#)
- [GP070 – Wymondham Tennis Club](#)
- [GP071 – Crusaders Rugby Football Club Clubhouse Extension](#)
- [GP075 – Ormiston Victory Academy](#)
- [GP085 – FDC Heartsease Open Academy](#)
- [GP086 – Yare Boat Club](#)

3 projects have withdrawn from the programme:

- [GP081 - Wensum Walkway](#)
- [GP089 - Sloughbottom Park Regeneration](#)
- [GP096 - Guildhall Hill and Exchange Street](#)

Projects which have completed in the last 12 months are included here as their final delivery report. Projects which have completed in previous years are not included. [View an interactive map of all growth programme projects here.](#)

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## 5.1 Broadland

### GP001 - Early Delivery of Public Access to Harrison's Plantation

**Category:** Green Infrastructure

**CIL Funding:** £45,000

**Total Budget:** £45,000

**Project Status:** Ongoing

**Project Description:**

This project secures areas of woodland located off Blue Boar Lane, Sprowston (associated with the White House Farm development proposal) for public access and future use as a 'Woodland Park', as set out within Sprowston Neighbourhood Plan.

**Delivery Update:**

Public access was achieved in 2016 and Broadland District Council has been enhancing, maintaining, and managing the site since that time. Negotiations are in hand for Harrisons Wood and Boar Plantation to be transferred directly to Sprowston Town Council in summer 2024, following the completion of a cycleway from Boar Plantation to the White House Farm development, for ongoing maintenance and management.

## GP033 - Strumpshaw Pit Circular Walk

**Category:** Green Infrastructure

**CIL Funding:** £35,000

**Total Budget:** £60,000

**Project Status:** Ongoing

### **Project Description:**

This project aims to expand the dog walking capabilities of Strumpshaw Pit, offering an alternative location for walking and offsetting the impact of visitor numbers in the protected sites of Norfolk.

The project deliverables are:

- Part 1: Improvement to the landfill gas infrastructure (Complete)
- Part 2: Improvement of parking facilities for cars and bicycles, addition of benches and dog bins.
- Part 3: Improvement of the circular walk and links to the entry points (Complete)
- Part 4: Consideration of biodiversity improvements along the path (Complete)

### **Delivery Update:**

Work has progressed rapidly over the last year, the site is now fully DSEAR (Dangerous Substances and Explosive Atmospheres Regulations) safe for public access, and visitors now have open access across the site. Parts 3 and 4 are also complete, with a range of cutting and clearance work undertaken to improve the paths, and an area of bramble cleared to restore wildflower meadow. In addition to this a memorial woodland has been planted and bench seating and dog bins have been installed across the site. The project has recently undertaken an additional consultation on a revised car park concept: a planning application will be submitted in October 2023; construction is planned for spring 2024 and the project will complete in the summer.



### GP063 – Broadland Country Park

**Category:** Green Infrastructure

**CIL Funding:** £719,290

**Total Budget:** £1,265,000

**Project Status:** Ongoing

**Project Description:**

Broadland Country Park (BCP) was purchased with IIF funding by Broadland District Council in 2019. The new Country Park was launched online with its new name at Easter 2021 with a new website, a promotional film and a blog site. Ideally located adjacent to the Broadland Northway, the Thorpe Marriott Greenway cycle and pedestrian route, and the purple and yellow bus routes, BCP helps to manoeuvre the Greater Norwich area into a strong position in which to deliver sustainable, well-planned communities by enabling a mitigation strategy that alleviates the impact of growth on the internationally designated sites in Norfolk.

**Delivery Update:**

Planning Solutions Consulting have recently undertaken an options analysis and financial appraisal for the future of Broadland Country Park, with a draft report presented to the Council to consider future options. Meanwhile the team have been working to increase visitor numbers at the park: including but not limited to setting up a new Instagram account to market the park, trialing a mobile catering van and holding 10 events, including summer cycling and a Night Safari.

Partnership working has also continued with the Norfolk and Norwich Naturalists Society, to complete surveys which have identified over 2,700 species so far, with a final written publication due to be published in 2025. Volunteering has progressed at the site, which has been aided by the installation of rest and toilet facilities, which will also improve the accessibility of the park.

### GP069 - Aylsham Sports Hub Stage 3

**Category:** Community

**CIL Funding:** £385,000

**Total Budget:** £766,000

**Project Status:** Complete

**Project Description:**

The project has delivered a full-size, floodlit 3G pitch which can be sub-divided into 3 smaller pitches, suitable for football, hockey and rugby, on the site of the Aylsham Sports Hub at Aylsham High School, owned by the Aylsham Cluster Trust.

The pitch provides all weather floodlit facilities in the Aylsham area, which are available to local clubs and teams, and for recreational football players to hire on a pay-as-you-go basis or block bookings.

**Delivery Update:**

The 3G pitch which completed and handed over on 28 August 2020, has been accredited by both the FA and FIFA as an approved facility and is well utilised, running at 95% capacity during peak times. There are 21 local Broadland clubs with over 50 teams that use the facility, including walking football teams. In partnership with the school, a local rugby training academy has been set up to support access to rugby for young people in the area - the first of its type in Norfolk. The 3G pitch is also currently used for hockey practice and other sports.

The school is in the process of setting up a range of accessible coached programmes that can link into holiday and weekend provision and is part of the HAF programme through Active Norfolk. Recent talks with Norfolk FA have suggested that the changing facilities and community café could be considered in the updated Norfolk FA/ Football Foundation Local Facilities Plan from 2025.

### GP074 - Plumstead Road Roundabout

**Category:** Transport

**CIL Funding:** £725,000

**Total Budget:** £1,350,000

**Project Status:** Ongoing

**Project Description:**

The project will deliver a new T-junction on Plumstead Road as well as new footways and cycleways, a new pedestrian crossing, road re-alignment and associated services. In delivering the scheme, the project will ensure that the strategically important orbital link road between Salhouse Road and Plumstead Road can be delivered.

**Delivery Update:**

An additional £625,000 of match funding from the LEP and Business Rates Pool has been secured to facilitate delivery. In January 2023 Broadland District Council cabinet approved delivery of a T-junction scheme, to help bring forward more expediently the strategic link from Plumstead Road to Salhouse Road.

Broadland District Council is reviewing options for project delivery, which includes entering a works agreement with a third party. The works agreement is drafted, and it is expected that this will be completed early in 2024, allowing works to commence on site in Autumn 2024. The County Council will continue to work with Broadland District Council and the developer of the land to the southeast of Plumstead Road to bring forward the strategic link from Postwick Hub to Plumstead Road.

