



IPSWICH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Action Notes

Meeting	Ipswich Policy Area Board
Date	5 February 2015
Time	11:00
Location	Grafton House, Ipswich
Present	Cllr Geoff Holdcroft –Chair – Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC) Desi Reed (DR) – Suffolk Coastal District Council Cllr John Hinton – Babergh District Council (BDC) Rich Cooke (RC) – Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Councils Cllr John Whitehead – Mid Suffolk District Council (MSDC) Cllr Carole Jones – Ipswich Borough Council (IBC) Matthew Ling (ML) – Ipswich Borough Council Steve Miller (SM) – Ipswich Borough Council Robert Hobbs (RH) – Ipswich Borough Council Andrea McMillan (AM) – Ipswich Borough Council Cllr Graham Newman (GN) – Suffolk County Council (SCC) John Pitchford (JP) – Suffolk County Council James Cutting (JC) – Suffolk County Council Dave Watson (DW) – Suffolk County Council
Apologies	Phil Ridley – Suffolk Coastal District Council
Distribution	Published.
Action Notes Agreed	Agreed.

Items:


		Action	Attachments
1.0	Agree action notes of December meeting		
1.1	Agreed.	Publish on IBC website.	
1.2	Officers were asked to make suggestions at a future meeting in respect of future funding and	IBC to suggest	

	resourcing for the administration of the Ipswich Policy Area (IPA) Board. At present it is being done by planning policy officers.	options.	
2.0	Update on project plan		
2.1	Population figures are now published in the 2014 East of England Forecasting Model (EEFM) run.		
2.2	Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) Household Projections expected end of February.		
2.3	Tenders expected in respect of the Employment Land Needs Assessment in mid-February.		
2.4	These sources of information will inform any future IPA boundary.		
2.5	Items for the next meeting from the project plan include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreement of future meeting dates, chair and secretariat (step 16); and • Presentation on DCLG household projections (step 67). 		
3.0	Local Transport update		
3.1	DW updated on transport activities currently being undertaken. In respect of the Suffolk Local Transport Plan 3 (2011-2031), much of what is set out in the plan is still appropriate and some projects are being implemented. There will be a focus on more detailed intervention in towns within the County focusing on cycle networks and public transport opportunities. Funding from developments will be important alongside other transport funding sources.		
3.2	There is a good transport model for the Ipswich area and IBC together with SCC have commissioned consultants to update the information supporting the model with data from the 2011 Census and to provide further analysis.		
3.3	SCC is investigating feasibility for a Wet Dock Crossing and options for capacity improvements in the north of Ipswich.		
3.4	It was noted that there are three consultations currently being undertaken in respect of rail including one about the Eastern rail franchise from 2016. The Norwich to London Liverpool Street mainline via Ipswich is an important route for the IPA.		

4.0	Green Infrastructure update		
4.1	AM introduced the Haven Gateway Green Infrastructure Strategy (HAGGIS) from 2008. The study gave a list of opportunities for improving green infrastructure through a multi-functional network of green spaces. Officers from each district are undertaking a review of the study to provide a more up-to-date position on the delivery of these opportunities. Each adopted local plan contains a commitment to enhancements to green infrastructure either through new development or in general. Mitigation is also required through the Habitats Regulations Assessment.		
4.2	BDC are leading on the review and looking in more detail at the opportunities and mapping any deficiencies in green infrastructure. A final report is anticipated by May 2015 to be presented to the IPA Board.	Officers to progress project.	
4.3	The impact of regional destinations including Alton Water in BDC and Minsmere in SCDC attracting visitors were also mentioned.		
5.0	East of England Forecasting Model 2014 update		
5.1	JC explained the results of the EEFM 2014 run published on 22 nd January 2015, which have incorporated district to district level commuting data from the 2011 Census, and the wider Ipswich Economic Profile.		
6.0	Local Plan update		
6.1	IBC: currently undertaking Regulation 19 proposed submission consultation for its Core Strategy and Policies development plan document (DPD) review and its Site Allocations and Policies (incorporating IP-One Area Action Plan) DPD between 12 th December 2014 and 5 th March 2015.		
6.2	BDC/MSDC: Regulation 18 draft joint Local Plan document published on 19 th January and consultation runs to 12 th March. MSDC are replicating the BDC approach to rural growth. The two districts have also done a call for sites. BDC/MSDC also undertaking a consultation on a draft community infrastructure levy charging schedule to 13 th February.		
6.3	SCDC: currently consulting on Regulation 18 Site Allocations and Area Specifics DPD, and Felixstowe Area Action Plan DPD. Consultation runs from 15 th December 14 to 27 th February 15.		

7.0	Any other business		
7.1	None.		
8.0	Date of Next Meeting		
8.1	Friday 20 th March 2015 at Suffolk Coastal District Council.		

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