

# Broads Authority

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## Norfolk Strategic Planning Framework - version 2

Report by Planning Policy Officer

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### Summary

The Norfolk Strategic Planning Framework version 2 (NSPF2) has been produced.

### Recommendation

To endorse the Norfolk Strategic Planning Framework version 2

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1. The Norfolk Strategic Planning Framework ('the Framework') has been produced by all the Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) in Norfolk, with the involvement of relevant bodies such as the Environment Agency. The Framework sets guidelines for strategic planning matters across the County and beyond. It also demonstrates how the LPAs will work together under the Duty to Co-operate through a series of agreements on planning related topics. The Framework is prepared by officers from the LPAs overseen by a member level group comprising representatives from all the LPAs.
- 1.2. The Framework sets out the strategic matters to be considered by the constituent Norfolk LPAs in the production of their Local Plans. It is not a statutory planning document, as it has not been through the full process required to achieve such status.
- 1.3. The Framework contains 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. A number of 'agreements' 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 are easy to identify. While 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. Version 1 of the Framework was endorsed by the Norfolk LPAs in early 2018. Version 2 is presented to today's meeting. Work has already started on version 3 and the NSPF will continue to be updated on a regular basis.

## 2. Norfolk Strategic Framework version 2

2.1. The main updates in version 2 of the Framework are:

- Notice that the 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 beyond the county boundaries.
- Changes to highlight the conclusion of the Government's 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.
- Changes to the telecoms section to represent the latest position regarding 5G and broadband.
- Updates to meet the new requirements of the revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the requirements set out for the Statement of Common Ground (SCG).

2.2. The Norfolk Duty to Cooperate Member Forum endorsed the Norfolk Strategic Framework version 2 on 8 July 2019 and asked Norfolk LPAs to endorse it. The Authority's Planning Committee endorsed the document on 16 August 2019.

## 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](#)