

NOTES			Date: 28 June 2023
			Time: 10:00
Meeting Title:	Norfolk Climate Change Partnership	Venue:	Microsoft Teams
Chair:	Lorraine Gore	Note Taker:	Sandra King, NNDC
Attendees:	Lorraine Gore Steve Blatch Adam Thorp Annie Sommazzi Asher Minns Deborah Carr Ged Greaves Greg Pearson Harry Mach Jason Cole John Jones Michael Bolaboto Paula Boyce Peter Gudde Phil Hunt Tom Humphries	Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk North Norfolk District Council East of England Local Government Association South Norfolk and Broadland District Council UEA Norfolk County Council Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk NCCP Manager Broads Authority Breckland District Council Norfolk County Council Breckland District Council Great Yarmouth Borough Council Energy Hub Norwich City Council Norfolk County Council	
Apologies:	Al Collier Trevor Wiggett	Norfolk County Council Norwich City Council	

<u>Item 2: Notes from previous meeting on 26 May 2023</u>	
These were agreed as a true record.	
<u>Item 3: Actions from previous meeting</u>	SK
<p>Item 5 – PB circulated an email triggering a Letter of Support from partners prior to this meeting along with information on discussions with Andy Holyland.</p> <p>Item 6 – NCC Climate Strategy – SK to obtain presentation from AC for onward circulation with notes of this meeting.</p> <p>Item 6 – Carbon Finance added to forward plan – date to be agreed for discussion.</p> <p>Item 6 – future discussion on vertical farming – added to forward plan, date to be agreed with John Jones for discussion at a future meeting.</p> <p>Item 7 – Climate Action Fund – AM to share details of bid at the appropriate time, probably later this year.</p> <p>Item 8 – UN Race to Zero campaign information has been circulated.</p>	
<u>Item 4: Partnership Manager update</u>	
<p>LG welcomed Greg Pearson to the meeting who has been formally appointed as NCCP Manager with an agreed start date of Monday, 3rd July.</p> <p>SMB/SK met with Greg last week to start establishing a work programme including helping to set up the Portfolio Holders Group and working with Adam Thorp and EELGA to link with the Regional Climate Change Forum where we have not had a regular presence to date.</p>	

<p>Greg will be based at the Council offices in Cromer but will largely work remotely and will make early contact with LA partners to arrange visits.</p>	
<p><u>Item 5: Fast Followers project update</u></p> <p>Paula referred to the update she circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>The appointment has now been secured for the NCCP Net Zero Innovation & Delivery Manager post. Cannot currently share the name of the successful candidate until HR checks are done but they have a wealth of knowledge and experience and have run similar schemes before. Will be based in the Town Hall.</p> <p>They hope to start on 17 July which is timely for the national launch event for the Fast Followers Programme in Nottingham on 19/20 July which PB will be attending. Thanks to Steve and Debs for helping with the appointment.</p> <p>The grant has been approved and can start drawing down funding.</p> <p>Paula and Debs liaising with Andy Holyland but negotiated a position that Norwich is included in the NZE communities project. NZE doing desk top exercise on communities we choose and will be endorsed by our partnership, probably in September. NZE allowing us to lead on the engagement. Holt was agree as the North Norfolk Community.</p> <p>Key actions - to start thinking about our communities with our Portfolio Holders. Any questions to be directed to Paula. Have we got a crib sheet for Portfolio Holders – previous slide deck has got some parameters in it which could be used to assist the conversation.</p>	
<p><u>Actions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partners to have conversations with their Portfolio Holders re the communities – use Paula’s slide for information to aid a conversation. Sandra to find slide and re-circulate. • P Hunt – re digital retrofit hub – an ongoing activity for co-funding for that which he will feed back at the next meeting. 	<p>ALL</p> <p>PH</p>
<p><u>Item 6 - Retrofit Studies and Skills Issues - presentation by Tom Humphries, NCC</u></p> <p>NCC commissioned Gemserv report on project workforce analysis which comprises a detailed forecast of future green jobs across Norfolk alongside a local skills gap assessment and review of local training provision. The final draft should be ready by the end of next week.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For us to retrofit to meet net zero objectives will take 220 years! • About 8000 installations required to decarbonise domestic buildings by 2030. • Therefore, an increase in a retrofit workforce of over 4500 people is needed to meet this demand - 51% will be in heat pump installation and maintenance. • An increase in the workforce for low carbon health, low emissions and energy. • Projected work figures in net zero skills – 95,000 jobs. 	

- Also includes the challenges and opportunities in digital skills i.e. in design for transport and electric vehicles and monitoring the grid as well as engineering roles and more technical qualifications.

