

# Norfolk Climate Change Partnership Minutes

**Date & Time: 28.09.2021 at 16:00**

**Location: Microsoft Teams**

## **Present:**

*Lorraine Gore, Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk*

*Ged Greaves, Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk*

*Dave Robson, Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk*

*Henry Saunders, Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk*

*Michel Bolaboto, Breckland District Council*

*Harry Mach, Broads Authority*

*Trevor Wiggett, Norfolk Strategic Planning Framework Member Forum*

*Kirsty Burns, Broadland and South Norfolk District Council*

*Richard Willson, Norwich City Council*

*Ellen Goodwin, New Anglia LEP*

*John Jones, Norfolk County Council*

*Kate Blakemore, Great Yarmouth Borough Council*

## **Apologies:**

*Greg Pearson, Breckland District Council*

*Alison Old, Broadland and South Norfolk District Council*

*Annie Sommazzi, North Norfolk District Council*

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## **1. Welcome and notes from last meeting.**

Minutes from 17.08.2021 agreed.

## **2. LEP renewal plan.**

E.G. talked through a presentation on the Norfolk & Suffolk Economic Renewal Plan which covered the national and local context, plans on how to move forward with underpinning sectors and the alignment of local strategies and plans.

Key questions raised:

1. What does clean, zero carbon recovery mean?
2. Have we captured the right observations and evidence?
3. What should our focus be in terms of climate change and economic renewal?
4. What other actions and interventions must we take to adapt and act?

Comments:

- We need to spell out what is meant by clean growth in non-technical terms.
- Transport sector emission reductions are important. LEP is working with Transport and planning authorities. Green skills are also important but other skills areas important too, with dialogue on this currently ongoing. Large emitters - we need to listen to their intentions and support requirements. Target selection is challenging and could be problematic given different dates 2030, 2035, 2050 etc across Norfolk but is being explored alongside what that realistically means in delivery terms. Role of ambitions v targets?
- Strategic challenges E.g. reduce resource consumption.
- Use of Tyndall Centre carbon budget?
- Broads carbon footprint – 6,000 households v 6 million visitors. Mitigation and adaptation plans particularly given scenarios on sea level rises.

E.G. summarised observations on trends that have emerged, accelerated or declined that impact upon climate change:

- More open door, community are more aware and receptive to change and options about climate change.
- Working from home may have opposite effect?
- Resilience as an issue?
- LCWIP plans for every market town across Norfolk and join up routes to school, visitor economy, commuting types.

### **3. NCC EV charging strategy update**

J.J. presented slides used for a briefing at NCC. Current EV charging provision considered to be sufficient but anticipating rapid take up and challenges. Forecasting that private sector will cover 60% of infrastructure requirements and shortfalls in niche areas such as rural communities.

We need to consider collaboration on a future EV strategy for Norfolk:

- Establish an NCCP EV charging task and finish group? Yes. Consider colleagues from the LEP's circulation list.
- LAs are well positioned to put in place quick wins.
- There is a challenge in Norfolk with the old grid infrastructure and capacity.
- There is a need to bring together independent activities across Norfolk e.g. potential procurement frameworks.
- Community power bank project?
- Link Broads boat charging to this work.
- CRF bid for solar canopy and charging in Norwich, could be a good opportunity for NCCP to learn and support
- J.J. will share the full report amongst NCCP.
- Consider including NCC Cabinet recommendation to reference NCCP for driving forward?

#### **4. COP26 comms workshop feedback.**

NCCP Local authority partners using COP26 toolkit to inform and align comms activities across Norfolk.

#### **5. NCCP website update.**

BCKLWN web team have created a mock-up of a website. Neutral colour scheme. Will circulate link and access details to NCCP for review.

#### **6. CRF fund update.**

No updates. Anticipate an extension to deadlines?

#### **7. AOB.**

Green Zone NCCP & SCCP funding bid was unsuccessful, with the fund being heavily oversubscribed.

Norwich City Council – establishing independent climate change commission via City vision 24 network. Pledge to UK100. Updating and developing the climate change risk register for council services.

Paper to CEOs now going to Leaders.

Issues and options paper on the Broads local plan including climate change incorporating mitigation/adaptation. Also looking at electrification of hire boat industry.

**Duration: 1hr 30 mins**