

# Environment, Development and Transport Committee

<b>Report title:</b>	<b>Recommendations of the Greater Norwich Development Partnership (GNDP) Board</b>
<b>Date of meeting:</b>	<b>12 October 2018</b>
<b>Responsible Chief Officer:</b>	<b>Tom McCabe – Executive Director, Community and Environmental Services</b>
<b>Strategic impact</b> Working in partnership across Greater Norwich will help to deliver infrastructure to enable growth, housing and job creation.	

## Executive summary

A meeting of the Greater Norwich Development Partnership (GNDP) Board took place on 26 September 2018. The Board considered three reports relating to the Greater Norwich Local Plan:

- a draft Statement of Consultation reporting back on the previous public consultation;
- a report seeking approval for a consultation on newly submitted and revised sites;
- and a report outlining the main implications of the latest version of the National Planning Policy Framework on the Greater Norwich Local Plan.

The only recommendation of the GNDP Board requiring a Committee decision is to endorse a consultation on the newly submitted and revised sites.

### Recommendations

Members are recommended to agree to:

- **Note progress on the production of the Greater Norwich Local Plan; and**
- **Endorse the consultation on new and revised site proposals**

## 1. Proposal

1.1. The Greater Norwich Development Partnership (GNDP) Board oversees the production of the Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP) and makes recommendations for consideration by each of the partners. Cllrs Wilby, Clancy and East are members of the GNDP Board. A meeting of the Board took place on 26 September 2018. The Board considered three reports relating to the Greater Norwich Local Plan:

- a draft Statement of Consultation reporting back on the views received from the previous public consultation.
- a report seeking approval for a second consultation focussed on newly submitted and revised sites.
- and a report outlining the main implications of the latest version of the National Planning Policy Framework on the Greater Norwich Local Plan.

The reports can be found on the GNLP website under the section for the September 2018 GNDP Board

<http://www.greaternorwichgrowth.org.uk/planning/greater-norwich-local-plan/>

Due to the timing of the meetings, this Committee Report has been written without the benefit of agreed minutes of the Board meeting

1.2. *Statement of Consultation*

The Statement provides a detailed summary of responses made to the Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP) Regulation 18 Growth Options consultation in early 2018. It is referred to as a draft as it will evolve to reflect further consultations. When complete, the Statement will provide the main record of consultation on the GNLP for the Inspector to consider when the plan is examined. As this stage no responses are made on behalf of the councils on the representations made. However, all comments have been noted and relevant actions will be considered through strategy and policy development and site selection. Overall, the draft Statement of Consultation provides important feedback to enable the strategy and policies for the GNLP to be developed further.

1.3. The Board noted this report.

1.4. *Consultation on additional and revised sites.*

The Greater Norwich Local Plan will identify sites for a range of uses including housing, employment, leisure or community use. Just over 560 submitted sites were consulted on earlier this year. The comments received through this consultation can be viewed at the GNLP consultation web site [www.gnlp.org.uk](http://www.gnlp.org.uk) Over 200 new sites, or revisions to existing sites, were put forward through this consultation. It is intended to consult on these between 29 October and 14 December 2018. The consultation will also cover small sites (below 0.25 hectares or 5 dwellings) which are too small to allocate but are being considered as potential extensions to settlement boundaries.

1.5. The Board agreed to recommend that the constituent authorities agree the forthcoming consultation subject to clarification of its purpose i.e. that it is seeking views on newly submitted and revised sites.

1.6. *The National Planning Policy Framework and the GNLP*

The Government issued a revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) in July 2018. Changes to the NPPF aim to promote strategic planning, with joint working across boundaries and to support the delivery of development in general, and housing in particular. The NPPF also supports the Government's aim to ensure that infrastructure is provided to support growth, and strong environmental protection and enhancement measures are in place. In emphasising the value of cross boundary strategic plans and infrastructure provision, the NPPF provides strong validation for the collaborative approach we have taken in Greater Norwich for over a decade. The report to the Board also identified a range of more detailed implications of the changes to the development of the GNLP.

1.7. The Board noted this report.

## **2. Financial Implications**

2.1. There are no direct financial implications of this consultation. Staff support is managed through existing resources.

### **3. Issues, risks and innovation**

- 3.1. There are no other significant issues that arise from this decision. This kind of partnership remains innovative.

### **4. Background**

- 4.1. The County Council has been working successfully in partnership across the Greater Norwich area for a number of years through the Greater Norwich Development Partnership and through the Greater Norwich Growth Board. Working in partnership has helped bring significant investment for infrastructure to the area.
- 4.2. The Greater Norwich Development Partnership (GNDP) Board oversees the production of the Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP) for Broadland, Norwich and South Norfolk. The Board is not a decision-making body and its recommendations are considered by each of the partners. While the plan making responsibility remains with the district councils, in the spirit of partnership, the County Council, through the EDT Committee, endorse the recommendations of the Board as appropriate. Service departments are engaged at appropriate times in the development of the draft plan. Membership of the GNDP helps us discharge our responsibilities under the “duty to co-operate” and demonstrates unity of purpose, supporting the delivery of economic growth and infrastructure in the Greater Norwich area.
- 4.3. Over the next few months the partnership will be developing policies with a view to a consultation on a draft Local Plan, setting out the preferred approach, in September 2019. As the plan develops we will need to ensure that it supports County Council policies and priorities. The Local Plan will reflect progress on transport infrastructure such as the Norwich Western Link and support economic development. The County Council’s health and transport agendas would seek to ensure that any new estate scale housing allocations are located to promote active travel and provide for safe routes to schools.

Document links:

Agenda: <http://www.greaternorwichgrowth.org.uk/dmsdocument/2512>

Minutes of previous meeting:

<http://www.greaternorwichgrowth.org.uk/dmsdocument/2513>

Appendix: <http://www.greaternorwichgrowth.org.uk/dmsdocument/2511>

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