

Minutes of a meeting of the **Greater Norwich Development Partnership Policy Group**, held at Norfolk County Council, Council Chamber, **Thursday, 23 September 2010 at 3.00 p.m.**

**Members Present:**

Councillor Roger Foulger  
Councillor Andrew Proctor  
Councillor Simon Woodbridge  
Councillor Steve Morphew  
Councillor Alan Waters  
Councillor Derek Blake  
Councillor John Fuller  
Councillor Colin Gould  
Councillor Martin Wynne  
Councillor Daniel Cox (Chairman)  
Councillor Adrian Gunson  
Councillor Brian Iles  
Councillor Ann Steward

**Representing:-**

Broadland District Council  
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Norwich City Council  
Norwich City Council  
South Norfolk Council  
South Norfolk Council  
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Norfolk County Council  
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**Officers Present:**

Sandra Eastaugh	GNDP Partnership Manager
Ruth Charles	GNDP
Amy Baxter	GNDP
Roger Burroughs	Broadland District Council
Phil Kirby	Broadland District Council
Mike Burrell	Norwich City Council
Gwyn Jones	Norwich City Council
Graham Nelson	Norwich City Council
Andrew Gregory	South Norfolk Council
David Willis	South Norfolk Council
Tim Horspole	South Norfolk Council
Sandra Dinneen	South Norfolk Council
Andrea Long	Broads Authority
Mike Jackson	Norfolk County Council
Richard Doleman	Norfolk County Council
Mark Fuller	Linstock Communications
Jon Bennett	Linstock Communications
Chris Starkie	Shaping Norfolk's Future

**1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no interests declared.

**2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Brenda Arthur (Norwich City Council), Councillor Stuart Clancy, (Broadland District Council), Mr Michael Hargreaves, Mr Alan Mallett (The Broads Authority), David Wilson (EEDA).

**3 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 24 June 2010.

**4 JOINT CORE STRATEGY (JCS) NEXT STEPS**

Phil Kirby (Broadland DC) presented the paper, explaining the developments and consultation undertaken since the June meeting of the Policy Group. He invited members to consider the proposed focussed changes relating to affordable housing and gypsies and travellers and the schedule of minor changes, set out in the agenda papers. He added that the purpose of the paper was for members to reflect on the submissions to be put to the public examination inspector in November. Lastly, he drew members' attention to a Supplementary Note (Appendix 1) which had been circulated to all members in advance of the meeting and which sought to clarify in explicit terms the changes to the JCS being recommended for constituent local planning authority approval.

The following comments were raised on the reports referred to above:

- The members considered the papers and the supporting documents as presented.
- Members emphasised the need for an early and timely review of the JCS, given all the factors ongoing currently, in addition to considerable financial constraints, which could have a bearing on the Strategy.
- There was general consensus that the GNDP should continue moving towards adoption of the Strategy, notwithstanding any announcements yet to be heard on the government's Comprehensive Spending Review.

**RESOLVED that:**

1. The appendices, background papers and results of the Focussed Change consultation be noted
2. The constituent local planning authorities be recommended to agree:
  - a) to submit the proposed focused changes relating to affordable housing and gypsies and travellers (FC1-FC7) and the schedule of further minor changes
  - b) the appendices, supporting evidence and background papers should form the basis for progression to the public examination of the joint core strategy.

(See attached Supplementary Note for detailed explanation of recommendations - at Appendix 1 to these minutes)

3. Authority be delegated to GNDP Directors, in discussion with portfolio

holders, to agree the final form of statements relating to the matters raised by the inspectors or any other papers required for the examination and recommend constituent authorities to do likewise.

An additional recommendation was proposed and **agreed**:

4. The GNDP acknowledges that since the Strategy was prepared the political and financial context has changed such that delivery may be more challenging. Consequently, a timely review will be undertaken to revisit assumptions in the light of emerging changes to the planning system, the localism agenda and the availability of investment. It is expected that early evidence from this review will be available to inform any decision to proceed on adoption of the submitted JCS. The GNDP team will put together a programme of work setting out the activities that could start following the examination, to be reported to the next meeting of the GNDP Policy Group.

An additional separate item was raised concerning the GNDP Design Review Panel.

- Some members asked for an opportunity to review and discuss the role and function of the GNDP Design Review Panel at the next meeting. Two meetings of the Panel have been held and members expressed some concerns.

**RESOLVED that:** An overview of the role and function of the GNDP Design Review Panel, including terms of reference, be presented to the next Policy Group meeting.

