

NCCP workshop 3 – Friday 16th December

Notes, actions and agreed actions

Attendees:

Steve Blatch (SB), Paula Boyce (PB), Elena Brister (EB), Kirsty Burns (KB), Al Collier (AC), Michel Bolaboto (MB), Deborah Carr (DC), Ellen Goodwin (EG), Lorraine Gore (LG), Ged Greaves (GG), Phil Hunt (PH), John Jones (JJ), Harry Mach (HM), Asher Minns (AM), Greg Pearson (GP), Kate Rawlings (KR), Annie Sommazzi (AS), Aliis Wood (AW)

Mentioned by several participants – maintain a focus on areas where the NCCP can add value and most usefully influence and avoid duplication.

1. NCCP principles – review (see slide 11)

Question raised by PH as to what is meant by ‘Respect sovereignty of decision making’. GP explained that individual districts are free to follow their own processes and the NCCP should not overtake decision-making processes in the regions.

JJ raised a point that the principles should include a reference to evidence-based decisions to support proposals (AC agreed). These points to be added as notes to the principles.

Principles agreed by all present

2. Priorities to be taken forward

Following feedback from the Member’s meeting that the NCCP remains focused and not over-ambitious, the steering group proposed that building retrofits be taken forward as a priority.

Through discussion, the group identified that energy is key to building retrofit i.e. improving grid capacity and energy is the priority. LG commented that to make step changes in retrofit and transport, we need more energy supply.

Through discussion, energy was determined as the enabler and priorities proposed as:

- Energy – building retrofit & transport (as complementary priorities)
 - Reducing energy demand (including behaviour change)
 - Decarbonising energy supply, including distribution
 - Explore low carbon and smart energy supplies
 - Maintain focus on the small things NCCP can do to make a difference
 - Include sustainable energy focus for inclusive growth across the county

Principles agreed by all present

PH - through these priorities, we are delivering outcomes of supporting people through improving quality of life, addressing the cost-of-living crisis and improving living conditions – social value. We also need to ensure that the priority list is evidence-based (EG signposted evidence available in the Net Zero East report).

3. Sharing and learning from each other

PB highlighted the value of sharing what we are doing across county and boroughs so we can learn from each other. LG suggested a reset of this.

4. Feedback from each area:

Great Yarmouth (PB) – lots happening, for example with building retrofits, partnership with Eon, decarbonising own buildings, sustainability strategy in place to do more work around land use. Have a sustainable local transport and cycling and walking strategy in place (without funding). Keen to help private sector to help support communities

Breckland (GP) – grid capacity is a priority. Also suggested looking at energy schemes as a way of decarbonising e.g. looking at community heat distribution networks. Norfolk is one of the only counties in the East of England that doesn't have one of these schemes.

West Norfolk (LG) – question raised, “what are the key things we'd want to put in as a key project to the county deal that's going to make a change.” A piece of work for the NCCP to do.

Norwich (PH) – carrying out a study on 3,500 homes – East Norwich Development area - and what can be done with fabric and local energy systems. Will report progress and outcomes.

NCC (AC) – lots going on that's not visible to all. The DfT climate action plan is coming out in March/April 23 so suggested a general update from all NCCP members.

Broads authority – (HM) – no acknowledgement that we are not on target as a county to meet emissions reductions. Does this need to be included?

PH commented that when we look at action plan development, we have themes and need to analyse what delivers the best value as well as carbon-savings.

5. Can anything be achieved without additional resources and funding?

- DC proposed setting up a collaboration space on Teams to share information outside a formal meeting - agreed
- PH is creating a behaviour change role in his team and keen for knowledge-sharing around this. DC to connect with PH - her team has experience in this space.
- LG highlighted that there are people doing various things and there are lots of conversations but having someone to do that co-ordination piece, including around communications, for all is required. AC confirmed that they are happy to put resourcing in and support with comms people who can help to engage but we need to be clear what it is we want to communicate as a result of these workshops.

SB added that there is an immediate pressure on budgets. Working smarter and with

more collaboration with the resources we already have will help as it's unclear how much additional capacity there will be. PB stated that if this is embedded and in our 'business as usual', it shouldn't need additional resources.

- PH – reminder of the economic opportunity of decarbonisation (over £1trn). Talk about investment that will generate jobs and growth.

Next meeting – Workshop 4, Friday 13th January, venue TBC