

Economic Development Sub-Committee

Item No.

Report title:	Housing and infrastructure growth – timescales for key infrastructure improvements
Date of meeting:	24 November 2016
Responsible Chief Officer:	Tom McCabe – Executive Director, Community and Environmental Services
Strategic impact Community and Environmental Services contribute directly to supporting the following council priorities: <i>“Good infrastructure” – We will make Norfolk a place where businesses can succeed and grow. We will promote improvements to our transport and technology infrastructure to make Norfolk a great place to do business.”</i> <i>“Real jobs” – We will promote employment that offers security, opportunities and a good level of pay. We want real, sustainable jobs available throughout Norfolk.</i>	

Executive summary

As requested by members at the previous meeting a map has been produced to present housing completions, jobs growth and the status of key infrastructure projects. An accompanying set of graphs provides further analysis of housing and jobs data. The analysis shows that whilst housing completions are below the local plan targets there is an upward trend across the county and job numbers also have an upward trend with figures exceeding targets.

Recommendations:

For members to note the contents of this report

1. Proposal

- 1.1. As requested by members at the previous meeting a map (Appendix A) has been produced to present housing completions, jobs growth and the status of key infrastructure projects. An accompanying set of graphs (Appendix B) provides further analysis of housing and jobs data as discussed in 2.1.

2. Evidence

- 2.1. The attached map and analysis shows that there is an upward trend of house completions across the county with 5 of the 7 districts having shown steady growth in house completions, with King's Lynn and West Norfolk experiencing the highest level of growth on the previous year (72%). 3,558 dwellings were completed across Norfolk in 2015/16, representing an 13% rise from 2014/15 however this figure is below the required local plan targets. All districts have shown a steady growth in job numbers, with Norwich and South Norfolk experiencing the highest level of percentage growth from base line year of 2012. Jobs number in Norfolk demonstrate a positive growth trend, with annual increases of 8,900 (2012 – 13) and 11, 600 (2013 – 14), both of which significantly exceed the annual average jobs growth rate required to meet the targets.

3. Financial Implications

3.1. No direct financial implications

4. Issues, risks and innovation

4.1. None

5. Background

5.1. The data used to produce the maps were taken from the following sources:
Housing: districts housing survey data used by the Infrastructure and Economic Growth team to produce the annual housing monitoring report.
Jobs: data taken from the East of England forecasting model.

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