

<b>NOTES</b>		<b>Date: 27 September 2023</b>	
		<b>Time: 14:00</b>	
<b>Meeting Title:</b>	<b>Norfolk Climate Change Partnership</b>	<b>Venue:</b>	<b>Microsoft Teams</b>
<b>Chair:</b>	<b>Steve Blatch</b>	<b>Note Taker:</b>	<b>Kaye Skinner, NNDC</b>
<b>Present:</b>	Adam Thorp EELGA Al Collier Norfolk County Council Asher Minns UEA Ben Spratling Norwich Elena Brister Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk Ged Greaves Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk Greg Pearson NCCP Manager Harry Mach Broads Authority Joe Wyatt Norfolk County Council Jonathan Ward Net Zero Innovation & Delivery Manager Kate Rawlings North Norfolk District Council Kirsty Burns South Norfolk Council Mark Page NHS ICB Michel Bolaboto Breckland Council Peter Gudde Energy Hub Prastuti Saikia Great Yarmouth Borough Council Steve Blatch North Norfolk District Council Trevor Wiggett Greater Norwich Development Partnership		
<b>Apologies:</b>	Deborah Carr Norfolk County Council Paula Boyce Great Yarmouth Borough Council Annie Sommazzi South Norfolk & Broadland District Council Paula Boyce Great Yarmouth Borough Council		

<b><u>Item 2: Notes from previous meeting on 30 August 2023</u></b>	<b>JW</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One alteration on page 3 – Jonathon Ward to send KS the alteration.</li> </ul>	
<b><u>Item 3: Actions from previous meeting</u></b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Page 4 – Item 6 – re partners feedback, has this happened?</li> <li>JW has been having individual conversations will bring up again in the meeting.</li> </ul>	
<b><u>Item 4: NCCP Manager update (as per attached report)</u></b>	
<b>Portfolio Holder meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was a positive session with those who attended (5 out of 8 Portfolio Holders)</li> <li>Significant shift in the politics of the group</li> <li>They decided that they wanted to move forward with the current priorities as suggested</li> <li>Honest conversation regarding their purpose as a group – GP now working with Cllr Vardy to try to shape this further</li> <li>Key feedback from both discussions was to support 3 priorities and were keen for education to take place therefore will look to consider to some carbon literacy training for the group</li> </ul>	

- A company has been identified who could assist with this training
- Keen for the partnership to add value – see the partnership as working together on collective items
- Collaborative working on workplan was reassuring
- Keen to promote the partnership within their organisations
- Debate around general understanding of climate versus economy in Norfolk
- They wanted to have further conversation around whether this was quite right
- Detailed workshop in future on what they wanted the role to be moving forward
- See that this is an important cross political issue – didn't want politics to get in the way
- See their role helping the partnership and to inform the Leaders Group on this important agenda for Norfolk
- Want strategic oversight and to be the feedback loop to Town and Parish Council's and resident groups
- See them being a convener and lobbying on certain topics and also being a critical friend
- Very helpful on what they thought their next topics of conversation should be and to start to understand what the influences are
- Keen to do a workshop on understanding and bringing the strategic priorities to life
- Meeting with the Portfolio Holders went well, pleased with the outcome
- 2 further dates for the group to come together within the next two months have been agreed and then moving to bi-monthly meetings
- Considered important to keep the momentum moving
- Encourage officers to develop a relationship with the Portfolio Holders and to ensure they are briefing their Leaders
- A periodic report will be presented - it is important that the Norfolk Leaders group understand the momentum of the group
- Need to work on this with respective organisations regarding flow of knowledge and ensure briefing is at a consistent level.

