

NOTES			Date: 24 April 2024
			Time: 14:00
Meeting Title:	Norfolk Climate Change Partnership	Venue:	Microsoft Teams
Chair:	Steve Blatch	Note Taker:	Sandra King, NNDC
Present:	Al Collier Asher Minns Claire Burton Deborah Carr Elena Brister Greg Pearson Harry Mach Jonathan Davison Jonathan Ward Kate Rawlings Nicolette Jeffries Paula Boyce Phil Hunt Steve Blatch Wendy Brooks	Norfolk County Council Tindall Centre Breckland District Council Norfolk County Council Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk NCCP Manager Broads Authority Energy Hub Net Zero Innovation & Delivery Manager North Norfolk District Council Norfolk County Council Great Yarmouth District Council Norwich City Council North Norfolk District Council Norfolk County Council	
Apologies:	Annie Sommazzi Ged Greaves Jason Cole Lorraine Gore Peter Gudde Robert Young	South Norfolk & Broadland District Council Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk Breckland District Council Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk Net Zero HUB North Norfolk District Council	

<u>Item 2: Notes from previous meeting on 28 February 2024</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The notes of the last meeting were agreed as true record. 	
<u>Item 3: Actions from previous meeting</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deborah Carr provided an update on the Energy Plan and Nicky Jeffries is on the call today who is leading on the Energy Plan at NCC. Nicky reported that they are currently looking at the funding approach to develop a plan for the county. She has regular updates with Jonathan Davison who has shared a number of example energy plans that have been developed across the country, including details of costs. Updates to be reported at future meetings. SMB said that there is a collective aspiration amongst Norfolk CEXs that an Energy Plan for Norfolk is wanted. A National Lottery bid has now been submitted for a Norwich Climate Academy. Will reschedule Annie to come and give learning from their PSD bid. 	
<u>Item 4: Discussion – future direction of NCCP – Greg Pearson</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GP has prepared some slides which he shared with the group. Three priorities previously agreed – Energy, Retrofit and Transport. 	

- Looked at the strengths, opportunities and weaknesses of the partnership.
- Currently have limited buy-in from all stakeholders and funding is limited.
- Need to look at how we build adaptation into the 3 priorities.
- Undertook a Partnership Maturity Assessment

Partner aspirations/ambitions for the partnership:

Deb -

- Important that we put communities at the heart of what we are trying to do. GP said that interventions are being put in place to help build credibility and drive community action.
- Provides a network with Jonathan's seven communities.
- Need to look at where we want to focus our efforts and make changes.

Phil Hunt –

- The partnership is vital and is useful to have cross working enabling activities – infrastructure, energy, transport.
- Leaves space for local tactical action e.g. growing a county-wide supply chain for retrofit.
- Need to be better at describing what we do and measuring success.
- Concern that there is not much understanding amongst Norfolk Leaders so need to shout about what we do to increase knowledge. Also need to show stronger links between each of the authorities and share information on the work we are providing and the barriers.
- In respect of our corporate plans, all have themes around the environment, net zero and economy. Could look to develop a matrix to show what we are doing.

Paula –

- Not had sight of the CEX paper before it went in. As a group, we need to agree what we are asking of that group. GYBC sees this as a strategic partnership and doesn't agree the partnership should be engaging with residents and communities.
- Need to be focussing on the big things and doing things collectively that we can't otherwise do on our own. Then speaking as one voice across Norfolk.
- Hoped we could do an audit about what we achieve in terms of ambitions and corporate priorities then align to each of our priorities but doesn't feel that has happened and feels that is missing.

Steve –

- Feels this could be achieved by developing a matrix.
- Thinks talking to residents should be done locally.
- Should develop our proposition and joined up message as a lobbying group and use Norfolk CEXs as a vehicle to deliver the message.

Wendy –

- Sees the lack of discussion around lack of adaptation and resilience as a weakness.
- Thinks there is strength in joined up messaging.

