

Planning Committee

16 August 2019

Agenda item number 12

Norfolk Strategic Planning Framework version 2- endorsement

Report by Planning Policy Officer

Summary

To present the final Norfolk Strategic Planning Framework version 2 to Planning Committee for endorsement.

Recommendation

That Planning Committee endorse the NSPF2 and recommend that Full Authority formally endorse it.

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The Norfolk Strategic Planning Framework (NSPF) is a document that has been produced by all the Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) in Norfolk, together with the involvement of relevant bodies such as the Environment Agency. The NSPF sets out guidelines for strategic planning matters across the County, and beyond, and demonstrates how the Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) will work together under the Duty to Co-operate through a series of agreements on planning related topics. The Framework has been put together by officers from the Norfolk LPAs, under the oversight of a member level group comprising representatives from all the authorities.
- 1.2. Although the Framework is not a statutory planning document, as it has not been through the full process required to achieve such status, it sets out the strategic matters to be taken account of in the production of Local Plans by the constituent Norfolk LPAs.
- 1.3. The Framework sets out a proposed Spatial Vision and shared objectives for the Norfolk LPAs, having regard to the main spatial planning issues of population growth, housing, economy, infrastructure and environment. There are a number of “agreements” which explain how the LPAs will seek to deal with the matters through their spatial planning role. These agreements are set out in bold in the document, so they are easy to identify. Whilst the Framework is not an adopted planning document in its own right, it can be seen as a guide for future planning work.

- 1.4. The first version of the NSPF was endorsed by Norfolk Local Planning Authorities early 2018. The version of the NSPF before Planning Committee today is version 2. Work has already stated on version 3 as the NSPF will be a document that is regularly updated.

2. Norfolk Strategic Framework version 2

- 2.1. An update to the adopted NSF has been completed. Very few changes have been required since the previous version but the key changes are:
- Highlighting this document becomes the Statement of Common Ground for Norfolk
 - Changes to the agreements to include a new minerals and waste agreement and a new agreement to commit to update this document every two years
 - New information on joint working including joint working beyond the county boundaries.
 - Changes to highlight the conclusion of the government technical consultation on the standard methodology for calculating local housing need and the most up to date figures for local housing need for each district
 - Updating the telecoms section to represent the latest position regarding 5G and broadband
 - NSPF has been updated to meet the new requirements of the revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and to meet the requirements set out for the Statement of Common Ground (SCG).
- 2.2. The NSPF2 was discussed at the Norfolk Duty to Cooperate Member Forum on the 8th July 2019 who endorsed it and asked Norfolk LPAs to endorse it.

3. Financial implications

- 3.1. The Authority contributes £5,000 annually to this process.

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Appendix 1 – [Norfolk Strategic Planning Framework version 2](#)