## GP076 – Brundall Sports Hub

**Category:** Community

**CIL Funding:** £460,573

**Total Budget:** £2,259,090

**Project Status:** Ongoing

### **Project Description:**

This is phase one of the project which is known as Brundall Sports Hub. It will deliver a multi-sport floodlit 3G pitch with fencing, floodlighting, a maintenance storage container, hard standing pathways, car parking and a single storey club house/changing room building. The building incorporates plans for a community gym which will be capable of hosting various sports clubs, teams and coaching sessions within the community, whilst drawing people into the village.

### **Delivery Update:**

Construction of the pitch, car park and surrounds completed in February 2023, and Norwich City Community Sports Foundation have since become the official operator of the 3G pitch. Brundall Parish Council formally appointed a contractor to construct the community building in September 2023, with works due to commence at the end of October and complete in Summer 2024.

To support with rising costs on the project, the Greater Norwich Growth Board awarded an additional £360,573 to support the delivery, and the project continues to seek other additional funding to complete the building.

## GP077 – Bure Valley Path

**Category:** Green Infrastructure

**CIL Funding:** £59,124

**Total Budget:** £641,406

**Project Status:** Ongoing

### **Project Description:**

The Bure Valley Path is already a well-used walking and cycling route and a key component of the Greater Norwich Infrastructure Plan project 'the Green Loop'. Despite this, there remain a series of obstacles which prevent it from reaching its full potential as a Norfolk-wide destination and alternative destination to the Natura 2000 sites.

This project will deliver a broad range of improvements to the Bure Valley Path and the surrounding area. Including provision of a pedestrian and cyclist access crossing over the A140, creation of 5 circular walks, way marking, surface and biodiversity improvements.

### **Delivery Update:**

The introduction of 5 circular walking routes was completed in January 2023. Work is continuing to progress with the installation of waymarking posts, interpretation panels and benches alongside the completion of an asset register and delivery of route maps, all due to be complete by December 2023. The provision of a pedestrian and cycling crossing is now expected to come forward as part of the nearby Hopkins Homes development; as a result, this element of the project has been withdrawn from the annual growth programme.

## GP082 – Broadland Country Park, Horsford Crossing

**Category:** Transport

**CIL Funding:** £143,700

**Total Budget:** £173,700

**Project Status:** Ongoing

### **Project Description:**

The principal aim is to encourage green transport options for accessing Broadland Country Park. This project will provide:

- A road crossing Refuge Island on the B1149 Holt Road at Horsford, to cater for both pedestrians and cyclists entering Broadland Country Park.
- Installation of a new 'welcome' sign, directional signage and cycle racks at Broadland Country Park, Sandy Lane entrance.

### **Delivery Update:**

The project has successfully delivered the refuge island on the B1149 and installed the cycle racks at the Sandy Lane entrance. In June 2023 the Infrastructure Delivery Board agreed to additional funding of £43,033 to make up a funding shortfall arising from inflationary increases. The team are due to install the information boards in December 2023 which will conclude the project.

## GP086 – Yare Boat Club

**Category:** Community

**CIL Funding:** £80,000

**Total Budget:** £271,000

**Project Status:** Complete

### **Project Description:**

This project was part of a multi-stage programme designed to improve and expand the existing rowing facilities at Yare Boat Club. It will enable the volunteer-run club to proactively take their sport out to the local community and particularly to younger people (18-25): encouraging and enabling participation whilst specifically targeting those that would not stereotypically access the sport from within the local lower socio-economic communities.

Funding was allocated to stage one of the programme, which delivered a new, light weight boatshed. This new storage can accommodate all current club and member-owned boats that are currently kept on-site and will prevent further degradation to the fleet (caused by exposure to the elements). The new boatshed is large enough to allow for continued expansion of the club and will increase the lifespan of the fleet.

### **Delivery Update:**

The club successfully delivered the new boatshed in late 2022, with the majority of the construction work being carried out by club members. The new shed opened for use in February 2023 and has been in use nearly every day of the week in daylight hours, by a combination of individuals and crews. The boat shed was officially opened by Alan Campbell (2012 Olympic single scull bronze medalist) on 14 October. The club successfully completed their first outreach programme to integrate new 18–24-year-olds into the club in 2023 and aim to hold another programme in 2024.

## GP091 – Youngs Park Aylsham

**Category:** Community

**CIL Funding:** £250,000

**Total Budget:** £900,000

**Project Status:** Ongoing

### **Project Description:**

This project at Youngs Park in Aylsham will see the installation of a full-sized 3G artificial grass pitch. This will replace an existing full-sized natural turf pitch. Successful delivery of this project will contribute towards a variety of outcomes identified within Norfolk County Council's Together for Norfolk business plan, Sport England's Uniting the Movement strategy, the FA's National Football Facility Strategy, Aylsham Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan and the Greater Norwich Physical Activity and Sport Strategy (PASS) and associated updated Playing Pitch Strategy.

### **Delivery Update:**

The project was granted planning permission for the 3G Pitch in July 2023 by Broadland District Council. The project team are now progressing a funding application to the Football Foundation to secure the outstanding match funding, if successful work is expected to start in January 2024 and complete in the spring. To strengthen the case for the pitch, conversations are ongoing with a range of sport and community groups to broaden users at the facility, especially during off-peak hours.



## 5.2 Norwich

### GP031 - Riverside walk accessibility improvements

**Category:** Green Infrastructure

**CIL Funding:** £200,000

**Total Budget:** £200,000

**Project Status:** Ongoing

**Project Description:**

This project, which is an important part of the River Wensum Strategy Delivery Plan, aims to enable the use of the Riverside Walk (between New Mills and Carrow Bridge) by all, including access measures on and adjacent to the walk, and improved signage and waymarking linking the river with the city centre and other key attractions.

**Delivery Update:**

This project was on hold for the majority of 2023, but team capacity has been added to enable it to progress. It is now expected that the wayfinding element of the project will restart in Spring 2024 and complete in Summer 2024, while the accessibility works are due to recommence in Spring 2024 and complete by the end of 2024.

### GP036 - Castle Gardens

**Category:** Green Infrastructure

**CIL Funding:** £150,000

**Total Budget:** £220,000

**Project Status:** On Hold

**Project Description:**

This project provides 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.

