

# Greater Norwich Growth Board

Minutes

Time: 14:00 to 15:25

Date: 25 June 2018

**Venue:** Norwich City Council, Mancroft Room, City Hall, St Peters Street, Norwich, NR2 1NH

## Present:

### Board members

#### Norwich City Council

Councillor Alan Waters (chair)

#### Broadland District Council

Councillor Shaun Vincent

#### South Norfolk Council

Councillor John Fuller

#### Norfolk County Council

Councillor Andrew Proctor

#### New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership

### Officers

David Moorcroft  
Graham Nelson

Phil Courtier

Debbie Lorimer

Wendy Thomson  
Vince Muspratt

Chris Starkie

## In attendance:

Joe Ballard, Greater Norwich Project Team  
Grace Burke, Greater Norwich Project Team  
Mike Burrell, Greater Norwich Local Plan Team

## Apologies:

Laura McGillivray, Norwich City Council  
Douglas Field, New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership  
Sandra Dinneen, South Norfolk Council



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## **1. Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **2. Minutes**

**RESOLVED** to approve the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2018.

## **3. City Deal Update – Employment and Skills**

Chris Starkie (chief executive officer, New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership) reported on the main elements of the skills work being undertaken. This included work inspiration which looked at how to enthuse young people about work. He said that regarding employer engagement, 66 companies were currently signed up to the youth pledge. Apprenticeships were a major focus, nationally and regionally there had been a drop in take up but this was now starting to increase. Sector skills plans helped colleges to develop curriculums that were relevant for employers.

In response to a question, Chris Starkie said that the priorities were to link schools to employers and to ensure the delivery of relevant subjects which provided young people opportunities to enter work. The sector skills plans aimed to make college course provision more relevant to business needs. The delivery of digital skills training was also a priority as well as sustainable opportunities being available to all.

**RESOLVED** to note the update.

## **4. Community Infrastructure Levy Review**

Mike Burrell, Greater Norwich planning policy team manager, presented the report.

Members were concerned that resources were not sufficient to conduct a review and Mike Burrell advised that the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) would be used to fund external support to conduct the review.

**RESOLVED** to recommend that the constituent authorities:

- (1) seek legal advice on the potential and process for an interim review of the current operation of CIL once revised CIL Regulations are published; and,
- (2) consider how a full review of CIL to a parallel timetable to the Greater Norwich Local Plan could be undertaken.

## **5. Greater Norwich Infrastructure Plan**

Phil Courtier (head of planning, Broadland District Council) presented the report which introduced the Greater Norwich Infrastructure Plan 2018.

He advised that it was a living document which was updated annually.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

## **6. Local Infrastructure update**

Debbie Lorimer (director of growth and business development, South Norfolk District Council) presented the report.

In response to a question Vince Muspratt (interim head of economic development, Norfolk County Council) said the project team would audit the three loans which had been made to ensure the paperwork had been accurately completed.

**RESOLVED** to:

- (1) note that the Local Infrastructure Fund loan for Thurlton had been agreed;
- (2) note that the Greater Norwich Project Team (GNPT) will commence with negotiating the loan agreement; and
- (3) ask the GNPT to conduct an audit on loans granted.

## **7. Date of Next Meeting**

**RESOLVED** to confirm that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 31 July 2018 at 14:00 in the Mancroft room, City Hall, Norwich.

## **8. Exclusion of the public**

**RESOLVED** to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of items \*9 (below) on the grounds contained in the relevant paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

### **\*9. Review of Infrastructure Investment Fund (Growth Programme) (paragraph 3)**

Joe Ballard, (project manager, Greater Norwich Growth Team) presented the report.

Discussion ensued about recommendation (ii) (listed in appendix A to the report) regarding individual project recommendations.

Regarding recommendation (vi) Joe Ballard clarified this was in the short term.

**RESOLVED** to agree the recommendations as detailed in the report removing GP19 from recommendation (ii).

CHAIR