NCC Skills Work Themes:

- Looking to integrate Net Zero skills objectives within the Skills “system”, aligning with Local Skills Improvement Plan (LSIP), establish sector specific representation (NZ Employer skills forum)
- Utilise Green Skills Market research to develop the Workforce Training Needs Analysis (Net Zero Skills Roadmap)
- Development of the Norfolk provider training network
- Maintain Data (workforce/labour market) monitoring recourses

Produces a plan to align and development of a plan to build that provision so need to ensure that net zero skills are included to build curriculum - ELSIP plan.

Collective arrangement between NCC, SCC, NALEP. Work supported by Net Zero working group. Would like to continue progress with NCCP. Developing KPIs / skills milestones.

Working with local colleges to start training courses next year. The scale of demand on skills workforce needs, will also include a feasibility for a specific retrofit training academy for the County.

Questions:

Peter – doing work across the south east to build on work LAs are doing on retrofit and promoting good quality organisations to assist. Currently have a project to see how a retrofit hub can be developed so can work alongside you.

Greg – could be merit on skills for the green build of new homes building into this. How do we target young people or reskill people across a plethora of industries?. Tom – aimed at current workforce and focusing on entry level and pathway. Young people is another workstream. Also engaging with companies like CITB etc. A piece of work moving forward to look at areas we are looking to retrofit.

Action: Tom to send through report and presentation for circulation with notes.

TH/SK

Item 7 – Solar Together – Ged Greaves

At the point where Councils are deciding whether to renew participation in Solar Together. In the BCKLWN area there was an initial high level of interest from homeowners but conversion rates have been lower than anticipated. Looking at reasons why so could this be a theme to be looked at by Fast Followers project looking at barriers.

Financing can be quite difficult for some people along with additional inflationary costs.

South Norfolk DC has signed up to the scheme but Broadland DC has some concerns around the high level of complaints so need to resolve these. North

Norfolk DC looking at some of the issues especially into the complaints in London that have been reported so decided to park the scheme for another year to see how it progresses. Great Yarmouth DC never participated.

Can we learn from Norwich or look into whether the scheme needs an overhaul. Had difficulties getting quotes but certainly a question for key lines of enquiry under Fast Followers.

PG thinks that the London issues were in London rather than wider. Have evidence from Suffolk re uptake and their experience but the market is significantly volatile. Involved in a pathfinder project on shifting of net zero which they are supporting as a hub. Looking for associate areas to participate. Some learning opportunities from this project and is happy to share information with Greg and the Fast Followers project.

Item 8 - Tree Planting – Charlotte Watts

Works with John Jones - 1 Million Trees for Norfolk project.

Update on planting programme – in November 2019 committed to working together with partners, landowners and communities to plant 1 million trees over 5 years. Trees can only really be planted between November and March each year. The project had a bit of a slow start due to Covid. From 22/23 just over 180,000 trees planted.

Planting detail:

Concentrated on 3 ways of delivery and increase trees in our landscapes–

- County Farms
- NCC Tree Schemes
- Trees Outside Woodlands.

Partnership working:

- Still looking to see what works best, what partners use.
- Working with Norfolk FWAG and Woodland Trust to give advice on woodland creation – pilot with aim to generating more woodland creation on private land.
- Happy to support NWT.
- Working with districts on specific initiatives.

Future deliver:

- Continue and increase delivery through partnership
- Increase planning on County Farms
- Purchase land specifically for woodland creation

Strategic Woodland Creation:

- An opportunity to increase planting and to secure a long-term income stream, from carbon and biodiversity credits.

Land Purchase Based on Evidence Mapping:

- Heat map sharing potential to enhance where land is available with greatest potential to enhance all selected environmental goods and services at 100 ha scale.
- Each criteria is assigned equal importance.
- Signs show South Norfolk a really good area for tree planting.

<p>Questions:</p> <p>Harry - Is there a mechanism for us to propose locations for woodlands? Charlotte is happy to receive information re potential sites.</p> <p>Lorraine – nearly at end of year 4 – are there plans to extend if not achieved? Looking to plant a lot of trees in country parks which should increase the total.</p> <p>How many trees have survived that have already been planted? Not reviewed those planted during the last season but are reviewing those planted previous where they can. There have been some losses – some trials with tree types. Also prompting people to water trees. More monitoring to take place this year and should know more by September.</p> <p>Charlotte to provide regular updates on how the project is progressing.</p>	
<p>Action: Charlotte to send over presentation for circulation with the minutes.</p>	<p>CW/SK</p>
<p><u>Item 9 – Review of Forward Plan</u></p> <p>26th July meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fast Followers Project – Paula – a lengthy discussion required. • Climate Change Committee Report – Greg <p>Deb – looking to schedule Portfolio Holders meeting for 20th July. It was suggested this should take place face to face rather than an online meeting. SMB feels this needs to sit with Greg and feels a workshop is required for the first meeting. Group will need to determine the Chair. Action: Greg/Deb to discuss next week.</p> <p>Skills also to be programmed into the Forward Plan.</p>	<p>GP/DC</p>