

Greater Norwich Growth Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 13 June

Time: 14:00

Venue: Broadland District Council, Thorpe Lodge, 1 Yarmouth Road,
Norwich, NR7 ODU

Present

Name	Organisation	Role
Cllr Alan Waters	Norwich City Council	Board Member
Graham Nelson	Norwich City Council	Officer
Cllr John Fuller (Chair)	South Norfolk Council	Board Member
Phil Courtier	South Norfolk Council & Broadland District Council	Officer
Cllr Shaun Vincent	Broadland District Council	Board Member
Cllr Andrew Proctor (Vice Chair)	Norfolk County Council	Board Member
CJ Green	New Anglia LEP	Board Member

In Attendance

Name	Organisation	Job Title
Jackie Thornton	Community Sports Foundation	Head of Development
Richard Doleman	Norfolk County Council	Principal Planner
Jonathon Pyle	South Norfolk Council & Broadland District Council	Public Relations Manager
Grace Burke	Greater Norwich Project Team	Greater Norwich Project Team Leader
Ruth Oyenyi	Greater Norwich Project Team	Greater Norwich Senior Projects Officer
Tom Cushan	Greater Norwich Project Team	Greater Norwich Project Officer
Leah Arthurton	South Norfolk Council & Broadland District Council	Democratic Services Officer

Minutes

Item	Minute
1.	<p>Handover of Chair</p> <p>AW handed over the position of chair to JF. JF thanked AW and noted that the substantive item on agenda is the Greater Norwich Infrastructure Plan (GNIP).</p>
2.	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies were received on behalf of Vince Muspratt, Chris Starkie, Tom McCabe, Stephen Evans.</p>
3.	<p>Declarations of interest</p> <p>There were no declarations of interests.</p>
4.	<p>Minutes of meeting held on 18 March 2022</p> <p>GN gave a brief update on East Norwich. The masterplan has been completed up to stage 2 and endorsed by Norwich City's Cabinet. Cabinet have agreed to support officers in working with Homes England in shaping third phase of masterplan, around delivery mechanisms & vehicles. GN will report back later in the year.</p> <p>RESOLVED to agree the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2022</p>
5.	<p>IIF Project Showcase: Community Sports Hub- the Nest <i>Jackie Thornton, Head of Development, Community Sports Foundation</i></p> <p>JT delivered a presentation detailing the success of the Nest since receiving funding from the GNGB. Noted that the needs identified in the GNGB's 2015 built facility strategy allowed the Nest to leverage in funding. JT described the impact of investment from GNGB, converting a derelict site into a vibrant community space, and explained that this was pivotal in securing additional funding. The Nest is running very successful schemes driving inclusion for people with disabilities, boosting mental health and wellbeing, and supporting disadvantaged people to raise their aspirations. They are receiving an average footfall of 11,000 people per month and having a huge impact on the local area.</p> <p>JT noted there are three key upcoming infrastructure projects. The Nest has committed 35k for a Toddler Challenge Woods Adventure area. They are applying for funding for a 2nd 3G pitch and want to build a double sports hall suitable for people with disabilities. AP asked what match funding was in place for the 3G pitch. JT stated that they have 200k, and the remaining money will come from the football foundation.</p>

JT noted that outline planning permission is in place for the sports hall but would need some amendments as the plans changed. AP & JF agreed that this would be a good opportunity to engage with Parish and Neighbourhood CIL.

RESOLVED to note the presentation.

6.

Greater Norwich Infrastructure Plan

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

PC introduced the Greater Norwich Infrastructure Plan. Stated that the GNIP demonstrates we are an exemplar in partnership working and delivery. A section has been added this year which shows the level of funding opportunities and demonstrates we are drawing in other significant funds into this area. The plan also deals with growth areas, challenges, and attempts to reflect issues including Nutrient Neutrality. Appendix A provides a list of infrastructure needs. PC recommended to accept the GNIP and therefore open the call for projects with a closing date in July.

JF questioned if the £2m per year topslice for education would continue. PC confirmed this was still in place and noted that the GNPT have endeavoured to engage with the education team.

JF questioned if the GNGB had sufficient funds in place with the introduction of IL legislation changes. GB stated that the detail on changes has not yet been made available by government. The GNPT will be preparing the 5YIIP for December, which will include prospective income and existing commitments. JF queried the timing of this, and GB agreed to discuss with the IDB. GB also noted that education are preparing a report to demonstrate and explain how they could deliver their programme with their topslice used to repay borrowing rather than being allocated to an individual project.

JF raised concern over the number of TBCs listed in the project appendices and requested that this information be updated, with projects removed if owners cannot provide information. PC agreed that all projects should have a better description and should give a ballpark figure for budget but advised against removing projects.

JF noted a typo for the project “Footpath/cycleway Hethersett Lane to A47”

	<p>JF stated that the main document is acceptable as an infrastructure plan, but the appendices should be reviewed. AP agreed and suggested including an explanatory paragraph about the appendices to explain why things are shown.</p> <p>JF suggested that the project list should make clear who owns each project, and that the appendix B on neighbourhood plans should also be improved.</p> <p>AW noted that Heartsease roundabout should be allocated to Norwich rather than Broadland.</p> <p>RESOLVED to accept the body of the GNIP allowing the opening of the call for new projects to go ahead, and request that the appendices be reviewed</p> <p>The meeting closed at @ 15:06</p>
7.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>RESOLVED to confirm that the next meeting of the board will be held on <i>06 October 2022 at 2:00pm (a virtual link will be sent with the papers)</i></p>