

Council

Date: **Monday 10 April 2017**

Time: **10.00 a.m**

Venue: **Council Chamber, County Hall, Norwich**

Supplementary Agenda

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Report of the Economic Development Sub Committee Meeting held on 30 March 2017.

1. Local Member Issues

- 1.1 Members discussed issues caused by unavailability of the “Good” email system experienced by some Members such as difficulties communicating with constituents and the impact of this.
- 1.2.1 Mr Timewell raised a motion: “Members of the Economic Development Sub-Committee ask for a statement in the EDP (Archant) apologising to the public in the breakdown of communication from Members owing to ICT failings at Norfolk County Council”.
- 1.2.2 The motion was duly **AGREED**.

2. Verbal Update/feedback from Members of the Committee regarding Member Working Groups or Bodies that they sit on

- 2.1 The Sub-Committee received a brief update on County Farms from Cllr Bev Spratt.

3. Presentation on Growth Hub

- 3.1 The Sub-Committee heard a presentation by the Growth Hub Manager of the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP).
- 3.2 The Sub-Committee **NOTED** the current and planned future operation of the Growth Hub.

4. Agenda order

The Committee chose to take item 12 next (Presentation on the Integrated Transport Strategy), followed by an update from the Head of ICT and Executive Director of Finance in response to issues raised, and then return to the running order set out on the Agenda.

5. Presentation on the Integrated Transport Strategy

The Sub-Committee heard a presentation by the Technical Director of Mouchel on development of the Integrated Transport Strategy.

The Sub-Committee **NOTED** progress in development of the New Anglia Integrated Transport Strategy.

6. Update on ICT Issues raised under Paragraph 5.1 of the Minutes

The Executive Director of Finance and the Head of ICT and Information Management updated Sub-Committee members on the issues raised over the ICT issues related to the iPad email system “Good”.

4. New Anglia Economic Strategy

4.1 The Sub-Committee received the report giving information on the refreshed Strategic Economic Plan (SEP), now called the New Anglia Economic Strategy, to be launched in October 2017.

4.2 The Sub-Committee **NOTED**:

- i) The New Anglia Economic Strategy, which will be produced by October 2017;
- ii) That an update will be brought to the sub-committee on 1 June 2017, to brief the new set of Council members on the Strategy.

5. Growth Deal Update

5.1 The Sub-Committee received the report providing information on projects being funded from the existing Growth Deal funding, and on the next round of Growth Deal funding.

5.2 The Sub-Committee **NOTED**:

- The further round of Growth Deal to New Anglia LEP;
- That a further report will be brought to committee later in the year, 2017, setting out a proposed priority list of infrastructure with projects assessed against the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)’s criteria:

7. Apprenticeships Update

7.1.1 The Employment and Skills Manager gave a verbal update to the Sub-Committee and circulated apprenticeships data for August 2016-January 2017.

7.1.2 The Sub-Committee **NOTED** the update about the Norfolk Apprenticeships Scheme.

8. Finance Monitoring

8.1 The Sub-Committee received the report providing the Sub-Committee with the financial position for the service as at the end of February, period 11 - 2016-17 financial year, covering the revenue budget, capital programme and balance of reserves.

8.2 Members **NOTED** the budgets for Economic Development and Strategy for 2016-17.

Stuart Clancy
Chair, Economic Development Sub-Committee

Report of the Planning (Regulatory) Committee Meeting held on 31 March 2017

Applications referred to the Committee for Determination:

- 1 C/5/2015/5007: SPC Atlas Works, Norwich Road, Weston Longville.**
 - 1.1 The Committee received the report by the Executive Director of Community and Environmental Services seeking planning permission for change of use from B8: Warehousing to a Sui Generis use for waste processing and the production of refuse derived fuel (RDF) with an annual throughput of 150,000 tonnes; installation of office, 2 x weighbridges and photovoltaic panels. (Serruys Property Company Ltd).
 - 1.2 Mr B Long proposed, seconded by Mr J Law, to **refuse** planning permission on the grounds of impacts on the environment. Upon being put to a vote, with 9 votes in favour and 6 votes against, the Committee **RESOLVED** accordingly.
- 2 C/2/2016/2011: Land at Cross Bank Road, King's Lynn, PE30 2HD.**
 - 2.1 The Committee received the report by the Executive Director of Community and Environmental Services seeking planning permission to erect an anaerobic digestion facility (to process up to 14,000 tonnes of biomass/slurry) including reception/office building and workshop, two digesters, two storage tanks, combined heat and power plant, energy crop storage area, and ancillary plant. (Michael Stollery, Mikram Ltd).
 - 2.2 The Executive Director of Community and Environmental Services was authorised to **refuse** permission for the grounds outlined in Section 12 of the report.

