

**Agenda Item: 4**

## **REGULATION AND PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of a remote meeting of the Regulation and Planning Policy Committee of South Norfolk District Council held on Friday 5 February at 10.00am.**

**Committee Members Present:** Councillors: F Ellis (Chairman), B Duffin, J Halls, S Nuri-Nixon, J Savage

**Apologies for Absence:** Councillors: P Hardy, W Kemp and V Thomson

**Cabinet Member Present:** Councillor: L Neal

**Officers in Attendance:** The Assistant Director Planning (H Mellors) and the Place Shaping Manager (P Harris)

### **74 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest

### **75 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Regulation and Planning Policy Committee held on 5 January 2021 were confirmed as a correct record.

### **76 GREATER NORWICH GROWTH BOARD: JOINT FIVE-YEAR INVESTMENT PLAN**

Members considered the report of the Place Shaping Manager, which sought approval of the Greater Norwich Growth Board Joint Five-Year Investment Plan 2021-26, and the allocation of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) to four specified projects.

The Planning Policy Manager introduced his report, and explained that in accordance with CIL pooling arrangements for Greater Norwich's Infrastructure Investment Fund, each of the CIL charging authorities,

Broadland District Council, South Norfolk Council and Norwich City Council, were required to agree the Greater Norwich Joint 5 Year Infrastructure Investment Plan 2021-2026, and the allocation of CIL to specified projects as part of the Annual Growth Programme (AGP) 2021/22.

Members noted that the Annual Growth Programme had been agreed at the meeting of the Greater Norwich Growth Board back in December. Although none of the four priority projects were within South Norfolk, £2m had been allocated to support the Ormiston Victory Academy in Costessy, through the Education Capital Programme.

In response to queries, the Planning Policy Manager advised that any proposed changes and relevant comments would be verbally fed back to Cabinet, before its consideration of the item the following Monday. He further explained that the Investment Plan had been prepared the previous Autumn to go through a number of different stages / meetings, hence why some of the tenses within the project progress reports, were now out of date.

During discussion, reference was made to the Equalities and Communities Impact Statement at Appendix B of the report, and officers noted that some references to legislation required updating.

Attention was drawn to Appendix D of the IIP, which referred to Future Transport Projects, and members queried why the Wymondham Rail Station Platform Access had been listed, as funding has already been secured for that project. The Planning Policy Manager explained that he did not expect the project would require additional funding through CIL, however, he would seek to clarify the matter after the meeting.

In response to comments regarding the Wymondham Area Action Plan, and the number of additional new homes, the Planning Policy Manager agreed that the intentions of the AAP had unfortunately been overtaken by events, however, the Council was now in a better position in terms of land supply, and he hoped that this position would be maintained going forward.

The Chairman thanked officers for a detailed and positive report and was pleased that it had made reference to a number of important projects within the South Norfolk District.

It was unanimously

## **RESOLVED**

To advise Cabinet to recommend to Council, to

1. Agree the Greater Norwich Joint Five-Year Infrastructure Investment Plan 2021-2026, included in appendix A; and
2. Approve the allocation of CIL to four specified projects, these projects will form the 2021/22 Annual Growth Programme (AGP); the allocation

of £2m to support the Education Capital Programme within Greater Norwich; and the allocation of an additional £341,000 to projects GP46 and GP53 that were initially allocated funding within the 2018/19 AGP.

## **77 UPDATE TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME**

Members considered the report of the Place Shaping Manager, which sought approval to make amendments to the Local Development Scheme, to reflect changes to the timetable for the South Norfolk Village Clusters Housing Allocations Document.

The Planning Policy Manager briefly outlined his report and drew attention to paragraph 3.3 which detailed the proposed timetable for the South Norfolk Village Clusters Allocations Document. He envisaged adoption of the Allocations Document in February or March 2023, however stressed that this would depend on representations received, and any planning issues identified through the regulation 18 process.

The Portfolio Holder, Cllr L Neal commended the report and thanked officers for their speedy and thorough work on the project to date.

It was unanimously

### **RESOLVED**

To advise Cabinet to recommend to Council that it approves the proposed amendments to the current Local Development Scheme.

(The meeting concluded at 10.30 am)

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Chairman