**Delivery Update:**

Delivery of this project has been delayed due to access restrictions whilst works to the Castle Keep continue. It is anticipated that a handover of the main project in Spring 2024, will free up the compound to enable work to the gardens to commence. An updated consultation exercise will be undertaken prior to project commencement in 2024.

### GP038 - Football Pitch Improvements:

**Category:** Community

**CIL Funding:** £100,000

**Total Budget:** £115,000

**Project Status:** Complete

**Project Description:**

This project aimed to provide 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. It also included provision of additional equipment to allow a good standard of maintenance for the pitches, allowing pitches to be moved annually to prevent excessive wear, improve the playability of the pitches and increase capacity.

**Delivery Update:**

All phases of the project successfully completed in 2023, following the regrading and reseeding of all the identified sites, procurement of machinery to improve maintenance and increase capacity of pitches, alongside the installation of the new goals and sustainable irrigation.

**GP047 – Yare Valley Walk, Cringleford Meadow Improvements (formerly UEA to Eaton Boardwalk):**

**Category:** Green Infrastructure

**CIL Funding:** £47,000

**Total Budget:** £47,000

**Project Status:** Complete

**Project Description:**

The project has improved the last remaining section of the Yare Valley Walk between the UEA and Cringleford. The works have provided better access to the Yare Valley Walk for all users and acts as a starting point for many by:

- Providing a 1.2m wide hardcore path from the car park to the point Norwich City Council land adjoins Bartram Trust Land
- Providing interpretation at Cringleford Meadow car park
- Installing waymarking posts
- Grubbing out part of a historic ditch system for biodiversity enhancement (fish spawning)
- Enhancing the informal car park to provide a welcoming and key starting point for circular walks.

**Delivery Update:**

The project successfully completed in July 2023, providing a major enhancement to the Yare Valley Parkway of 1.2km of accessible riverside path alongside biodiversity and associated interpretation enhancements.

**GP050 - Yare and Wensum Valleys Link:**

**Category:** Green Infrastructure

**CIL Funding:** £170,000

**Total Budget:** £170,000

**Project Status:** Ongoing

**Project Description:**

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.

**Delivery Update:**

Works at Oval Road & Knowland Grove, Bunkers Hill Wood are complete. Following a public consultation that identified a lack of support for the traffic calming measures on Norwich Road, this element of the project was withdrawn. Work is continuing to develop with both the Gunton Road to Marriot's Way link and the Linear Green Space. Initial meetings have taken place with the contractor, and work on site is scheduled to commence in January 2024.

## GP064 - Hellesdon Station Green Infrastructure

**Category:** Green Infrastructure

**CIL Funding:** £232,200

**Total Budget:** £453,399

**Project Status:** Ongoing

### **Project Description:**

The project will deliver a range of inter-related green infrastructure improvements in the Hellesdon Station area. Overall, the project includes 25 sub-projects covering Hellesdon Station / Marriott's Way, Hellesdon Mill Meadow, Marlpit Paddock and Hellesdon Marsh. These improvements will boost the transport and ecological functions of strategic green infrastructure corridors to support growth. Works include:

- Improvements to the Hellesdon Road crossing and provision of ramped access and path on Marriott's Way
- Improvements to the Hellesdon Mill Meadow
- Improvements to Hellesdon Marsh including provision of a canoe platform.

### **Delivery Update:**

Construction of the Hellesdon Road crossing and Marriott's Way ramped access and path completed in March 2021. Construction of Hellesdon Mill Meadow and Hellesdon Marsh improvements have been re-programmed to Q4 2023/24. The Infrastructure Delivery Board recently approved a revised scope to extend the proposed path from the car park to the river/canoe portage, on to Marriott's way/Iron bridge and in addition to replace wooden steps leading from the riverside path up to the bridge, with an accessible ramp. The project is expected to complete in March 2024.

**GP066 - 20 Acre Wood Community Access Improvements:**

**Category:** Green Infrastructure

**CIL Funding:** £62,450

**Total Budget:** £62,450

**Project Status:** Complete

**Project Description:**

This project has improved an existing woodland path through 20 Acre Wood from Enfield Road to Earlham Green Lane. It involved:

- Installing a raised hard surface path to make it suitable for cyclists, pedestrians, mobility scooters and push chairs, whilst avoiding any damage to tree roots. Additionally, way-markers were installed at each end of the path, and a wooden chicane to slow pedestrian movement from the path to the tarmac path and road.
- Delivering 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.

**Delivery Update:**

The project completed in March 2023, following additional remedial works to the footpath to ensure that the surface remains compact for future use. Positive feedback has been received from the local community and the Friends of West Earlham Woods, following successful delivery.

### GP078 – Kett's Heights

**Category:** Green Infrastructure

**CIL Funding:** £312,000

**Total Budget:** £312,000

**Project Status:** Ongoing

**Project Description:**

Kett's Heights is described as one of Norwich's best kept secrets, containing the remains of a medieval chapel and 19th century garden terraces. It is named after Robert Kett who occupied the site during his advance on the City in 1549. The site was acquired by Norwich City Council in the 1980s and is managed by the Friends of Kett's Heights, who are supported by the Norwich Fringe Project.

The improvements to Kett's Heights provide for a more accessible and resilient space, and for enhancements to the green links through this area (linking with Mousehold Heath and Lion Wood). Current access to the site is from Kett's Hill via a pedestrian gate and a series of failing timber steps. As such there is no DDA compliant access or provision for maintenance vehicles.

The project aims to provide:

- Improved access to the site with new steps from Kett's Hill and provision of a new ramped access from Ladbrook Place.
- Repairs to the walls and infrastructure of the site, ensuring their preservation and the safety of users of the site.
- Creation of new habitat and improvements to existing habitat, leading to increased biodiversity.
- Community involvement – continued support to and from the Friends group, volunteer programme for delivery of biodiversity enhancements and conservation repairs to the site infrastructure.



## Project Delivery Update - Norwich City Council

### Delivery Update:

A contractor was successfully procured in September 2023 to complete the works. The tender return exceeded the available budget; however, some additional funding has been secured from the City Council allowing the contract to be awarded. It is anticipated that work will commence in October 2023 with completion proposed in February 2024.

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**GP085 – FDC Heartsease Open Academy:**

**Category:** Community

**CIL Funding:** £150,000

**Total Budget:** £480,000

**Project Status:** Complete

**Project Description:**

The FDC@OpenAcademy project provides a new 7v7 3G football pitch, replacing the current youth sized grass pitch. The new pitch connects to the existing full-sized 3G football pitch that is currently operated at the facility, increasing their 3G pitch capacity by an additional 50%. It enables more football activity covering both the traditional and recreational formats of the game. As well as being able to host football programmes such as Walking Football, Disability football and Health & Wellbeing football-focused interventions.