Mike Sands
Chair, Planning (Regulatory) Committee

Report of the Norfolk Joint Museums Committee meeting held on 31 March 2017

1 Area Museums Committees

- 1.1 The Joint Committee received reports from meetings of the Breckland, Great Yarmouth, King's Lynn and West Norfolk and Norwich Area Museums Committees.
- 1.2 Members' attention was drawn to the forthcoming "Titanic: Honour & Glory" national touring exhibition that 'docks' into Time and Tide museum on Saturday 1st April in time for the Easter holidays. The exhibition is dedicated to preserving the legacy of the White Star Line and their fleet of ships which included, Titanic, Olympic and Britannic. The exhibition features many rare and previously unseen artefacts, including chinaware from the Titanic. Stories are told of Norfolk survivors. The Titanic menu, which featured Great Yarmouth bloaters, is also on display.

2 Norfolk Joint Museums Service – Finance Monitoring Report for 2016/17

- 2.1 Members received a report that covered progress with the NMS revenue budget for 2016/17, reserves and provisions, the capital programme and savings applied to the revenue budget for 2017/18.
- 2.2 The Joint Committee **resolved** to note –
 - (a) Progress with the revenue budget, capital programme and reserves and provisions forecast out-turn position= breakeven expected - for 2016/17.
 - (b) The proposed savings and changes for 2017/18 and beyond.

3 Norfolk Joint Museums Service – Risk Monitoring Report for 2016-17

- 3.1 The Joint Committee received and noted a report that provided Members with the Norfolk Museums Service Risk Register as at March 2016.
- 3.2 The Joint Committee noted that the risk monitoring report was compiled in a similar way to risk monitoring reports presented to service committees of the County Council. All the risks identified in the report were continually reviewed by appropriate managers to ensure that the risk scores reflected the current position against current service objectives.

4 Norfolk Museums Service – Performance & Strategic Update Report

- 4.1 The Joint Committee received a report that provided progress with performance against the NMS agreed Service Plan for 2016/17, details as to museum education and learning programmes, marketing and PR, partnerships, commercial developments, Norwich Castle Keep and other capital developments, NMS fundraising, the Arts Council England funding programme and the DCMS National Museums Review.
- 4.2 The following key points were noted:
 - The Joint Committee was informed that museum visits (including school visits)

across all 10 NMS sites for the period 1st April 2016 to 31 January 2017 had shown a slight decrease of 1% when compared to the equivalent period in the preceding year. Given many factors including an early Easter and a very hot summer, this level of performance was very encouraging.

- Following the opening of the new Voices from the Workhouse galleries at Gressenhall and a strong exhibitions and events programme across the County, the Service was confident of matching last year's record visitor figures of c.400,000, including school visits of around 46,000.
- Norwich Castle has run another successful annual art project with the Probation Service for Youth Offenders. The group learned about the history of the Castle, as first a Norman royal palace and then a prison, with a particular focus on the array of historic graffiti on the stone walls of the Castle Keep.
- A joint application for Kick the Dust, a new Heritage Lottery Fund programme aimed at developing opportunities for young people aged 16-25, was submitted in November by the Service in partnership with YMCA Norfolk. A decision is expected later in the year.
- The Museums Service is working with a tourism organisation UK Countryside Tours to develop tourism packages for the US alumni market, based on quintessential English experiences. The team at Gressenhall has helped to create an offer around the history of English agriculture focusing on leading figures like Jethro Tull and Charles Townshend.
- An application to the Garfield Weston Foundation for the support of the Keep development was submitted in February 2017. A significant grant of £500,000 was secured towards the project. Applications to other funders including the Foyle Foundation and the Wolfson Foundation are in preparation.
- The final element of the capital works for the Voices from the Workhouse development project at Gressenhall is nearing completion. The redeveloped Collections Gallery will be fully operational by May. The new gallery will be used by a range of users, including young people's groups.
- NMS and Norfolk Arts Service have been successful in a Grants for the Arts funding bid to Arts Council England, for a project to be delivered in partnership with Sinfonia Viva, a nationally recognised orchestra. This exciting project will see an orchestral and sung performance by Sinfonia Viva and a choir of school children, volunteers and members of adult community groups at Gressenhall in June 2017. The words will be co-produced by school children and community groups and will be performed at evening and schools' performances.