### **EELGA Conference**

- Lower Thames crossing and Stansted airport presentations didn't go down very well and weren't well received by most Members attending
- Focus of the day focused on an economic slant rather than net zero slant
- The panel was slightly bias – could do with being more mixed with their view of the topic
- Cherry picking of questions was raised with lessons to be learnt
- Wanted to see more showcasing of how organisations and partnership are doing to tackle key issues
- Breakout style sessions or street fair would have been more interesting
- Session on local energy planning was oversubscribed
- Local energy planning item – Cambridge County Council demonstrated a modelling provider – the housing session looked at how Hertfordshire tackled retro fitting
- Interesting to see how political leaders engage through the process
- Would we have benefited from some eastern regional challenges ie transport etc

<p><b>RCCF Lead Officers Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Details action plan shared - economically focused</li> <li>• Two workstreams – Sustainable Development and Green Economy</li> <li>• Struggled to find any leads or engagement – they will wrap these into existing forums – GP and Cllr Vardy will push on these issues</li> <li>• Cambridgeshire County Council are in the process of developing an adaptation strategy – what will this look like for other partnerships? – could it be beneficial for us?</li> <li>• Discussion around collective procurement – could this be looked at in more detail – especially the high level large scale infrastructure pieces / roads etc</li> <li>• At the next RCCF Lead Officers meeting Nick Porter from the LGA will be attending to discuss the national DESNZ forum with the government.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>GP will circulate a briefing note to the group after the discussion has taken place at the end of October.</b></li> </ul>	<b>GP</b>
<p><b>Item 5: Fast Followers Project Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact has been made with most of the Councils over the past couple of weeks with the main focus being the final selection of communities</li> <li>• Several communities have confirmed and others short listed</li> <li>• Will share details, analysis and cross section of chosen selected communities in due course as some meetings with Parish Councils are still ongoing</li> <li>• Work finalising the Terms of Reference for the advisory panel and the steering group is taking place</li> <li>• First meeting date to be confirmed</li> <li>• Once the communities have been confirmed meetings will be held with the relevant local councillors facilitating these</li> <li>• Will be looking at authorities to help set up and be part of the meeting and scene setting</li> <li>• Procurement for the consultancy is ongoing – if anyone has any contacts please share with Jonathan</li> <li>• Consultancy support is via Gt Yarmouth BC</li> <li>• A number of partners have confirmed chosen communities – is there going to be a formal launch or statement – what is the next stage of formal commencement?</li> <li>• Dependent on when Parish meetings take place – there will be a more formal launch event for the project prior to the consultants coming in to raise awareness and put a public face to the project and partnership</li> <li>• Two press releases have taken place in August and September</li> <li>• Launch anticipated to be in late October / early November when the communities have given consent and are engaged.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>All to give support to communities, brief their Politicians with JW moving the project forward.</b></li> </ul>	<b>ALL</b>
<p><b>Item 6: Energy Planning</b></p>	

**Norfolk Energy Plan - Joe Wyatt, Norfolk County Council Strategic Planning Team**

- Would be good to get the views of the group as to where we are at regarding policy and drivers
- Attending the Member Forum
- Good to obtain views on any tech that would be a no go
- Positive reception from NCIP promoters and Flagship Housing
- Trying to get as much as possible from early stakeholder meetings
- Will go to procurement exercise at the end of the year
- Funding from the NIF on the back of the County Deal a possibility
- Feedback received is that there is an appetite and to move forward now rather than later
- 260 local authorities have or are working towards having an energy plan
- Would be good to have an understanding as part of this process what consideration is being given to the energy landscape and what it will be in the future in relation to large scale of electrification and infrastructure in the area
- We would need to see something regarding decarbonising domestic heating and electrification of transport
- A portfolio of projects would be important to show evidence and looking to develop that
- Potential to have high intake of overnight charging of electric vehicles due to rural housing having drive ways to facilitate this
- Insulating houses and retro fitting will be prominent in the plan
- Key to have UKPN involvement because of current grid restraints – are they being kept in the picture?
- Monthly meetings with the local UKPN taking place moving forward with the team
- Very positive so far – however this is a historic issue in Norfolk with it being on the edge of the region and ROI is greater in other regions – does there need to be a strategic plan for Norfolk?
- Need to identify infrastructure issues not in the capital programme - our plan needs to dovetail into UKPN's
- UKPN have released a tool to assist with energy planning and will work in tandem with us – we need to gather lots of data prior to procurement
- Will be working with this and intend to add our data into the system
- Energy East mapping does a lot of this work too – Net Zero East hub
- Climate resilience - doing some work with Government DNO's – looking at the impact of weather in the future – this is key in the east of England
- Networks need to be resilient in the future – the DNO's are aware of this
- Static models are not the way forward – local energy planning should be a dynamic process
- Modelling asset providers is only a component – what is change going to be like – useful data set in 2018 – challenges with IP so couldn't be unpicked - who has access and how is this maintained and changed
- We need all information to be as accessible as possible and to include Members, and for us as a team it needs to be interactable – PowerBI?
- Need to think about governance too
- A heat map indicating the percentage of fuel poverty shows that Norfolk compares poorly with others
- Is there a need to increase the grid in rural areas for overnight charging - shouldn't be rural a disadvantage