**Delivery Update:**

The project successfully secured match funding from the Football Foundation in January 2023 followed by confirmation of planning permission in April. Work commenced on site in July and consequently completed in September 2023. The pitch is now open for use.

## GP089 – Sloughbottom Park Regeneration

**Category:** Community

**CIL Funding:** £850,000

**Total Budget:** £7,662,025

**Project Status:** Withdrawn

### **Project Description:**

This project was to deliver a linked set of new community facilities including a new 3G football pitch, league standard changing rooms, multi-purpose Pavilion and Café, upgraded Play Park, refurbished and upgraded BMX track, storage facilities, upgrade to Dolphin Path and other park infrastructure – car park, paths resurfaced, lighting and signage.

The full project was a levelling up fund (LUF) application for the North Norwich constituency. The specific elements within the project to be funded through the IIF as match funding for the full LU bid were the 3G pitch, changing rooms and the upgrades to the Dolphin Path.

### **Delivery Update:**

Following the unsuccessful bid to secure levelling up funding, work has been ongoing to reassess this project. The Dolphin Path element will be progressed by Norfolk County Council. The City Council still have an aspiration to develop remaining elements and feasibility work is being undertaken to revise its scope. But given the majority of the project's funding is still to be secured, they have withdrawn this project from the Annual Growth Programme.

## GP096 – Guildhall Hill and Exchange Street

**Category:** Transport

**CIL Funding:** £2,771,548

**Total Budget:** £3,122,452

**Project Status:** Withdrawn

### **Project Description:**

This major project was to create a public space destination in the civic heart of Norwich between the Guildhall, Jarrold Department Store and the Market that would be connected to the north of the city centre via a rejuvenated Exchange Street. The improved public space would support and encourage more intensive use of nearby retail and commercial space and feature the following main changes:

- Reinforcing freedom of movement for pedestrians to walk along and across Exchange Street and supporting the recently agreed traffic restrictions by widening and paving the footway, elevating the asphalt carriageway close to footway level and introducing permanent street furniture so people can sit outside and enjoy their surroundings.
- Enabling cyclists to ride up to the Market Place on Exchange Street as well as continuing to ride down to St Andrews Street, with provision of cycle parking.
- A new taxi rank would be created in a well-lit and level location between City Hall and the Forum close to the corner of St Peter's Street and Bethel Street.
- Creating an attractive and generous seating and planted area below the Guildhall where the taxi rank currently lies. The arrangement of seating and planting would open, and frame pedestrian routes currently blocked by parked and manoeuvring taxis. Access to parking for disabled motorists and commercial loading for the Market and business premises on Guildhall Hill would remain.

The project was part of the Connecting the Norwich Lanes programme, led by Norfolk County Council.

### **Delivery Update:**

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Following an unsuccessful bid to secure funding from round two of the Levelling up Fund, £2,771,548 was agreed to be allocated to this project to help lever in the additional £3,022,452 that was still required to deliver the project to the original scope. An exercise to review the scope, programme and budget proceeded between the City Council and Norfolk County Council. However, it has since been decided that the temporary traffic restriction on Exchange Street should be lifted, allowing traffic to flow through the project area again. The project was subsequently reviewed by the Greater Norwich Infrastructure Delivery Board and because no further funding has been secured the project has been withdrawn from the Annual Growth Programme. Should an alternative funding stream be identified an application to the GNGB through the match funding process would be welcomed and expedited to secure and draw down money from the alternative funding stream.

### 5.3 South Norfolk

#### GP048 - Wherryman's Way: Yare Valley Cycle Route:

**Category:** Green Infrastructure

**CIL Funding:** £23,000

**Total Budget:** £23,000

**Project Status:** Complete

**Project Description:**

This project will improve the Yare Valley Cycle Route, which follows the Wherryman's Way Loddon cycle loop. This links into the Norwich cycle map and Norwich pedalways project.

**Delivery Update:**

The project successfully completed in July 2023, following the completion of onsite works and tying the route into the Norwich Cycle Map.

**GP065 - East Wymondham Green Infrastructure:**

**Category:** Green Infrastructure

**CIL Funding:** £60,222

**Total Budget:** £75,222

**Project Status:** Complete

**Project Description:**

Oxford Common is an area of natural countryside that has been identified as having the potential to support recreation and enhance GI provision within the South and East Wymondham areas. The project will install appropriate infrastructure around the site to create an accessible area for local residents to visit for recreation purposes. The project will establish approximately 1800 metres of new permissive paths, resulting in a newly defined circular route and the possible enclosure of 9 hectares of grassland to restore the site to County Wildlife Site (CWS) standard.

**Delivery Update:**

This project progressed during 2023 to install the culvert, boardwalk and both bridges, to establish 1800 metres of new permissive paths, resulting in a newly defined circular route. Profiling the access ramps has also been completed. The Infrastructure Delivery Board approved additional funding of £15,800 in January 2023 to cover inflationary cost increases. The project completed in August 2023 and Oxford Common is now open to the public.

**GP068 - Frenze Beck Green Infrastructure:**

**Category:** Green Infrastructure

**CIL Funding:** £35,200

**Total Budget:** £45,200

**Project Status:** Complete

**Project Description:**

The project delivers a number of green infrastructure updates and installations on Frenze Beck, on the eastern edge of Diss. The work includes installation of new entrance gates, design and installation of new information boards and trails, installing seating and picnic benches and installation of gravel footpaths to unlock access to two viewing areas.

**Delivery Update:**

In 2022, the new gate and picnic benches were installed at Frenze Beck. The new interpretation boards were installed on site in February 2023 followed by the delivery of a new section of the footpath in September, which consequently completed this project. The ongoing management of the site is managed by a committed team of local volunteers.



**GP070 - Wymondham Tennis Club:**

**Category:** Community

**CIL Funding:** £140,394

**Total Budget:** £140,394

**Project Status:** Complete

**Project Description:**

The project improves Wymondham Tennis Club's facilities at Kett's Park in Wymondham. It provides a new fourth court to increase capacity in an area of high housing and population growth. Additionally, it includes resurfacing of three existing courts, conversion of floodlights to LED Lumineers to provide lower running costs and delivers a greener operation; the enhancement will also see netball courts provided on the site, bringing outdoor, publicly accessible floodlit courts to Wymondham for the first time.