4.3 The Joint Committee **resolved**:

1. To note the redevelopment of the Keep at Norwich Castle which continues to progress positively.
2. To note progress with plans for the remainder of 2016/17, including the exhibition and events programme and the Service's progress in achieving a balanced budget.
3. To note progress with Arts Council England's new funding programme for 2018-22 and progress with the Service's funding applications.
4. That progress on all other museums matters should continue to be reported back to the Joint Committee as part of the Head of Museums' periodic Performance and Strategic Update Report.

5 **NMS Collections Rationalisation Programme 2015-18**

5.1 The Joint Committee approved the rationalisation of Norwich Social history items that

were listed in an appendix to a report presented to the Joint Committee. It was noted that these items had been considered for rationalisation by Norwich City Council's Area Museums Committee. It was also noted that these objects would be offered in the first instance to other Accredited Museums likely to be interested in their acquisition. They would then be offered to the museum community at large or any other suitable public body. If no interest was expressed they would be disposed of.

6 The Deep History Coast Project

- 5.1 The Joint Committee received a presentation on the Deep History Coast Project (DHC). Work is continuing, together with Natural History Museum specialists, on a review and analysis of Norfolk's faunal collections from the Cromer Forest Bed. NMS staff continue to work with North Norfolk District Council (NNDC) on the DHC Steering Committee in order to shape the direction of the project in North Norfolk. Specialist advice and support has also been provided to North Norfolk's developing DHC Coastal Community Team work, with further meetings scheduled. A partnership application led by NNDC to the Government's Coastal Communities Fund (CCF) was submitted at the end of June and has been successful in obtaining a Stage 1 pass. The second round application was submitted in December following a programme of exploratory work and detailed planning supported by NMS. If successful, the funding will enable the development of new tourism facilities across the North Norfolk Coast and improvements to the area immediately in front of Cromer Museum.

**John Ward
Chairman**

Norwich Highways Agency Committee Report of the meeting held on 16 March 2017

1 Transport for Norwich – Newmarket Road – Outer Ring Road roundabout upgrade

The Committee **RESOLVED** unanimously to defer consideration of this item to a future meeting to allow for further consultation on the scheme.

2 Transport for Norwich – Angel Road – Waterloo Road cycling improvements

The Committee **RESOLVED** unanimously to defer consideration of this item to a future meeting to allow for further consultation on the scheme.

3 Guidance on the use of 20mph Speed Restrictions Purpose.

The Committee considered the report, asking it to agree a policy for when 20mph speed restrictions should be implemented and under what circumstances physical traffic calming measures are needed to reinforce the restriction.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to approve the following policy for implementing 20mph restrictions in residential areas:

- (1) 20mph should be considered the default speed restriction for all residential C and U class roads and these should be rolled out as and when funding is available.
- (2) In areas where the existing average speeds are 23mph or less then a signed only speed restriction with repeater signs at 200m intervals should be implemented. 20mph roundels may be used at the entry points from a 30mph road.
- (3) In areas where the existing average speeds are between 23mph and 26 mph a 20mph speed restriction with repeater signs at 100m intervals should be implemented. 20mph roundels should be used at the entry points from a 30mph road and may be repeated at appropriate intervals across the area
- (4) In areas where existing average speeds are between over 26mph consideration can be given to also using physical traffic calming and / or interactive signs, if it is considered necessary to augment widespread

static signing and the use of roundels.

