

NOTES			Date: 25 October 2023
			Time: 14:00
Meeting Title:	Norfolk Climate Change Partnership	Venue:	Microsoft Teams
Chair:	Steve Blatch	Note Taker:	Sandra King, NNDC
Present:	Adam Smith Annie Sommazzi Asher Minns Ben Spratling Elena Brister Ged Greaves Greg Pearson Harry Mach Jonathan Davison Jonathan Ward Kate Rawlings Steve Blatch Toby Bolton	Tindall Centre, UEA South Norfolk & Broadland District Councils Tindall Centre, UEA Norwich City Council Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk NCCP Manager Broads Authority Energy Hub Net Zero Innovation & Delivery Manager North Norfolk District Council North Norfolk District Council North Norfolk District Council	
Apologies:	Adam Thorpe Al Collier Lorraine Gore Mark Page Nicolette Jeffries Paula Boyce Peter Gudde Phil Hunt	EELGA Norfolk County Council Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk NHS ICB New Anglia LEP Great Yarmouth Borough Council Energy Hub Norwich City Council	

<p><u>Item 2: Notes from previous meeting on 27 September 2023</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The notes of the last meeting were agreed as true record. 	
<p><u>Item 3: Actions from previous meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All actions complete or in progress. 	
<p><u>Item 4: Thinking through a Climate Change Risk Assessment for Norfolk – Asher Minns and Adam Smith</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have been working up a Climate Change Risk Assessment Pilot and are very interested in undertaking a Risk Assessment for Norfolk. Bringing together a range of models grouped into climate risk themes and focused on 2-4 degrees warming socia-economic scenarios and compared against baselines. Highlights of results – looking at potential of flooding and shows likelihood of flood events and the range we need to prepare for. The risk is greater from storm surges rather than rain fall. Norfolk iscovered by 3 SMPs which shows coastal erosion in the future. Drought is another big risk and the east is projected to get warmer and dryer in the future. Heat related mortality projected to become worse in the south and east of the country and amplified in urban areas. Need to adapt housing to limit future mortality and improve comfort of buildings. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An increase in temperature will also have an effect on pollinator species which are at risk of reduction in a warmer climate, especially in North Norfolk, which is a major concern for the agriculture sector. <p><u>Questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How is the work being funded and what would influence considerations of progressing an assessment for Norfolk? Research has essentially been completed with demonstrated results at a national scale. About extracting at a local level and layering other information from partners on top. Will be a much smaller scale project for Norfolk and a far quicker exercise. The RCCC have talked about an East of England Assessment, is this one piece of work? AM feels this would be separate and would be more of a stakeholder exercise including communities and statutory bodies and factoring with data coming down. A Norfolk assessment would be at a finer scale. Lots of data exists on how climate will change for the UK. Can set thresholds to get real local information. There are tools available to assist with mitigation approaches and adaptations strategies. Have quantitative information rather than qualitative. Looking to avoid duplication of what is already being done using the best science and data available JW can share data from a study done in Nottingham with some additional data etc which includes questions around vulnerable communities. Can create layers using different sources of data which can be used as a repository to be looked at in as many ways as we want. Place and locality and localised response is something LAs need to consider in terms of putting the right systems and processes in place. <p><u>Next steps:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In terms of how widely the project will be shared, AM said they are doing a little bit of work for Norfolk but ideally want to talk to as many stakeholders as possible to obtain intelligence. Would also need to identify funding for this piece of work. The bigger picture is to make information/data available for every local authority. SMB – would be good to share with Portfolio Holders – Action GP/SMB 	
<p><u>Actions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JW to share data from the Nottingham study. SMB/GP to share with Portfolio Holders 	<p>JW GP</p>
<p><u>Item 5: NCCP Manager Update – Greg Pearson</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GP has had a conversation with colleagues at the Net Zero Hub and would like to take a partnership approach in promoting this. GP to draft a communication message to maximise interest in this activity. Partners expressed an interest in taking part in a webinar on Community Energy Fund. The NCCP updated website is now up and running - Norfolk Climate Change – Norfolk Climate Change Partnership In terms of Comms in promoting the Partnership – Steve and Lorraine have agreed to support the Apprenticeship Awards in February 2024 for the Green Apprentice Award category. This will involve being on the judging panel and presenting the award on the night. GP seeking views on setting up a LinkedIn page for the Partnership. This was agreed. 	

