

# Greater Norwich Growth Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday 1 December 2020

**Time:** 2.00pm

**Venue:** Online; virtual Teams Live meeting

## **Present:**

### **Board Members:**

#### **Broadland District Council:**

Cllr Shaun Vincent (Vice-Chair)

#### **Norwich City Council:**

Cllr Alan Waters

#### **South Norfolk Council:**

Cllr John Fuller

#### **Norfolk County Council:**

Cllr Martin Wilby

### **Officers:**

Phil Courtier

Graham Nelson

Stephen Evans

Phil Courtier

Vince Muspratt

## **In attendance:**

Hollie Adams

Committee Officer, Norfolk County Council  
(clerking)

Grace Burke

Greater Norwich Project Team Leader,  
Norfolk County Council

Matt Tracey

Growth and Infrastructure Group Manager,  
Norfolk County Council

Ruth Oyeniya

Greater Norwich Senior Project Officer,  
Norfolk County Council

## **1. APOLOGIES**

1.1 Apologies were received from Chair Andrew Proctor (Martin Wilby substituting), the new LEP Representative on the Board CJ Green, and Chris Starkie.

1.2 Vice-Chair Cllr Shaun Vincent in the Chair.

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2.1 No interests were declared

## 3. MINUTES

3.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2020 were agreed as an accurate record

## 4. GREATER NORWICH DRAFT FIVE YEAR INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PLAN 2021-26

4.1.1 The Board received the report presenting the Draft Greater Norwich Joint Five-Year Infrastructure Investment Plan 2021-26, for collective review ahead of the Plan being considered by each individual Partners' Cabinets and Councils in February 2021, before returning to this Board in March 2021.

4.1.2 Phil Courtier introduced the report to the Board;

- Since 2014 £21m infrastructure funding and over £40m of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) supported borrowing had been allocated to the Greater Norwich area.
- The Board had won the partnership working category of the 2020 national planning awards.
- Four projects were put forward in the 2021-22 annual growth programme totalling around £920k.
- Two existing Marriott's Way projects would be allocated an additional £340k for enhancements to the projects.
- The strategic project for the long Stratton Bypass was proceeding as an outline business case to the Department for Transport (DfT) for around £37m funding. Around 70% would come from DfT and £10m of CIL supported borrowing would be set aside alongside developer funding.
- The anticipated balance at the end of 2021-22 was £7.8m

4.2 The following points were discussed and noted:

- The £20m unspent City Deal funding was raised and suggested that this could be used to bring forward additional projects.
- A Member discussed inviting organisations who had benefitted from investment to attend future meetings.
- Officers were thanked for their work improving the process for moving forward with schemes and bringing the fund back under control.
- Cllr Wilby noted the transport and highway projects which were coming forward, in particular the Long Stratton Bypass. He discussed the Hempnall Roundabout which had been funded by Greater Norwich Growth Board and had made a positive impact.

4.3 The Greater Norwich Growth Board:

- (i) **COMMENTED** on the Draft Five Year Infrastructure Investment Plan 2021-26
- (ii) **RECOMMENDED** the approval of the Draft Five Year Infrastructure Investment Plan 2021-26 which includes the proposed 2021/22 Annual Growth Programme to each Partner's Cabinets and Councils.

4.4 Graham Nelson suggested that the query about the £20m unused city deal funding could be dealt with as a matter arising under discussion of the exempt minutes, at item 6 of the agenda.

## 5. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

5.1 The exempt minutes from the meeting held on 24 September 2020 were proposed to be considered in private session as it was considered exempt by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as they contained discussion of development sites which included commercially sensitive information, information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

5.2 The Board **AGREED** to exclude the public for item 6, exempt minutes.

## 6. **EXEMPT MINUTES**

6.1 The Board **AGREED** the exempt minutes from the meeting held on 24 September 2020.

*The public meeting ended at 2.16*