**Delivery Update:**

All work was successfully completed in November 2022, following the installation of the floodlights at Wymondham Tennis. Feedback from the community has been very positive. It is anticipated that this new facility will lead to increased membership at Wymondham Tennis Club and increased financial sustainability of leisure facilities at Kett's Park.

**GP071 - Crusaders Rugby Football Club Clubhouse Extension:**

**Category:** Community

**CIL Funding:** £150,000

**Total Budget:** £344,307

**Project Status:** Complete

**Project Description:**

The project delivers new infrastructure and enhanced facilities at Crusaders Rugby Club, based in Little Melton (South Norfolk). The enhanced facilities provided include: 3 en-suite changing rooms that meet Rugby Football Union (RFU) guidelines, a new officials' changing space, refurbished and extended social spaces, an accessible entrance, first floor viewing area and new accessible toilet facilities.

**Delivery Update:**

The phase 1 project successfully completed in September 2022 and delivered a clubhouse extension, with 3 new en-suite player changing rooms, new and accessible toilets, and new official's changing rooms. These works have been extremely beneficial for the club and has meant improved facilities for the ever-increasing membership and the community.

### GP090 – Easton Village Hall

**Category:** Green Infrastructure

**CIL Funding:** £505,000

**Total Budget:** £1,505,204

**Project Status:** Ongoing

#### **Project Description:**

The project will deliver a new, multi-use community centre with off road parking in Easton which is due to receive significant residential growth over the coming years. Upon completion, it will enhance recreational provision, promote social integration and create a thriving, sustainable community.

It is designed to be large 565m<sup>2</sup> hall that will facilitate sports, kitchen, changing, bar and meeting/ offices areas. It will also innovatively be able to deploy as an on and off-grid relief centre for emergency services and the community 24/7 as and when required. It will be fit for the future with extensive EV charging capacity for electric vehicles providing exemplar services for both Easton and the wider area.

#### **Delivery Update:**

The project broke ground early 2023 and the build continues to progress. The groundworks, brickwork and steel frame were completed over summer 2023 and the building is currently in the final stages of being clad and wrapped to reach the watertight milestone by November 2023. Other works completed include the drainage and services to the building as well as cabling for the EV charging network. The project has experienced some delays to the original timeline due to the current challenging market conditions; two insolvency events have impacted upon the principal contractor which has caused inevitable delays. At present work is underway to consider the overall impacts to budget and how to move forward with contracts for the internal phases of works as well as the other significant building stages. The project team on the ground are committed to delivering this fantastic building for the community of Easton and are working towards project completion in early 2024.

## GP092 – Queens Hills Community Park

**Category:** Green Infrastructure

**CIL Funding:** £133,553

**Total Budget:** £153,553

**Project Status:** Ongoing

### **Project Description:**

Queen's Hills Community Park is a 90-acre multifunctional green open space on the southern edge of Queen's Hills in Costessey, Norwich. It is also designated as a County Wildlife Site (CWS), demonstrating its value and importance to wildlife. The Community Park comprises: a Community Woodland, 4 play areas at Queen's Hills and East Hills Woods managed by South Norfolk Council. Costessey has one of the largest populations in South Norfolk, having seen significant amounts of development in recent years, and includes one of Greater Norwich's strategic employment locations at Longwater.

The aim of this project is twofold. The first: to provide formalised and improved access to and within the park for community and visitors, and second: to protect the existing woodland. This project will deliver, formal footpaths, way markers, 5 circular walks, an additional access point to the park, 6 cycle racks, stock fencing for a grazing area.

### **Delivery Update:**

The steps were installed at Queens Hill Community Park in June 2023. An invitation to quote was distributed in September 2023 for the outstanding works, including but not limited to the footpath improvements and the installation of fencing and bicycle stands. The project remains on track to complete in February 2024.

## GP093 – Cringleford Country Park

**Category:** Green Infrastructure

**CIL Funding:** £468,000

**Total Budget:** £798,000

**Project Status:** Ongoing

### **Project Description:**

Cringleford, as one of the five major growth locations in South Norfolk, has experienced a rapid expansion in its population. The Parish Council is purchasing land in the Yare Valley adjacent to the UEA woods, so that it can be protected from development and be made accessible. The primary purpose of this project is to secure and open up additional green space for the community.

The project will deliver:

- 17.24 ha of land including 5.87 ha of managed woodland (Cringleford Wood) and 8.56 ha pasture.
- A new accessible bridge crossing for the River Yare
- 400m of accessible boardwalk across the land to the bridge.
- 400m cattle and dog-proof fencing to maintain grazing and protect users of the pasture.
- A new path linking Cringleford with UEA's boardwalk, the Yare Valley walk, and the wider Kett's Country Long Distance Trail and Circular paths.
- 3 disabled parking spaces for accessing the new path.

### **Delivery Update:**

Cringleford Parish Council have been working to complete the land purchase to secure the site, this is currently forecasted to complete in Autumn 2023. Additional work has continued to develop alongside this, to ensure the delivery of the site when it has been purchased. It is expected that the project will complete in Spring 2026.

### GP094 – Venta Icenorum

**Category:** Green Infrastructure

**CIL Funding:** £153,128

**Total Budget:** £155,627

**Project Status:** Ongoing

#### **Project Description:**

This project will upgrade and expand the car park by 2,000m<sup>2</sup> (doubling the existing capacity) so it is fit for purpose and can accommodate the increased number of visitors. The car park will be free to visitors for the foreseeable future however, a small fee may become payable in the longer term to assist with sustainability of the site going forward. The extension will help mitigate the problem with visitors parking on the rural road and reduce the risks to road users. Entry will be via a new height security barrier to prevent entry overnight. There will be allocated bays for disabled visitors (blue badge holders), and provision for 2 new Electric Vehicle charging points with associated utilities.

New cycle parking bays (to secure at least 12 bikes) will be included to encourage cycling to the site, simultaneously relieving pressure on the car park. Finally, a new oak gazebo will be erected at the entrance to Venta Icenorum marking it as a formal entrance point, to act as a meeting point for visitors, hold information boards and provide some shelter too.

#### **Delivery Update:**

The project has been tendered and a contractor appointed. In mid-September, the contractor submitted a planning application to South Norfolk Council. It is expected a decision will be made at the end of October. Works are expected to commence in the winter and complete in the spring 2024.

