Norfolk Strategic Framework – update
Report by Planning Policy Officer

Purpose:	To update Planning Committee on progress of Norfolk Strategic Planning Framework 2019/20 work programme.
Recommendation:	To note the report

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 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. It was subject to a public consultation between 1 August and 22 September 2017. It was endorsed by Norfolk Local Planning Authorities early 2018.

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. This report provides Members with an update on the second version of the NSF.

2. Norfolk Strategic Framework update

2.1. An update to the adopted NSF is underway with the main changes being to reflect the new Housing Standard Methodology. It is intended to be provided

to Members ahead of the Norfolk Duty to Cooperate Member Forum on the 8 July 2019.

3.   Telecommunications Group

3.1.   A group of officers from Norfolk Local Planning Authorities meet to address future telecommunications needs, particularly in relation to 5G. They intend to produce some guidance covering 5G and Broadband and these are nearing completion.

4.   Green Infrastructure (GI) Group

4.1.   Work is underway on the Norfolk GI and RAMS project being led by Place Services, there is an initial stakeholder workshop on the 16 May 2019 to help inform the study which will:

- Review the strategically significant opportunities for the provision of new and or enhanced provision of GI.
- Understand the current management measures for visitors to the European sites and evidence for recreational disturbance, including any disturbance 'hotspots' or particular concerns with locations proposed for housing growth

5.   Health Work

5.1.   The Norfolk Strategic Officers Groups and Health colleagues are working with the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership and East Suffolk Council to implement the Health Protocol in the former Waveney area. This is because health planning covers an area that includes Great Yarmouth and the former Waveney area.

6.   Elderly

6.1.   A brief has been created by West Norfolk Council and Norfolk County Council colleagues. It is hoped that this work can be put out to tender before the end of May which should allow enough time for an initial draft to be presented by the end of October and the work to be completed by the end of the year. This work will assess older people's accommodation and support needs to inform and support planning and housing policies.

7.   Financial implications

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

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Appendices: None