

NOTES			Date: 28 February 2024
			Time: 14:00
Meeting Title:	Norfolk Climate Change Partnership	Venue:	Microsoft Teams
Chair:	Lorraine Gore	Note Taker:	Sandra King, NNDC
Present:	Asher Minns Ben Spratling Deborah Carr Ged Greaves Greg Pearson Harry Mach Jonathan Davison Kate Rawlings Lorraine Gore Niamh Carpenter Paula Boyce Steve Blatch Wendy Brooks	Tindall Centre Norwich City Council Norfolk County Council Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk NCCP Manager Broads Authority Energy Hub North Norfolk District Council Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk South Norfolk and Broadland District Council Great Yarmouth District Council North Norfolk District Council Norfolk County Council	
Apologies:	Annie Sommazzi Jonathan Ward Peter Gudde Phil Hunt Mark Page	South Norfolk & Broadland District Council Net Zero Innovation & Delivery Manager Norwich City Council NHS ICB	

<u>Item 2: Notes from previous meeting on 31 January 2023</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"> It was reported that Laura Waters has now moved on to a new role so there is a gap in who is leading on this project Infrastructure and supply issues are already understood so CEXs concerned why a study needs to be done at an extremely high cost of £400k. DC reported that they are currently exploring an opportunity through National Grid for some co-funding opportunities. It is understood there was a funding issue which needs to be resolved asap as some authorities want to move quickly on this. <u>Action:</u> DC to make enquiries and feed back. <u>Action:</u> Deb to also speak to Matt Tracey to enquire who will be leading on this piece of work who will also need to feed into this group. SMB commented that we need to do better in this space as it has been talked about for over 7 years. NCC is receiving large amount of offshore generation in the county yet we are poorly served in meeting the energy needs to ensure housing and transportation growth. There are five generators pushing through county and no collective benefit to us and to address the deficit we have. Feels that any study should be paid by the industry rather than the tax payer itself. 	DC DC

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GP reported he has been connected with UKPN's local area planning team so is happy to make contact and BS happy to feed into Norwich City colleagues so there is a coordinated approach. • Action: To add to agenda for next meeting to work out next steps. • All other actions complete. 	GP
<p><u>Item 4 – Partner updates</u></p> <p>Asher Minns –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on a National Lottery submission for climate and energy. Will be happy to work with wider Norfolk partners to put together another submission for the next round if this one isn't successful. • As of 8 April have a Schools' Climate Hub Coordinator starting for the next two years, funded by DoE as part of an England wide network to engage with schools and academies. Need to make sure our materials are place-based around the climate change narrative. Will be establishing volunteer Climate Ambassadors, with lots of training available. • Will cover Norfolk and North Suffolk to start with. • Action: Asher to share contact information. <p>Ben Spratling -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Just received funding from Sport England to install a solar car park on Riverside Leisure Centre - £550k plus put in own capital funding • Submitted a social housing decarbonisation bid for several million. <p>Greg Pearson –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The partnership sponsored the Norfolk Apprenticeship Awards and visited an organisation based in North Norfolk so positive PR for the partnership. • Been speaking with both RCCF and EELGA and presenting to the Regional Officer Group re a net zero project. • Adam is also giving us a slot at the East of England Net Zero conference in July. <p>Deborah Carr –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking at a culture change piece of work and how this can be embedded across the organisation. Will share and do an update in course when a bit more mature. LG having the same conversation in BCKLWN. <p>Ged Greaves -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local launch of Marshland St James. • Sponsoring a category at the Mayor's Business Awards this Friday. A good cohort of exemplar businesses and a useful way of stimulating activity. • Putting finishing touches to carbon footprint reporting for 2022/23. • Vehicle Fleet Review – writing up and looking at participating in Solar Together. • Attended the LGA funded carbon literacy course in April. • Starting work on updating their Climate Strategy and Economic Strategy. 	