## **5 Progress Update – Deal Ground, Utilities Sites, Connect 2 Projects**

Gwyn Jones (Norwich CC) updated members on progress with this work.

**RESOLVED:** To note the update report.

## **6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Members noted the next meeting would be held at County Hall on 16 December 2010 at 2pm.

The meeting closed at 3.52 pm.

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CHAIRMAN

## Joint Core Strategy : Next Steps

### Report by the GNDP Directors

#### Supplementary Note in relation to item 4

##### Clarification and Amendment to Policy Group Papers

For clarity this note seeks to make explicit the changes to the Joint Core Strategy that are being recommended for members at the GNDP Policy Group meeting to recommend for constituent local planning authorities to subsequently agree.

The changes being recommended to the Joint Core Strategy are:

*(Please note: the page numbers used below refer to the page numbers used in the GNDP Policy Group paper)*

- 1) To endorse FC1 + 2 (see appendix 1a, pages 67– 68) relating to aspects of JCS policy 4 and supporting text (on affordable housing) as set out in the statement of Focussed Changes (July 2010) and to make no further change following consideration of representations received.
- 2) To endorse FC3 relating to paragraph 5.28 (see appendix 1a, page 69) of supporting text (on affordable housing) as set out in the statement of Focussed Changes (July 2010) but to make two amendments to proposed wording (set out in appendix 3 on pages 117 -118) following consideration of representations received.
- 3) To endorse FC4 - 7 (see appendix 1a, pages 70 – 72) relating to aspects of JCS policy 4 and supporting text (on Gypsies and Travellers) as set out in the statement of Focussed Changes (July 2010) and to make no further change following consideration of representations received.
- 4) Not to endorse FC8 – 10 (see appendix 1a, pages 73 - 89) relating to JCS policy 10 and appendix 5 (relating to the Old Catton, Sprowston, Rackheath, Thorpe St Andrew growth triangle) and to withdraw two previously proposed minor changes (which were formally incorporated with the JCS submitted in March 2010) (see appendix 3 page 117) and endorse reverting to wording contained in the JCS proposed submission document November 2009).  
**Amendment** – please note amendment to the wording on (see appendix 3 page 117) for both changes should, for clarity, state “**Text to remain as in proposed submission draft JCS of November 2009**” rather than “Text to remain as in submitted JCS”.

- 5) To endorse the various changes to the JCS to address references to the Regional Spatial Strategy (as set out in appendix 3 pages 107-116).
- 6) To endorse the various changes to the JCS to address the Eco-Town (as set out in appendix 3 pages 107-116).
- 7) To endorse the various minor changes to the JCS as set in appendix 2 in response to issues raised by the Inspector in his note of 6<sup>th</sup> August. For the avoidance of doubt these are listed below:
  - Proposed explanatory note as set out on page 103 of appendix 2 be added following policy 16 to explain changes to proposals maps in South Norfolk and Broadland.
  - Proposed explanatory note as set out on page 103 of appendix 2 be added following policy 15 to explain changes to proposals maps in South Norfolk.
  - Proposed explanatory note as set out on page 105 of appendix 2 be added following the first bullet point in policy 6 to clarify that the route of the Northern Distributor Road is shown on the Broadland proposals map.
  - Proposed two footnotes as set out on page 105 of appendix 2 be added to policy 10 to refer to forthcoming development plan documents in South Norfolk.
  - Proposed footnote as set out on page 105 of appendix 2 be added to Policy 9 to reflect forthcoming masterplans and development plan documents at UEA/NRP.

Please note that following its formal submission to the Secretary of State the local councils have lost the power to formally amend the JCS. The purpose of endorsing these amendments is basically to indicate to the Inspector that the local authorities favour these changes being made.

**Note for Norwich City Council only**

Additionally members of Norwich City Council are also being asked to agree a further minor amendment to the existing Norwich Local Plan City Centre Inset Map by adding the wording “LD – Large District Centre Retail Area (Local Plan Policies SHO3, SHO7 and SHO11)” to the key.

**Amendment** – page 104 of appendix 2 requires amendment as below:

The sentence starting “justification for these amendments ... “ should be deleted and the subsequent sentence should be amended to read “It is accepted that it is necessary to amend the key to the proposal map to explain these changes. The wording “LD – Large District Centre Retail Area (Local Plan Policies SHO3, SHO7 and SHO11)” should be added to the adopted Norwich City Centre Inset Map Key. No change is needed to notation relating to secondary shopping centres as this is already on the key.”

20 September 2010