## GP097 – Hethel Technology Park

**Category:** Transport

**CIL Funding:** £5,000,000

**Total Budget:** £10,560,000

**Project Status:** Ongoing

### **Project Description:**

This project will deliver:

- A 3-arm Roundabout on the C186 (Wymondham Road) to the west of the current Hethel Engineering Centre access. The roundabout will provide a new access via a realignment of the southern end of Potash Lane through the Strategic Employment Allocation HETHEL2.
- A new road (as indicated above) through HETHEL2 providing access 'limbs' into the employment allocation to serve the employment facilities (new and existing) at Hethel.
- Footway and cycleway infrastructure alongside the sections of new road.
- Closure of the existing junction of the C186 Wymondham Road and Potash Lane to vehicular traffic at Hethel.

### **Delivery Update:**

A revised, high level scheme programme has been produced by the Project Engineer, to help support funding applications and inform the detailed design of the scheme. A planning application has been submitted for the works and an outcome is expected in November 2023. Work is ongoing to secure the additional funding required to enable this scheme to progress. It is forecast that if all other aspects of the project are secured, delivery of the scheme will commence in Spring 2025.

### 5.4 Norfolk County Council

#### GP026 - Long Stratton Bypass

**Category:** Transport

**CIL Funding:** £14,500,000 CIL Supported Borrowing

**Total Budget:** £46,900,000

**Project Status:** Ongoing

**Project Description:**

The Long Stratton Bypass is identified as a Regional Priority and is progressing as a Developer-led single carriageway bypass to the east of Long Stratton. It delivers an approximately 4km long single carriageway highway improvement on the eastern side of Long Stratton. The scheme includes both non-motorised and vehicular overbridges to ensure connectivity between Long Stratton and outlying settlements to the east of the proposal. Intermediate roundabouts will serve as both access points back into Long Stratton as well as entry points to the proposed new development areas.

Existing Public Rights of Way (PRoW's) affected by the proposal have been subjected to a Side Roads Order consultation, this will ensure that the proposed amendments to the PRoW's will allow safe and convenient access across the bypass.

**Delivery Update:**

Formal Planning Consent was issued in September 2023, following agreement of the S106 and planning conditions. As a result, Norfolk County Council have instructed the Secretary of State for Transport to commence consideration and determination of the Side Roads Order. Norfolk County Council will submit the Full Business Case to DfT in December 2023, following a decision on the Order, to secure their allocation of funding.



## Project Delivery Update - Norfolk County Council

In September 2023, the Greater Norwich Growth Board agreed a £4.5m loan to South Norfolk Council to forward fund the developer's contribution to the bypass. Work is continuing to progress to secure outstanding funding. It is expected that construction will commence in spring 2024 and be completed in autumn 2025, however this date is dependent upon key precursors having been completed in advance.

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### GP046B - Marriott's Way Ramp & Resurfacing:

**Category:** Transport

**CIL Funding:** £526,000

**Total Budget:** £526,000

**Project Status:** Complete

**Project Description:**

The Marriott's Way Thorpe Marriott to Costessey surfacing works (GP46) and Marriott's Way Ramp (GP53) projects came forward as part of a programme of works identified through the Marriott's Way Implementation and Delivery plan, informed by public and stakeholder consultations in 2015. Having progressed both schemes, it became apparent that the works required, and the initial estimated costs needed review.

In January 2021, the Infrastructure Delivery Board concluded that due to the scale of additional funds required, these projects should be re-presented as one merged new IIF application. The combined project was recommended for inclusion in the IIF by the IDB on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The original total budget for both projects of £185,000 was increased to a combined total of £526,000.

The project improves access and accessibility on Marriott's Way and links into a number of other projects along the route which are funded from the Heritage Lottery Fund and Transforming Cities as well as the IIF. It helps facilitate the use of Marriott's Way as a key walking / cycling route and as a sustainable transport corridor for people commuting into and out of Norwich. The project involves improvements 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 which will reduce the gradient, allowing much improved accessibility for all.

**Delivery Update:**

The project successfully completed in September 2023, delivering:

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Improved access on Marriott's Way - Drayton by construction of a new access for all ramp and an improved surface suitable for a number of different users including walkers or all abilities, commuting and recreational cyclists, and horse riders. Well drained surface provides all year-round access. Improved biodiversity with apple trees and wildflower seeds planted.

Improved access on Marriott's Way – Costessey by constructing a new level, well drained surface suitable for a number of different users including walkers, commuting and recreational cyclists, and for horse riders. Path widened to 3 metres to decrease potential conflict between users and increased carrying capacity along route. Choice of materials allows water to drain through as well as off the path so sections that were inaccessible wet periods are now free draining creating all year-round access to the trail.

### GP051 - Green Infrastructure, Access for All:

**Category:** Green Infrastructure

**CIL Funding:** £150,000

**Total Budget:** £150,000

**Project Status:** Ongoing

**Project Description:**

A number of Green Infrastructure trails across the Greater Norwich area have been audited for both power chair use and general accessibility, identifying 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 allocated is £30,000 a year for five years with different project areas being delivered each year.

**Delivery Update:**

This project has delivered various enhancements with collaboration between the Norfolk Trails team and the Green Infrastructure team. The final stage, which is expected to complete by March 2024, will deliver a series of accessibility projects that supply greatest benefit and value for money. This will include improvements to:

- Marriott's Way A-Frame Bridge to Costessey Lane - resurface ramp area and improve drainage; cutback vegetation to improve visibility for cyclists and wheelchair users; Improve stepped access for walkers to provide increased space for different user groups.
- Boudicca Way (Saxlingham Nethergate BR6) - Improve access along the Boudicca Way for walkers and horse riders and alleviate the current flooding issue by improving the drainage along the PROW.

**GP061a – Education – Brundall**

**Category:** Education

**CIL Funding:** £800,000

**Total Budget:** £850,000

**Project Status:** Complete

**Project Description:**

Provision of 2 new classroom block, demolition of caretaker bungalow and improvement to parking provision.

**Delivery Update:**

This project has been successfully completed.

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## GP061b – Education – Blofield Primary

**Category:** Education

**CIL Funding:** £1,200,000

**Total Budget:** £11,000,000

**Project Status:** Ongoing

**Project Description:**

Relocation and expansion of the existing Blofield primary school to 420 places on a new site.

**Delivery Update:**

Planning permission was granted via committee on the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023. The project is now expected to start on site in Autumn 2023 with Pentaco Construction appointed as main contractor, via the NCC Construction Framework. Land transfer from Broadland District Council is complete and construction scheduled to begin at the end of November. Once a final building programme has been agreed, a date for the existing Blofield Primary to relocate to the new site can be confirmed.

