

Norfolk Climate Change Partnership Minutes

Date: 29.01.2021

Venue: Microsoft Teams

Present:

Lorraine Gore (Chair) – Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk

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

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

Greg Pearson – Breckland District Council

Michel Bolabato – Breckland District Council

Harry Mach – Broads Authority

Ellen Goodwin – New Anglia LEP

Nigel Stannet – North Norfolk District Council

Annie Somazzie – North Norfolk District Council

Richard Willson – Norwich City Council

James Allen – New Anglia LEP

Trevor Wiggett – Norfolk Strategic Planning Framework Member Forum

Apologies:

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

James Wilson – Great Yarmouth Borough Council

Tony Cooke – South Norfolk/Broadland District Council

John Jones – Norfolk County Council

Martin Horlock – Norfolk County Council

1. Welcome & notes from last meeting.

Previous meeting notes and actions were approved.

2. General update from each authority.

Breckland District Council:

Climate Change strategy looking to go through council in February, following reflection from a public consultation. Waste, recycling and planning (sustainable housing and economic growth) issues were raised as important issues during the consultation

Norwich City Council:

Have received £750k of funding through the public sector decarbonisation scheme for private sector retrofitting. There has been engagement with Water Resources East regarding possible work and funding.

Broads Authority:

Tyndall Centre has received funding for climate impact models with the broads being selected for one of the areas. National Parks England/UK are looking to do some COP26 events with regards to sustainable tourism or example projects.

Norfolk Strategic Planning Framework Member Forum:

Members requested a technical group to look at climate change. This paper was presented to members, which listed 25 different conclusions to what can be done to help improve Climate Change from a planning perspective. Happy to run through at another meeting. Trevor to distribute to HS.

New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership:

Work is occurring with regards to skills improvement in order to meet net zero. Energy Systems Catapult pilot is in development to retrofit social housing.

3. Feedback on Green Homes Grant issues.

Discussed last meetings item regarding this.

4. Follow up on capacity to develop website.

Standalone Norfolk Climate Change Partnership was agreed as the best approach in principle e.g., Net Zero Norfolk.

5. EV charging discussion

It was highlighted that many councils are starting work on EV charging, therefore it would be sensible if a coherent approach across Norfolk was discussed.

Support was expressed towards joint up working across Norfolk, whether that mean development of strategic principles or proposals for match funding or joint procurement.

A consistent approach and collective work for this agenda was re-emphasised, with a need to understand ongoing work from a county and LEP perspective. Understanding of potential Norfolk wide strategic principles and work would aid NCCP understanding.

It was agreed to invite the Norfolk County Council EV lead to a follow up meeting on EV charging.

A possible procurement opportunity with UKPN may be available in the future.

It was suggested that a future option could be to invite the EST to help facilitate something for Norfolk. From that the NCCP could look towards developing strategy options.

Agreed to have our next meeting as an EV workshop and invite the NCCP EV lead to talk about there work.

Climate change communication

Opportunity to have a UEA intern do some work for the NCCP agreed. Keen to do work on messaging from NCCP. A Theoretical exercise to help inform what campaign and issues we could/should promote going forwards.

6. Workplan and items for new meetings

Biggest challenges in emissions reduction would be staff travel. It would be useful to collectively have a discussion on what people are doing and how to collectively deal with this issue.

Agreed to collate council policies on this topic and discuss at the next NCCP meeting.

Other things we could look at could be around public transport subsidies. It would be useful to know what policies would look like in practise. Even if it's not about staff in the office, but also business travel.

It was mentioned that work to influence big emitters, but work is ongoing with the LEP

NCCP workplan was run through.

1 million trees commitment was identified to have come through to councils

7. AOB

None