

Report to Cabinet
25th June 2014
Report of Deputy chief executive (operations)
Subject Norwich Annual Business Plan 2014-15

Purpose

To consider an annual Business plan for 2014/15 for strategic infrastructure projects to support planned growth in Norwich and recommend it to Council for approval. Following approval it is recommended that the attached business plan is presented to the Greater Norwich Growth Board for delivery in 2014/15 from pooled funding.

Recommendations

1. To recommend to Council the approval of the annual Business Plan for 2014-15 for strategic infrastructure projects to support planned growth in Norwich.
2. Subject to approval, to agree that the Business Plan for 14/15 is presented to the Greater Norwich Growth Board (GNGB) to form the Norwich element of the Greater Norwich Delivery Plan.

Corporate and service priorities

The report helps to meet the corporate priority prosperous city.

Financial implications

The council agreed in February 2014 to pool CIL income (not including the neighbourhood funding and administrative funding elements (i.e. excluding 20% or 30% depending on whether there is a neighbourhood plan). The report seeks £101,000 for 2014/5 from the pooled fund for projects in Norwich.

The total pooled amount for Greater Norwich is currently projected to be as follows:

	13/14 received	14/15 Projected	Cumulative total	Pooled Fund 70%
Total	£93,000	£1,108,562	£1,201,562	£841,093

Ward/s: All

Cabinet member: Councillor Brenda Arthur, leader of the council.

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Background documents:

None

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Background

1. In February 2014, Council approved the Greater Norwich Growth Board (GNGB) agreement and constitution. Council also agreed to pool its CIL income (not including the neighbourhood element or the proportion retained to cover its administrative costs) across greater Norwich. It was also agreed that the business plan setting out the priorities for investment from the pooled fund would be brought back to Cabinet and Council for approval.

Introduction

2. The adopted joint core strategy (JCS) identifies key infrastructure required to support the planned scale and distribution of growth in greater Norwich. The JCS has been developed with infrastructure delivery in mind and has a delivery plan. The greater Norwich local authorities have updated the delivery plan, now known as the Greater Norwich Infrastructure Plan (GNIP).
3. The GNIP identifies the relationship between growth pressures and infrastructure dependencies and seeks to capture all projects that have been identified arising from the planned growth across the greater Norwich districts.

City Deal

4. The Council has committed to delivering housing and jobs through the Greater Norwich City Deal in partnership with Broadland District Council, South Norfolk Council, Norfolk County Council and the Local Enterprise Partnership. The City Deal signed in December 2013 has a strong infrastructure theme.
5. Under the infrastructure theme, two programmes have been set up. A local infrastructure fund was launched on 12th May, offering finance for infrastructure required to unlock stalled development sites. The other programme is a strategic infrastructure programme. The programme is built up from the infrastructure requirements of the JCS and seeks to ensure strategic infrastructure delivery supports projected housing and jobs growth.

The Strategic Programme

6. Delivery of the strategic programme is vital to keep planned housing and jobs growth on track. Through the GNGB the authorities have agreed to pool CIL contributions to assist in delivery of the programme. The annual business plan promotes projects for delivery in 14/15 against this programme.

The 14/15 Business Plan

7. This is the first business plan (Appendix A) prepared to recommend projects to be delivered from pooled funding. The GNGB will consider the plans from the 3 districts at its meeting on 31st July 2014 so the 2014/15 business plan is not for the full financial year. Subsequent business plans will be prepared to tie in with the Council's budget setting cycle.
8. In section 7 the business plan sets out in more detail the relationship between the business plans the Greater Norwich growth board and the governance

arrangements to support delivery. This is explained in the governance diagram in Appendix B.

9. The Norwich business plan (Table 2 in Appendix A) promotes schemes to receive funding from pooled contributions for delivery in 14/15. Within this year the projects identified for delivery total £101,000:
 - Marston Marsh
 - Danby Wood
 - Riverside Walk; improvement work to river banks, seating and interpretation
 - Enhancement of Earlham Millennium Green for site users and wildlife.
10. In addition £160,000 of scheme development work is required for 3 transportation projects in the strategic programme to prepare for delivery in subsequent years:
 - Golden Ball Street/ Westlegate,
 - Guardian Road roundabout,
 - Yellow pedalway.

The cost of this development work is to be met by the accountable body (Norfolk County Council).

Scrutiny

11. This report is due to be considered at Scrutiny Committee on 19 June 2014 and the outcome will be reported to the Cabinet meeting. Members are asked to consider any recommendations and comments from Scrutiny Committee before recommending the annual business plan to Council for approval.

Integrated impact assessment



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Committee:	Cabinet
Committee date:	25 June 2014
Head of service:	Andy Watt
Report subject:	Norwich Annual Business Plan 2014-15
Date assessed:	2 June 2014
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Economic (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Finance (value for money)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	CIL income will allow delivery of projects in Norwich
Other departments and services e.g. office facilities, customer contact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
ICT services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Economic development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	CIL projects eg transportation and public realm make Norwich more attractive for investors
Financial inclusion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposes support for transportation projects which include priority for non- car modes
Social (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Safeguarding children and adults	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<u>S17 crime and disorder act 1998</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Human Rights Act 1998	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Health and well being	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Projects promote active lifestyles
Equality and diversity (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Relations between groups (cohesion)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Eliminating discrimination & harassment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Advancing equality of opportunity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Environmental (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Projects will improve transportation in Norwich
Natural and built environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Projects provide for improvements to strategic open space
Waste minimisation & resource use	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Pollution	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sustainable transport projects will provide potential to reduce pollution through reduced car use.
Sustainable procurement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Energy and climate change	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sustainable transport projects will provide potential to reduce energy consumption through reduced car use.
(Please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Risk management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Recommendations from impact assessment				
Positive				
The projects proposed will improve the quality of the environment and provide benefits for local people.				
Negative				
Neutral				
Issues				