



Action Notes

Meeting	Ipswich Strategic Planning Area Board
Date	Wednesday 13th March 2019
Time	16:30pm
Location	Shotley Room, Endeavour House
Invited	Cllr Paul West (Suffolk County Council) (PW) Cllr Carole Jones (Ipswich Borough Council) (CJ) Cllr Tony Fryatt (Suffolk Coastal District Council) (TF) Cllr Nick Ridley (Babergh District Council) (NR) James Cutting (Suffolk County Council) (JC) Martyn Fulcher (Ipswich Borough Council) (MF) Carlos Hone (Ipswich Borough Council) (CH) Sally Minns (Ipswich Borough Council) (SM) Anna Roe (Ipswich Borough Council) (AR) Desi Reed (Suffolk Coastal District Council) (DR) Andrea McMillan (Suffolk Coastal District Council) (AM) Mark Edgerley (Suffolk Coastal District Council) (ME) Tom Barker (Babergh/Mid Suffolk District Councils) (TB) Robert Hobbs (Babergh/Mid Suffolk District Councils) (RH) Suzanne Buck (Suffolk County Council) (SB)
Distribution	Attendees, Cllr Glen Horn, Martyn Fulcher, Philip Ridley, Graeme Mateer
Apologies tendered in advance	None

Items:

		Action	Attachments
1.0	Apologies for absence – Cllr Glen Horn (Mid Suffolk District Council) (GH) Martyn Fulcher (Ipswich Borough Council) Philip Ridley (Suffolk Coastal District Council) Graeme Mateer (Suffolk County Council) (GM)		
2.0	Action notes from 11th December meeting.	ALL	Draft minutes 11/12/2018
2.1	RH requested the following corrections to the Action Notes from the meeting held on the 11 th December 2018:	AR to make all corrections	
2.2	Paragraph 2.10 should read 'RH advised that' not RB.		
2.3	Paragraph 4.3 should read 'MSDC Council 24th January 2019 with consultation starting March 2019' not January 2018.		
3.0	Local Plan Position Update		
3.1	BDC / MSDC - June 2019 consultation, subject to external viability. Cllr NR advised that every effort was being made to avoid further slippage.		
3.2	SCDC – Regulation 19 consultation closed 25 th February 2019, Officers are currently dealing with representations. Annette Feeney has been appointed as Programme Officer. SCDC intend to submit to the Planning Inspectorate on the 29th March. Hearings are expected to take place in July 2019 with adoption towards the end of the calendar year/early 2020. ME confirmed the Waveney District Council had received a positive inspectors report and adoption is anticipated 20 th March 2019. ME advised that there may be scope for other authorities to collectively benefit from Waveney's experiences.		
3.3	IBC - Ipswich Local Plan Review Preferred Options consultation closes today (13th March 2019), the Council updated its Local Development Scheme in February. Regulation 22 (Submission to the DPD to the Secretary of State) is programmed in for February 2020. The plan is running to timetable.		
4.0	Update on Upper Orwell Crossing		

	<p>4.1 PW/JC advised that the Upper Orwell Crossing project had been terminated, but the County Council had committed almost £11 million to pursuing the two smaller bridges, although the main span would not be going ahead.</p> <p>4.2 Cllr CJ welcomed the £11 million contribution from the County Council towards the two smaller bridge projects.</p>		
5.0	<p>Statement of Common Ground</p> <p>5.1 RB tabled a note for the board, which set out briefly some additional amendments sought to the draft SoCG to reflect the current position in relation to the production of the Babergh Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan. In response to concerns expressed by CJ, TB acknowledged that comments could have come earlier and apologised to Board members. TB confirmed that BDC/MSDC still had ambitions to sign the SoCG.</p> <p>5.2 Cllr TF requested clarity on the implications of the BDC/MSDC comments for the SCDC Local Plan.</p> <p>5.3 DR confirmed that there was still time for amendments to be made to the SoCG prior to it being signed and meet the deadline for submission of the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan.</p> <p>5.4 SM confirmed the format complied with the best practice advice and template from the Planning Advisory Service (PAS January 2019) in terms of content and length. The SoCG will evolve as LPAs progress through the local plan process. With regard to housing under supply, if necessary this issue should be addressed through Housing Action Plans, rather than plan review in the first instance, identifying (HAPs) challenges with under supply and suggesting steps to drive up delivery and mitigate the risk of future under delivery.</p> <p>5.5 RB explained that BDC/MSDC would also need to enter into other Statements of Common Ground for example with Braintree in Essex. RB confirmed BDC/MSDC's intention to sign the SoCG, and proposed to send out further information this week in relation to further updates to the Statement of Common Ground. RB emphasised the need to ensure the statement reflected current local plan positions.</p> <p>5.6 DR/AM reminded the group that Natural England was a signatory to the Statement and that the group needed to allow a couple of days for this to happen</p>		

	<p>when thinking about a deadline for finalising the Statement.</p>		
5.7	TB confirmed that BDC/MSDC intend to sign the Statement of Common Ground following the proposed further amendments.		
5.8	DR advised that if there were any areas of disagreement these can be outlined in Statements of Common Ground, as per the Planning Practice Guidance..		
5.9	SM confirmed that this was the appropriate approach, for the audit process. SM confirmed that the government was moving forward with more testing of the cooperation requirements.		
5.10	TB asked for confirmation as to why it was imperative that the statement be signed at this stage, when other SoCGs can be signed through the Examination process.		
5.11	DR confirmed that the ISPA SoCG will demonstrate compliance with the Duty to Cooperate which is a statutory requirement that will be tested during the early stages of the ExaminationCH explained that the SoCG covered strategic cross boundary matters such as Highways/transport	RH to circulate comments on current SoCG by Thursday 14 th March	
5.12	Cllr West suggested that more discussion was needed at officer level on the proposed changes to the SoCG.		
5.13	The decision was taken by members to arrange a further meeting to run through the full set of amendments to the Statement of Common Ground.		
5.14	It was agreed that the Board would meet again on 20 th March, at which point officers/members should be in a position to sign the SoCG. Officers should keep their respective members up-to-date as discussions progress. RH agreed to articulate his concerns with the current iteration of the SoCG Thursday 14 th March.		
6. 0	Secretariat		
6.1	DR advised that Suffolk Coastal (East Suffolk) would be happy to take over secretarial duties from April 2019.		
7. 0	Any other business		

8.0	Date of next meeting		
8.1	A further Board meeting to be held 4pm on Wednesday 20 th March.		