4 Response to the petition by the Mount Pleasant Residents

The Committee considered the response to the petition submitted by Mount Pleasant residents asking for traffic calming measures in their street.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to ask the head of city development services to consider improved 20mph signing and the use of 20mph roundels in Mount Pleasant as part of the 20mph project that is funded by the Cycle Ambition Grant and due for implementation by March 2018.

5 Transport for Norwich – A11 Newmarket Road Cycleway Improvements Project (Daniels Road to Hanover Road).

The Committee considered the report asking it to agree proposals for a segregated inbound cycleway facility and associated highway alterations on Newmarket Road between the Daniels Road roundabout and the footpath link to Hanover Road.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to:

1. Defer consideration of the removal of the existing signalised junction at the Christchurch Road/Lime Tree Road junction and provision of a new Toucan crossing to a future meeting to allow for further consultation.
2. approve the changes required to implement the scheme, including:
 - (a) Provision of a segregated one-way cycle lane on the northern side of Newmarket Road (city bound) from a point south of Albemarle and the footway link to Hanover Road.
 - (b) Provision of a new signalised Toucan crossing on Newmarket Road at the Hanover Road link to provide a route across the carriageway for cyclists.
 - (c) Conversion of the footway on the southern (outbound) side of Newmarket Road into a shared use footway/cycleway from the Hanover Road link to Lime Tree Road.
 - (d) Installation of raised table crossings (road humps) on Town Close Road, Albemarle Road and Mount Pleasant at their junctions with Newmarket Road.
3. ask the head of city development services to carry out the necessary statutory processes to confirm the Traffic Regulation Orders and notices required in relation to provision of the new cycle lane, conversion of the southern footway into a shared-use footway/cycleway, Toucan crossings and road humps required to implement the changes detailed in (1) above.

6 Transport for Norwich – Magdalen Road cycling Improvements

The Committee considered the report asking it to consider the responses from consultation and approve installation of the Magdalen Road cycling improvement scheme.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to:

- (1) approve the installation of the scheme as shown on Plans CCAG 35-04A, 05A and 06A including:-
 - (a) a separate cycle track on Magdalen Road,
 - (b) Raised footpath crossings on some side streets;
 - (c) amendment to the layout of the signalised junction of Magdalen Road with Sprowston Road;
 - (d) a 20mph zone with associated traffic calming;
- (2) ask the head of city development services to carry out the necessary statutory legal procedures to:-
 - (a) finalise the traffic regulation order to remove the limited waiting bay on Magdalen Road outside property numbers 38 to 48 and replace with double yellow lines,
 - (b) confirm the Magdalen Road cycle order
 - (c) Finalise the speed restriction order for a 20mph zone in the Magdalen Road area as shown on Plan CCAG-35-06A.
- (3) ask the head of city development services to carry out the necessary statutory legal procedures to extend the proposed 20mph speed restriction to Silver Road, the Violet Road area and the Crome Road/Mousehold Avenue area as shown on Plan Number CCAG35-15
- (4) delegate to the head of city development services the determination of any objections to the proposed further extension of the 20mph area in consultation with the chair and vice chair.

7 Transport for Norwich – St Crispins shared use crossing

The Committee considered the report and the results of the consultation linked to the wider Transport for Norwich scheme for a wide conspicuous at grade crossing over St Crispins Road from St Georges Street to Botolph Street and to agree implementation of the scheme.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to:

- (1) agree to approve the design and implementation of the scheme to improve the existing cycling facilities, and improve the provision for cyclists & pedestrians across St Crispin's Road as shown on Plan Nos. PE4112-HP- 7000-001 PR GENERAL ARRANGEMENT attached in Appendix 1.

- (2) approve the installation of a signal controlled crossing required as part of the scheme.
- (3) note that the subway, which was stopped up (highway rights removed) in 2009 as part of redevelopment proposals will be filled in.