- Important that we don't duplicate what other groups are doing already and feel those resilience issues probably addressed elsewhere. We are more future looking rather than reacting to issues.
- Phil – things are moving quickly but is reassured that some consideration around adaption is being dealt with by others. Everything we do is about reducing emissions and we should all start from that point.
- Do we need to do a gap analysis and do we need to bring onto our strategic radar.
- Harry – feels not addressing adaptation is leaving a gap which was highlighted by the system failures over the winter months i.e. drainage systems not worked, specific issues experienced by farmers which it seems like central government has failed to respond to. This change is happening and can't just put it aside anymore.
- Paula – questioned whether this conversation was happening in other strategic partnerships. We need to focus on driving forward priorities and can't do everything. Maybe more emphasis needs to be put on adaptations but in what window?
- Nicky – There are lots of individual groups taking on challenges and finding solutions but nothing to bring all these things together so need to have an understanding of overlaps. If all in silos, won't be able to move forward. Would also need a better understanding about how the silos are sharing information at a higher level.
- Al – Need to be seen to progress priorities but adaptation is a major topic – should there be a gradual shift towards adaptation – move towards that rather than adding another objective now.
- Harry – concern about where the added value is – people doing good jobs with flooding – but there are gaps in linking things together i.e. flood maps to mental health, preparing catastrophic food spike and where this is starting to impact on other services. Not an overarching idea of how we are going to deal with those affects.

Summary:

- A strong support for doing more around adaptation but without moving violently away from our objectives.
- Need to understand what everyone is doing in their areas and information captured in a matrix.
- Need for a gap analysis to understand what various partnerships are doing.
- To look at differences and where overlaps are happening with regards to duplication.
- Some comms and key advocacy messages we should be lobbying on.

Item 5 – Net Zero Communities Project update

- Milestones for Phase 1 Citizen Preparedness virtually complete.
- Getting endorsements from the partnerships and now got support from the 7 communities:
 - Breckland – Swaffham
 - Broadland – Brundall
 - Great Yarmouth – Ormesby
 - King's Lynn and West Norfolk – Marshland St James
 - North Norfolk – Stalham
 - Norwich – Eaton

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ South Norfolk – Loddon and Chedgrave ● Official project launch date – 21st May – 6pm – UEA. Will be attended by politicians, senior officers, community representatives and key stakeholders. The event will be filmed for those not attending. ● Procurement process complete. ● Thanks to Paula and Greg for getting some communities across the line. ● GP and JW showcasing the project at the East of England Net Zero Conference. 	
<p><u>Item 6 – Area Based Insetting Platform</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Anthesis funded from the Natural Environment Investment Readiness Fund (NEIRF) to develop a platform to connect projects with a carbon or bio-diversity benefit with external funding. ● Platform being used differently in Surrey and Oxford. ● Suffolk Climate Change Partnership have confirmed they would be interested in looking at this as a joint opportunity. ● Anthesis were asked to put together a proposal about a suggested delivery model and cost. <p>Anthesis Proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Looking at a pilot running from 3 June to 31 December 2024 covering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ABI registry fees (30% reduction) - £3,500 per partnership ○ Project validation support (6 projects across the two partnerships) - £5,000 total (50:50 split per partnership) ○ Internal & External Stakeholder engagement - £10,000 (50:50 split per partnership) ○ 2% transaction fee on any contributions made (met by funder/donor) ● Total cost of pilot £11k for each authority (£22k in total). ● Partnerships could choose to do carry out project validation and stakeholder engagement themselves. ● NCCP could fund this from its project reserves if partners are minded to support. <p>ACTION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● GP to share slides after the meeting inviting comments. ● GP to enquire about the benefits from other users. 	GP
<p><u>Item 7: Retrofit Accelerator EOI</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Circulated an opportunity to put in an EOI to MCS to apply for some consultancy support to buy a retrofit accelerator for the region. ● If successful, a consultant would come in to do a mapping exercise. ● Is there an appetite for the partnership to apply as a collective? ● Phil reported that a few months ago he put together a proposal for a retrofit hub and engaged in early conversations and has now put in EO. <p>ACTION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● GP to catch-up with Phil to avoid duplication. 	GP
<p><u>Item 8: NCCP Annual Report</u></p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflecting on conversations today will put that in for the future. • Done some research on what other partnerships do for their Annual Reports and include some key highlights and individual things delivered. • If anyone has any examples they are happy to share to send to GP. <p>ACTION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GP to circulate working draft for comments. 	GP
<p><u>Forward Plan</u></p> <p>May meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doing some work with the Portfolio Holders Group in getting to a more a coherent place as a group. • It was agreed that the next meeting should be in the form of a facilitated session, led by Jo Twistleton, on how we develop a maturity base as a partnership, to include adaptation. To develop a 3-5 year maturing plan. <p>June meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy Plan for Norfolk update – DC • NetZero Norfolk Communities project update - JW <p>July meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final reports from Opergy / Net Zero project • Update on LEVI funding rollout - Kurt • DESNZ Territorial emissions update – if published • Community Energy Challenges in Norfolk - GP <p>August meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Nature Recovery Strategy - WB 	
<p><u>Date and time of next meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, 26 June 2024 – 2pm 	