<p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Net Zero Hub - GP to draft a communication message to maximise interest in this activity. • GP to pursue setting up a Community Energy Fund webinar for partners. • GP to move forward with setting up a Partnership LinkedIn page. 	<p>GP</p> <p>GP</p> <p>GP</p>
<p><u>Item 6 – Discussion on Carbon Literacy Training across the Partnership</u></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GP contacted the Carbon Literacy Project who provide courses relevant to LA partners including a generic staff course, leadership and management and one for elected members. • Each course comes with a 3 year license & is updated every 6 months. • Cost per course £1,000 for Districts and £1,200 for County with discounts for purchasing more than one course. • If looking to procure in bulk collectively as a partnership they are willing to provide a further 20% discount on the total cost of all the courses. • A Town and Parish Council course is also offered at £300. • The Portfolio Holders Group are really keen on having some training. • GG asked whether there could be a shortened version suitable for an e-learning platform. GP felt this could be adapted and also felt it would be beneficial to offer the course to service managers to assist in preparing committee reports. • TB reported that he currently doing a course which would enable him to deliver this training in-house at NNDC with the opportunity of delivering more widely to other councils if purchased collectively. Suggested training groups of approx. 15 people. • AS said that her team are also doing 'train the trainer' so could be beneficial to get a small group of people together to work out the best delivery model. • GP to reach out to interested people with the aim of using a consistent methodology in taking this forward. • DC raised concerns that resourcing the delivery of this could be an issue. It was suggested that North Norfolk might wish to pilot and share experience. • Due to the challenge of getting people together for a full day's training, e-learning or half day sessions were suggested. • It was agreed to do a pilot approach with the PFH group asking them to feedback re quality and value for money. • If we look to deliver a programme to our communities, consideration could be given as to whether we charge a fee per participant to cover costs. 	
<p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GP to set up a pilot with the PFH group. 	<p>GP</p>
<p><u>Item 7 – Partnership Governance</u></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GP shared the proposed NCCP governance slide. Agreement sought from partners to move forward with a governance arrangement and, if comfortable, presenting this to the PFH group at their November meeting. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In addition to this senior level group, propose setting up a delivery group, where the carbon literacy training would sit and offer opportunities for shared learning. • Large scale projects would report into the strategic officers group. • Also incorporated an academic space in the form of an Advisory Group, perhaps led by Asher. • GG said that the PFH have some ideas as to who should be put forward to sit on the advisory group and asked whether some businesses could also sit on the group. • Partners expressed support for the development of an advisory group but felt that membership needs to be broader than just academia. The group will be key in helping to form our evidence base and direction of travel. • GP to put on agenda for PFH group on 8th November. 	
<p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GP to add governance arrangements to next PFH agenda. 	GP
<p><u>Item 8 – Fast Followers project update – Jonathan Ward</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JW – just finished first quarter review with funders. • Had engagement with bodies but not too much on the ground. • Research evidence of non-technical barriers. • Project Governance – first Steering Group meeting taking place next week and has Terms of Reference. If any partners wish to be involved let JW know. • Quite a few organisations represented. <p>Community selection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 places confirmed by LAs as intended choice with one pending. • Supporting internal decision-making processes. • Starting to meet with Ward Members and engaging Parish Clerks and Chairs. • Meeting being arranged with parishes for November. • Important to discuss and seek endorsement at a local level before publicising, with, not to, communities. <p>Procurement for engagement, co production and behaviour change services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received clarification with Innovate UK about what resources will be available through the emerging support programme. • Review of vendor landscape complete, along with some feedback from other projects and those working on community engagement. • Next steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review of draft RfP by Steering Group ○ Edits and approval by Steering Group. <p>Engagement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JW shared a non-exhaustive list of organisations, projects and teams that have been informed about or engaged with the project, or in the process of being engaged. <p>Key actions being taken forward for next quarter:</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of KPIs for each community and project overall – different measures of success. • Launching local and countywide communications around project and enhancing literacy on the agenda. • Connecting the communities to create a network. • Commencing engagement on the ground –with procured expertise. • Drawing down support from the Innovate UK programme and connecting to relevant projects. • Developing data analysis capability for place-based climate engagement and delivery. • Looking to update project information on website. • More communities and engaging in December and during the first 6 months of next year. 	
<p><u>Item 9 – Carbon Offsetting in the Broads</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing work being done where they are. • Setting a carbon neutral target by 2030 is likely to require offsetting. • Cannot buy offsets. • Have significant areas of degraded environment in the Broads. • Main funding source – Nature for Climate – requires 25% but requires non-exchequer funding. <p>Markets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 carbon credit schemes in the UK – Woodland Code / Peatland Code. • International carbon offsetting market has collapsed/proven unviable. • Biodiversity Net Gain Credits. • Nutrient Neutrality Credits. <p>Work to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received funding via the Nature for Climate “Peatland Discovery” fund. • Evaluated 15 sites, 8 of which were within the Broads National Park Boundary. • Of these, only one has moved forward to restoration so far, total of 25ha. • Only funding raised through the Anglian Water “Get River Positive” scheme. • No credits or certified outputs, pure CSR type funding. • Carbon Finance not considered viable. <p>Challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additionality • Credibility • Perverse incentives • Double counting <p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We either need offsetting to work or some other way to finance LULUCF emission cuts • Continue working with partners on identifying sites for restoration – unclear on longer term financing however interested to hear others progress re what they are doing with carbon offsetting as need other ways of raising money. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SMB commented that this is thought provoking in respect of the scale of the challenge. For North Norfolk, need to do some work including biodiversity and net gain. Lots of competing for areas of land. • Need to think about how we respond to Harry's question or challenge – may need to speak to planning colleagues around NN. Not sure if reference will be made in the King's Speech. • A big issue for planning authorities as well as the challenge for carbon offsetting. Need to consider how we take this area of work forward i.e. to form a coordinated response. GP tried push the issue at the RCCF but there was not much interest. JW commented that a few people have been looking at this but the main agenda is around retrofitting etc. 	
<p><u>Actions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JW to forward some information he has to HM. • GP to send round a question to partners and to post a question to the SCCF. 	<p>JW GP</p>
<p><u>Item 10 – Forward Plan and Any other business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting to focus on transport with an update from Helen Marshall re sustainable transport. • Update on Opergy Project. • 8th November next PFH meeting – partners encouraged to brief members in advance of that meeting as best they can. 	
<p><u>Date and time of next meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, 29th November 2023 	