<p>Wendy Brooks –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yesterday saw the launch of the Norfolk Water Strategy business case - about using nature based solutions to manage water quality and resources. A business case will be built to bring in different investment. <p>Kate Rawlings –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Also successful in getting external funding for some of our leisure centres. • Currently implementing carbon literacy training across the organisation with the top two tiers of management already having completed the training. • Some shorter courses to engage wider staff. • Working with county partners to role out EVCPs. • Working with the Coastal team and science students at the UEA. • Looking to hold a Green Business event in May – Action: Kate to share details 	<p>KR</p>
<p><u>Item 5 – Area Based Insetting – Harry Mach</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a list of nature sites wanting to invest in and looking to obtain match funding elements required to secure Natural England funding. • Anthesis working on a platform on Insetting - still in the testing phase and 13 local authorities have been part of setting this up. • Spoke to David Walton at Suffolk CC who are thinking about it. • GP asked if it is worth exploring a joint piece with Suffolk on this but there is just one project ready to go in Suffolk. Might be worth it but there would need to be a conversation about who takes on the cost for the controlling area. • In terms of costs, they operate on a low annual registration fee then a percentage to help pay for the platform. • Action: agreed to explore - HM and GP to follow up. 	<p>HM/GP</p>
<p><u>Item 6 – Update on Portfolio Holders Meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Felt to be a really positive meeting. They are actively looking to work together and engaging in conversations. • Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The 7 communities were endorsed. ○ A number of requests about the partnership spending time looking at county wide messages with a view about myth busting around climate change and some of the issues with perhaps some messaging in NCC's 'Your Norfolk' publication. ○ Request for some basic fact sheets for councillors for when going out into the community. ○ Had an open forum to discuss and triangulate what is happening in their places which worked well. ○ Keen to see PFH as a forum to bring everything together in one place and are keen to avoid duplication across the county. ○ Re their Forward Plan – want to start using the forum as a vehicle to share and impart learning back into their organisations. 	
<p><u>Item 7 – Fast Followers project update</u></p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GP provided an update in JW's absence. • Some communities have started engagement events particularly Marshland • 5 out of the 7 communities have now been signed off. Justing waiting for sign off for Breckland and South Norfolk. • Procurement specification now gone live to close tender to run through to 18 March before reviewing on 22nd with view to contract going live on 15 April. • Receiving lots of interest and presenting at the East of England Net Zero Conference in July. • Looking at having a launch event where all the community leaders come together in April. JW scoping that up and will share in coming weeks. • Thanks to Asher for chairing the second Advisory Group. Not got into any details yet. • From April to May 2025 to deliver Innovate UK. • Looking at commonalities and additionality needed. • GP and JW designing some certificates to hand out at the event. • Hoping the Portfolio Holders Group will join the event. • Thanks to everyone for supporting this project. 	
<p><u>Item 8 – NCCP Annual report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GP presented an outline of what the report could include and wanted to get everyone's input first about what they'd like to see in the report. • Would encourage partnership to put pen to paper around the three priorities. • Need to look at the outcomes and have they delivered benefits. • Report to include some pictures plus some graphics around funding generated into Norfolk and value added and what that can add moving forward. • Need to be careful around the wording in respect of the Energy Plan. • CO2 emissions stats. • Action: Group to provide comments to GP by 15 March. GP to report back to next meeting. 	ALL
<p><u>Item 9 – Learnings from successful Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund</u></p> <p><u>Action: to carry forward to next meeting.</u></p>	GP
<p><u>Item 10 – Forward Plan and any other business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will add Energy Plan and Annie's item to carry forward. • Had a request from BCKLWN's Economic Team for EVCP energy improvement – a placeholder for the moment. • Vertical farming – GG doing a piece of work on this – GP to programme a discussion for July meeting following Govt's release of CO2 stats in July. • Action: GP to update Forward Plan 	GP
<p><u>Date and time of next meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, 27th March 2024 – 2pm 	