**GP062 – Education – Cringleford Primary:**

**Category:** Education

**CIL Funding:** £2,000,000

**Total Budget:** £11,000,000

**Project Status:** Ongoing

**Project Description:**

Provision of a new 420 place primary school in Cringleford on S106 land from developers. An off-site nursery provision will be made, separate from the school scheme.

**Delivery Update:**

The project is now progressing well with RG Carter appointed as the main contractor. They are on site and approximately halfway through the build programme with an anticipated handover in the Spring 2024. This completely new school is on target to be open to families in September 2024, as Cringleford Prep under the sponsorship of Inspiration Trust Multi Academy Trust.

**GP075 – Education – Ormiston Victory Academy:**

**Category:** Education

**CIL Funding:** £4,000,000

**Total Budget:** £9,000,000

**Project Status:** Complete

**Project Description:**

Provision of a new three-storey classroom block and internal remodeling to increase the number of school places from 1050 (7 Form Entry) to 1500 (10 Form Entry) for 11-16year old pupils.

**Delivery Update:**

The new three-storey classroom block was successfully delivered in 2022. The extension has reduced issues with admission pressures in the area, and the school is now able to accommodate additional pupils from nearby housing developments.



### GP080 – Yellow Pedalway extension

**Category:** Transport

**CIL Funding:** £1,600,000

**Total Budget:** £1,903,482

**Project Status:** Ongoing

#### **Project Description:**

The project will deliver active travel infrastructure improvements in the Hellesdon area to the north of Norwich. These improvements will enhance the provision of different transport options along the strategic A140 corridor to support growth. A summary of the key project deliverables is outlined below:

- Extend an existing shared use cycling and walking path from the Broadland Enterprise Park and the Broadland Northway (A1270) roundabout to the junction with Amsterdam Way along Holt Road. Two new bus stops within laybys will also be provided adjacent to The Nest / Manor Park sports facilities.
- A new toucan crossing (for pedestrians and cycles) to connect The Nest / Manor Park sports facilities to the new bus stops.
- A short new length of shared use pathway (140 metres) will also be provided along the western side from the Broadland Northway (A1270) roundabout to the new junction at The Nest.
- A 40mph limit will be introduced in place of the short stretch of existing 'national speed limit' along Holt Road, to extend the existing 40mph limit at the airport end. This creates a safer environment for walking and cycling.

#### **Delivery Update:**

Preliminary design has commenced, and conversations have begun with the contractor to understand the scheme and its programme. Early engagement with local stakeholders has begun and work is underway to launch a public consultation in the Autumn. It is expected that the detailed design will be complete in the spring and construction will commence in autumn 2024.

## GP081 - Wensum Walkway

**Category:** Transport

**CIL Funding:** £1,264,951

**Total Budget:** £1,974,096

**Project Status:** Withdrawn

### **Project Description:**

This project was to deliver a new elevated walkway on the Wensum Riverside Walk, closing the last gap in this popular, traffic-free route from New Mills to Carrow Bridge. The walkway would connect St Georges Street to Duke Street along the southern bank of the River Wensum, for use by walkers and cyclists and those with physical, sensory and/or cognitive impairments.

### **Delivery Update:**

Further feasibility work has concluded that due to the complexity of the build and inflationary cost pressures the current design is not feasible with the funding that has been currently secured. The aspiration remains to provide this link for pedestrians, but extensive feasibility and survey work is required to establish ground conditions in the area and the best way of linking to St Georges Bridge. That work is beyond the scope of the existing funding and the project team have concluded that currently there is no deliverable option, so this project has been withdrawn.

## GP083 - Wherryman's Way access improvements

**Category:** Green Infrastructure

**CIL Funding:** £216,500

**Total Budget:** £445,148

**Project Status:** Ongoing

### **Project Description:**

The Wherryman's Way is a 37.5-mile walking trail from Norwich Train Station to Great Yarmouth Train Station via the Reedham Ferry following the River Yare through the protected landscape of the Norfolk Broads. The project will create access improvements on the route through sections at Surlingham, Bramerton and Hardley Flood allowing improved all-ability access. Improvements will include bank stabilisation at Surlingham, Bramerton and Hardley Flood, the installation of bridges at Hardley Flood, the upgrading of footpaths, the restoration of the bird hide on Hardley Flood and improvements to the moorings at Rockland Staithe.

### **Delivery Update:**

Progress is continuing at Hardley Flood and Bramerton for access improvements, with the footpath improvements at Rockland Staithe already complete.

Ecological assessments have been completed over 2022 and 2023 at Hardley Flood and the feasibility study for the bridge replacement is also complete. Following the dredging and flood bank restoring, reprofiling works are planned for spring 2024. Planning permission will be submitted in Winter of 2023 with delivery programmed in Spring 2024.

Technical design is currently being prepared for Bramerton FP5 Riverbank restoration, in advance of planning permission which will be submitted by winter 2023, with delivery programmed in Spring 2024.

**GP087 – Education – Hethersett Academy:**

**Category:** Education

**CIL Funding:** £2,000,000

**Total Budget:** £7,000,000

**Project Status:** Ongoing

**Project Description:**

This expansion of the existing school is a second phase of development in response to 1400 new homes in the village (1200 originally with an additional 200 recently confirmed).

**Delivery Update:**

Following its recent planning determination, the expansion of Hethersett High Academy to 9 forms of entry (total 2,700 pupils) started on site in October 2023, with an expected completion date of Autumn 2024. Contract award has been issued to Pentaco Construction. The scheme will deliver a new block with ten new classroom spaces, a new kitchen and dining spaces.

**GP088 – Education – Wymondham High Academy:**

**Category:** Education

**CIL Funding:** £5,000,000 [23-24 & 24-25 allocations]

**Total Budget:** £13,000,000

**Project Status:** Ongoing

**Project Description:**

Expansion of Wymondham High Academy to 10FE (3000) 11-16 age pupils. This the 4<sup>th</sup> phase of the overall expansion to meet additional pupil demand from housing development in the town. This project is expected to begin over a summer break to allow the enabling works to take place with minimum interruption to the operation of the school.

The scope of the project includes a new gymnasium, Design and Technology block, including Food Technology and music curriculum space. In addition, works will be needed to address drainage issues on site.

