



IPSWICH

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Action Notes

Meeting	Ipswich Policy Area Board
Date	4 July 2014
Time	14:00
Location	Suffolk Coastal District Council Offices
Present	Cllr Graham Newman John Pitchford (JP) Cllr Simon Barrett Cllr John Hinton Cllr John Whitehead Lindsay Barker (LB) Rich Cooke (RC) Cllr Geoff Holdcroft – Chair Phil Ridley (PR) Desi Reed (DR) Cllr Carole Jones Steve Miller (SM)
Apologies	Robert Hobbs (RH)
Distribution	Published.
Action Notes Agreed	Agreed.

Items:

		Action	Attachments
1.0	Project Plan update		
1.1	This was discussed after items 3 - 5. The delay in releasing Census data meant that a definite position on a modern Ipswich Policy Area (IPA) boundary could not be reached now, and this had knock on effects for the rest of the Project Plan (PP) e.g. transport planning for the relevant area. Therefore the rigorousness of the IPA work would be undermined. An option could be postponing the Project Plan until the boundaries of "Greater Ipswich" based on a functioning economic unit basis was properly established – 2015 (SM).	SM to amend Project Plan	Amended Project Plan
1.2	The conclusion of the Board was that the Project Plan work should continue but that a twin track approach is carried out so that when the Census data, enabling a more informed IPA boundary to be established, becomes available, all of the Project Plan topics could be reviewed.	All	
1.3	For now therefore, the outputs of the PP will be interim pending the review, and the twin tracking work inserted into the PP. The twin tracking work – aimed at defining an IPA based on a functioning economic unit, will be undertaken initially by the Suffolk Growth Group.	PR/LB/ML	
2.0	Boundary Review Topic Paper (TP)		
2.1	In accordance with the TP it was agreed that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The boundaries as now + Westerfield is a starting point for cross-boundary considerations; • There is enough land in Ipswich Borough to meet needs for the next 10 years – after then, consideration will have to be given as to the role of the IPA in meeting Ipswich housing needs; • Therefore, current projected housing sites at Adastral Park, Trinity Park and Copdock will meet Babergh/Suffolk Coastal needs respectively and not Ipswich Borough; and • The Ipswich influence extends beyond the IPA and it will be necessary to review the boundaries. 	RH/JC	
2.2	Topic Paper agreed subject to insertion of twin track approach being made more explicit.		

3.0	Land Availability		
3.1	Paper agreed – useful audit of current land availability.	None	
4.0	Economic Prospects Update Paper		
4.1	More clarity needed on the graphs.	JP/JC	
4.2	Board agreed the Next Steps – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation of programme details across Suffolk authorities (July 2014); • Board agree employment needs/strategy (5 Sept 2014 – next Board meeting) – on the interim IPA boundaries; • Update economic forecasts late Sept 2014; and • Hold workshop for stakeholders late summer/autumn 2014. 		
5.0	Local Plan update		
5.1	Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils beginning work on their Site Allocations and Development Management Policies plans.		
5.2	Suffolk Coastal District Council awaiting outcome to JR challenge. Also beginning work on their Site Allocations plan.		
5.3	Ipswich Borough Council Core Strategy Review planned to be submitted to Government Spring 2015.		
6.0	AOB		
6.1	None		
7.0	Date of Next Meeting		
7.1	5 September 2014		
7.2	Topics so far - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment needs and strategy (refer to steps 65-76 of PP). 		

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