



# Annual Report 2022/23



## 1.1 Governance

As member organisations began to focus increasingly on recovery from Covid-19 and a return to a new business as usual, the partnership also began to gather momentum.

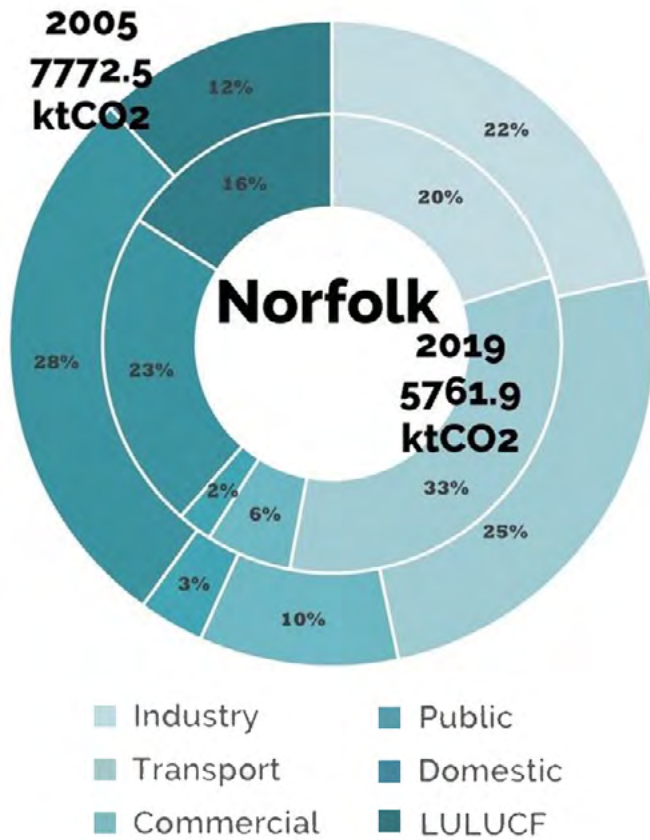
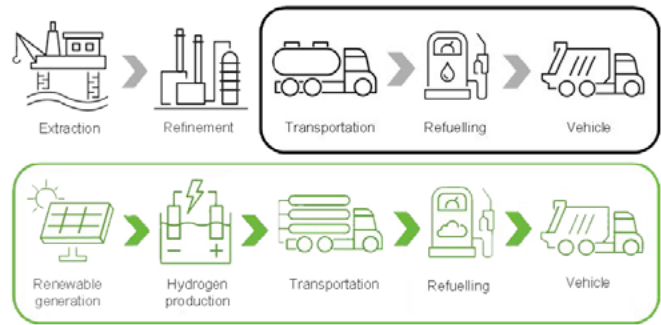
The partnership was co-chaired through the year by the chief executives of North Norfolk District Council and the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk. Partnership secretariat functions were undertaken by Breckland District Council with the website maintained by Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk.

Membership was expanded in April 2022 to include the Tyndall Centre at University of East Anglia and a link to the Norwich Climate Commission. Later in the year, the Greater South East Energy Hub also joined.

A new Portfolio Holders Group was established in June 2022, with elected members from the local authority partners who hold climate change responsibilities, meeting to provide oversight and a policy steer to the partnership.

## 1.2 Norfolk Decarbonisation

The approved Community Renewal Fund project “Net Zero Norfolk” proved to be a significant feature of the year and a catalyst for further development of the partnership.



The Community Renewal Fund project involved two significant feasibility studies and the work was steered by a project group chaired by South Norfolk and Broadland with officer support from other partners such as the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership. The Borough Council of King’s Lynn and West Norfolk were the accountable body for finance.

Contractors were procured for both feasibility studies with all partners contributing information to the projects. Draft reports were shared at the partnership’s first in-person event since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. The Net Zero Norfolk Conference held on 23 September 2022 featured presentations from Ricardo and Net Zero East on Community Renewal Fund projects.

The projects looked at community energy and potential use of hydrogen within the county’s transport sector with a particular focus on refuse vehicles.

Reports are published on the partnership’s website and the recommendations will inform future partnership and individual partner activities.

Whilst the main focus was on the Community Renewal Fund projects, the partnership also considered:

- An application by Norfolk County Council for pilot funding.
- Creation of a county-wide electric vehicle task group.
- A greenhouse gas assessment of the Broads and a model for future emissions reporting
- An East of England Climate Change Forum information analysis
- An application, led by Great Yarmouth Borough Council to UK Innovate’s Fast Followers fund for additional partnership resources
- Various information sharing updates such as the Department of Education’s Sustainability Strategy provided by the University of East Anglia.
- Green Finance schemes and Domestic Retrofit initiatives highlighted by Norwich City Council.
- Update on Fast Followers application
- Discussion at Norfolk Leaders
- Hosting of partnership manager
- Future partnership secretariat
- Proposal for a Domestic Retrofit Platform
- Norfolk Investment Framework - Net Zero Norfolk communities presentation
- Draft annual report 2022/23

# Norfolk energy infrastructure, including generation



## 1.3 Future strategy

Over Winter 2022, the partnership reflected upon its role and future priorities. The cost of living and energy crises amplified the net zero challenges faced by all sectors. A number of workshops helped to focus the partnership's future intentions and governance model required to drive projects forward.

Norfolk Chief Executives and Leaders agreed three priorities for the partnership: energy, retrofit and transport.

A revised aims and purpose, roles and responsibilities and membership were also considered and lead to a proposed governance structure matched with dedicated staffing resources and funding.

Looking ahead to 2023/24, the partnership will implement a new governance structure with the secretariat rotating to a new partner supported by a dedicated partnership manager tasked with coordinating a delivery plan and pursuing funding for partnership projects and resources.

## Where NCCP can add value

### Three Strategic Priorities for the Partnership

- 1. Develop a sustainable energy plan to decarbonise** energy supply for Norfolk and improve distribution of energy to citizens
- 2. Reduce and conserve energy demand** on the system through retrofitting of buildings through behaviour change, enabling fabric first and heating
- 3. Enable greener sustainable transport solutions** including a focus on behaviour change and using statutory powers where appropriate

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