**Delivery Update:**

This project has been allocated funding from the previous and current IIF funding cycles. It is currently at design stage and the plans are moving ahead. There has been redesign needed to ensure the scheme is affordable, but as it gets to the later stages of the strategic expansion this has become more challenging since building works are taking place alongside the operational school. However, there are positive meetings with the Multi-Academy Trust and School to plan this next phase.

## GP095 – Hethersett to NRP Cycle Route

**Category:** Transport

**CIL Funding:** £501,015

**Total Budget:** £728,015

**Project Status:** Ongoing

### **Project Description:**

This project will enable an off-carriageway, shared use cycling and walking path to be provided along the western side of Colney Lane from the junction of Braymeadow Lane to the bridge over the A47. This will enable the Pink Pedalway to be extended to Hethersett to link with the Blue Pedalway (the Pink Pedalway currently terminates at the Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital). These improvements will enhance walking and cycling provision, supporting strategic growth of Wymondham, Hethersett and the NRP.

### **Delivery Update:**

Progress has been made with the start of on-site preparatory works required for construction to be undertaken (removal of vegetation in Early September 2023). The land dedication is progressing and final signatures for transfer of ownership to NCC is expected soon. The Legal Order process for a reduced speed limit and parking restrictions is underway and running smoothly. The team are currently working on accelerating the programme should the opportunity arise to deliver works sooner than the current delivery date of April 2024.

## **New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership withdrawal from the Greater Norwich Growth Board**

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### **Summary**

In August 2023, the Government announced that they will no longer sponsor or fund Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs). Instead, they expect these functions to be delivered by upper tier local authorities. As a result, in April 2024, New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership will be integrated into Norfolk and Suffolk County Councils, and arrangements need to be agreed for the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership to withdraw from the Greater Norwich Growth Board (GNGB).

A unanimous agreement is required from the remaining four GNGB members to make the required administrative changes to enact the removal of the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership from the Board membership.

### **Recommendations**

***i) The Greater Norwich Growth Board agree for the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership to be removed from their signed Joint Working Agreement and Constitution from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024***

***ii) The Greater Norwich Growth Board agree for the required changes to be made to all Greater Norwich process documents and the GNGB website to reflect the withdrawal of the New Anglia LEP from the Board membership.***

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## **Report**

### **1 Introduction**

- 1.1 In December 2013, Broadland District Council, Norwich City Council, Norfolk County Council, South Norfolk Council and New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership came together to sign a City Deal with Central Government. The Greater Norwich City Deal aimed to commercialise world class research, ideas, and innovation, provide early funding support and finance for small and medium sized enterprises, co-ordinate bespoke innovation and enterprise support and help deliver critical infrastructure.
- 1.2 The Greater Norwich Growth Board (GNGB) was established in 2014, following the signing of the City Deal. The Board is made up with a representative from each of the five partners, who work together to plan, coordinate and drive the local growth agenda.
- 1.3 The GNGB have since worked collaboratively to allocate over £38m from the Infrastructure Investment Fund (IIF) to projects, and have agreed to draw down another £54.5m of Community Infrastructure Levy supported borrowing to support the delivery of major strategic infrastructure projects within Greater Norwich.

### **2 Local Enterprise Partnerships Position**

- 2.1 At the Spring Budget 2023, the Chancellor announced that the Government was 'minded to' withdraw central Government support for Local Enterprise Partnerships from April 2024 and

transfer their functions to local authorities. In March 2023, an information gathering exercise was undertaken with all LEP's, to understand the practical implications of this proposal.

- 2.2 On 04 August 2023, the Minister for Levelling Up and the Minister for Enterprise, Markets and Small Business sent a joint letter to the LEP Chairs, Combined Authority Mayors, Local Authority Leaders and the Mayor of London to confirm that from April 2024, the Government's sponsorship and funding of LEPs will cease.
- 2.3 Government expects these functions to be exercised by upper tier local authorities. Government's view is that there is likely to be scope for greater join-up, efficiencies, and clarity for the private sector by LEP functions being discharged within mayoral combined authorities, devolution deal areas, and upper tier local authorities.
- 2.4 From April 2024, the Government will now support local authorities to take on the core functions currently delivered by LEPs. Government is providing some revenue funding to local authorities in 2024/25, in Norfolk this funding will be paid to Norfolk County Council, to support them to deliver the functions currently delivered by LEPs.

### **3 New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership Withdrawal from the Greater Norwich Growth Board**

- 3.1 As a result of the cease in sponsorship and funding from Government, elements of New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) will be integrated into Norfolk County Council in April 2024.
- 3.2 As the New Anglia LEP covers both Norfolk and Suffolk, the County Councils are working together to create a plan to submit to Government outlining the approach that partners will take towards integration ensuring alignment with the Government's ambitions.
- 3.3 As part of the broader transition, New Anglia LEP has proposed that they withdraw from the Greater Norwich Growth Board as of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024.

### **4 Amendments to be made to Greater Norwich Growth Board Governance Documents**

- 4.1 The GNGB works under a voluntary partnership arrangement. The GNGB is not a legally constituted body, instead it operates in accordance with a Joint Working Agreement and Constitution which was signed by all five partners on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2014. Following the withdrawal of the New Anglia LEP from the GNGB, they will need to be removed from this key document, in addition to changes being made to all Greater Norwich process documents and the GNGB website. A unanimous agreement is required from the remaining four partners to make these changes.
- 4.2 The GNGB has some legal agreements that relate to the repayment of Public Work Loans Board borrowing which were agreed through the City Deal agreement. These legal agreements are signed by the four partner Council Authorities, the New Anglia LEP is not a signatory, therefore no changes are required to be made to these legal documents.

### **5 Recommendations**

- 5.1 A unanimous agreement is required from the remaining four GNGB members to make the required administrative changes to enact the removal of the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership from the GNGB membership.



- i) The Greater Norwich Growth Board agree for the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership to be removed from their signed Joint Working Agreement and Constitution from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024.
- ii) The Greater Norwich Growth Board agree for the required changes to be made to all Greater Norwich process documents and the GNGB website to reflect the withdrawal of the New Anglia LEP from the Board membership.

## 6 Issues and Risks

### 6.1 Other Resource Implications

6.2 The administrative changes will be actioned by the Greater Norwich Project Team. No additional resource is required to complete the recommendations.

### 6.3 Legal Implications

6.4 No changes to legal agreements are being recommended.

### 6.5 Risks

6.6 None identified.

### 6.7 Equality

6.8 Not applicable.

### 6.9 Environmental implications

6.10 Not applicable.

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