

PLACE SHAPING POLICY DEVELOPMENT PANEL

Minutes of a remote meeting of the Place Shaping Policy Development Panel of Broadland District Council, held on Thursday 8 April 2021 at 10.00am.

Committee Members Present: Councillors: P E Bulman, (Chairman), S Lawn, (Vice-Chairman), N J Brennan, G K Nurden, J M Ward

Cabinet Member Present: Councillor: L H Hemsall

Other Members in Attendance: Councillor: Cllr S M Prutton

Officers in Attendance: The Assistant Director Planning, Place Shaping Manager, Democratic Services Officers (LA, JO)

33 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr S Clancy and J Thomas.

34 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2021 were agreed as a correct record.

35 ENDORSEMENT OF THE NORFOLK STRATEGIC PLANNING FRAMEWORK UPDATE

The Place Shaping Manager introduced the report, which sought members' agreement to endorse the update to the Norfolk Strategic Planning Framework (NSPF).

The Council, as a local planning authority, had a legal responsibility to engage constructively with other public bodies on strategic cross boundary planning matters and the NSPF provided a structure for doing so.

The NSPF included 31 formal agreements and was prepared by officers from the constituent Norfolk authorities, under the oversight of the Norfolk Strategic Planning Member Forum, on which the Portfolio Holder for Planning sat.

It was recommended that the Panel advised Cabinet to recommend to Council that it endorsed the revised NSPF and to agree that it remained a signatory of the document.

In response to a query, it was confirmed that a lot of consultation and cooperation took place with Highways England on infrastructure matters, but these matters were not covered in this particular document, which was more specific to local planning authorities.

Similarly, whilst an agreement to work closely with the County Council to provide sufficient school places was included in the NSPF, specific education priorities locally were included in the Greater Norwich Joint Five Year Infrastructure Investment Plan 2021-2026, which oversaw the allocation of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) to the projects. This included an allocation of £2m for education 2021/22.

In respect of the economy, the Panel were informed that the figures in the NSPF were based on the latest available information, although it was clear that the pandemic was likely to have a profound effect in the short and long term. The NSPF noted this and an agreement was in place to confirm that local authorities would work to support the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership Covid-19 Economic Recovery Restart Plan.

RECOMMENDED TO CABINET

That Cabinet recommend to Council that it endorses the update to the Norfolk Strategic Planning Framework and agrees to remain a signatory to the document.

(The meeting concluded at 10.18am)

Chairman