8 Transport for Norwich – Mile Cross Lane (Fiddlewood to Catton Grove Road) Cycling Improvements

The Committee considered the consultation responses to the Mile Cross Lane cycling improvement project asking it to agree to implement the scheme.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to:

- (1) approve the following changes required to implement the scheme:
 - (a) widen and convert footways to shared use on the north side of Mile Cross Lane and the north-west of Catton Grove Road heading west into Mile Cross Lane and the footpaths between Mile Cross Lane and Blackthorn Close;
 - (b) transfer strips of land from Norwich City Council ownership to adopted highway to facilitate the above;
 - (c) reconfigure the existing traffic island on Mile Cross Lane to allow use by pedestrians and cyclists.
- (2) asks the head of city development services at Norwich City Council to carry out the necessary statutory procedures to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order to convert the abovementioned footways and footpaths to shared use.

9 Transport for Norwich – Bluebell Road cycling improvements

The Committee considered the responses from the consultation and was asked to approve installation of Bluebell Road cycling improvement scheme.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to:

- (1) approve the installation of the measures shown on plan Nos CCAG2-28-PH2-007 and 008, including :-
 - (a) A zebra with cycle crossing facilities on a raised table on Bluebell Road just north of the slip road to Newmarket Road
 - (b) Widening of the existing cycle path / footpath on the west side of Bluebell Road from its junction with South Park Avenue to the slip road to Newmarket Road
 - (c) Provide mitigation planting to the tree / hedge line on the west side of Bluebell Road
 - (d) Widening and conversion of the north side footpath on the Bluebell Road slip road to Newmarket Road to a shared cycle path / footpath

- (2) ask the head of city development services to carry out the necessary statutory legal procedures to confirm the Bluebell Road slip road cycle order.

10 Transport for Norwich – City Centre Access Strategy, Contraflow Cycle Lanes

The Committee considered the report asking it to approve to consult on proposals to introduce contraflow cycling on existing one-way streets in the city centre. Members were also asked to approve the advertisement of Traffic Regulation Orders that would be required to enable their implementation.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to:

- (1) ask the head of city development services to commence the necessary statutory process for all traffic regulation orders and notices required to:
 - (a) allow contraflow cycling on:
 - (i) St Swithins Road
 - (ii) Ten Bell Lane
 - (iii) Cow Hill
 - (iv) Willow Lane
 - (v) Westwick Street (Charing Cross to Coslany Street)
 - (vi) Muspole Street
 - (vii) Lobster Lane
 - (viii) Little London Street
 - (ix) Redwell Street
 - (x) Bedding Lane
 - (xi) Crooks Place (St Stephens Square to Wessex Street)
 - (xii) St Stephens Square
 - (xiii) Timberhill
 - (b) make associated changes to waiting and loading restrictions as outlined in the report.
- (2) approve for consultation the proposals for the City Centre Access project that relate to contraflow cycling on all of the above streets.
- (3) note that all responses will be considered at a future meeting of the committee

11 Transport for Norwich- Brazengate to All Saints Green cycling improvements

The Committee considered the report seeking approval to consult on the proposals for the Brazengate to All Saints Green Cycling Improvement Scheme.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to:

- (1) approve for consultation the proposals for the Brazengate project, including:
 - (a) Provision of mandatory and advisory cycle lanes on Brazengate

- (b) Removal of a pedestrian refuge on Brazengate and installation of a zebra crossing in its' place
 - (c) Installation of early release traffic signals with camera detection for cyclists at the Brazengate and All Saints Green junctions with Queens Road
 - (d) Changes to the All Saints Green / Surrey Street junction to remove existing traffic signals and controlled pedestrian crossings and install a new raised table across the junction with informal crossing points
 - (e) Review the existing bus gate at Grove Road to allow use by buses only during the existing operational times of 0730-0930 Monday to Friday and provide camera enforcement
 - (f) Provision of an advisory cycle lane on the east side of All Saints Green
- (2) ask the head of city development services to carry out the necessary statutory procedures associated with advertising any Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) and Notices that may be required for the implementation of the scheme as described in this report;
- (3) agree that the outcome of the proposed consultation will be reported to a future meeting of the committee.

Tony Adams
Chair, Norwich Highways Agency Committee