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a call down process and it doesn't seem very resilient in Norfolk in capacity terms</li> <li>• Meetings with stakeholders are at the early stages however hope to have these wrapped up over the next couple of months then a Norfolk overview can be drawn together for sharing</li> <li>• Looking to move towards a funding a procurement exercise – early 2024 – with kick off around April/May</li> <li>• Delivery of the plan 18 months max is something to look towards</li> <li>• An assessment of institutional capacity or training is a consideration to delivery of the aims of this project</li> <li>• A piece of work has been commissioned around green skills and retro fit and we are meeting with them to guide the report</li> <li>• Tom Humphries at County will do regular updates on that piece of work and the two workstreams</li> <li>• Looking to deliver a pilot project in Norfolk address the issue of energy going through and not being delivered in the county</li> <li>• A civil servant has been assisting – moving in tandem with the energy plan and will go some way to address the issues raised today</li> <li>• There are ambitions of housing and economic growth planned in North Norfolk and internal capacity is constrained by the UKPN infrastructure - Norwich is reasonably supplied relative to the rest of the county</li> <li>• Five offshore wind developments achieving land fall in Norfolk - what does that mean in the future – in hindsight there could have been better conversations 8 years ago to avoid the current Norwich to Tilbury pylon debate.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Any particular issues that Portfolio Holders raise to make Joe aware</b></li> <li>• <b>GP to share details with the group.</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>ALL GP</b></p>
<p><b><u>Item 7 – Review of Forward Plan</u></b></p> <p><b>Climate Emergency UK Council Climate Scorecards</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2023 Climate Community score cards are due out in October</li> <li>• If there is anything that anyone wants to add to contact GP accordingly</li> <li>• would be great to have a joint response – will have to move really fast</li> <li>• It is very complex with rural living and access to transport</li> <li>• League table concerns.</li> </ul> <p><b>Actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>GP – to speak to Comms and officer leads for a joint response to ensure there is a collaborative working partnership moving forwards.</b></li> </ul> <p><b><u>Item 8 - Any other business</u></b></p> <p><b>SB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The report went to Norfolk Leaders in February where recruitment was agreed – GP is cracking on with the development of the partnership</li> <li>• At the beginning of the year re Fast Followers submissions – Jonathan was appointed - momentum around that project has now picked up</li> <li>• Working towards a deeper understand on data sets re consumption and emissions</li> <li>• Energy Plan being put in place moving forward</li> </ul>	<p><b>GP</b></p>

- Bacton terminal operators disappointed with the carbon capture storage announcement that this will take place in York and Scotland and not Norfolk
- Steve Blatch has written to DESNZ and hope to meet with them in the future, Cllr Kay Mason-Billing has knowledge of this
- We need to present the opportunities as well as the capacity of Greg and Jonathan in the medium term.

#### **GP**

- Productive meeting with the Environment Agency this week and are keen to engage with the partnership moving forward and will take any messages back to Defra – will push any issues the group has via this avenue and to exploit any links we have
- Jerome Mayhew MP is a PPS in Defra – use this link to develop relationships in the future.

#### **AC**

- John Jones is retiring in October and a replacement has been recruited – appointee can be introduced to GP moving forward.

#### **Date and time of next meeting**

- Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023