

Report to Cabinet
10 September 2014
Report of Head of city development
Subject Greater Norwich Growth Board (GNGB)

Item

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Purpose

To consider the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), Greater Norwich annual delivery programme 2014-15 and draft annual business plan 2015-16.

Recommendations

To:

1. recommend to council to approve the Greater Norwich annual growth programme for 2014/5
2. recommend to council inclusion of £161,000 for the Norwich projects in the Council's capital programme for 2014-5 (to be funded through income from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL))
3. recommend to council to approve the draft Norwich annual business plan for 2015/6
4. present the business plan for 15/6 to the greater Norwich growth board (GNGB) to form the Norwich element of the greater Norwich annual growth programme.

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). £161,000 for 2014/5 from the pooled fund is proposed to be allocated for projects in Norwich. This now needs to be included in the Capital Programme.

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

- Collected in 2013/4- £74,690
- Predicted 2014/5- £1,203,750
- Predicted in 2015/6- £2,675,110

Note- the figures have changed slightly from previous reports as Broadland has now predicted a slightly higher level of CIL income for 2014/5.

Taking account of existing commitments, this means that £3,702,550 pooled CIL funding will be available in 2015/6

The report seeks £1,000,096 for 2015/6 from the pooled funding for projects in Norwich.

Ward/s: All

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

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Background documents:

None

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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 to pay for strategic infrastructure. Delivery of the strategic programme is vital to keep planned housing and jobs growth on track.
2. In June 2014 cabinet and council considered the draft Norwich business plan for 2014/5 (setting out strategic infrastructure projects for Norwich to be funded from the pooled CIL pot) and recommended that it be presented to GNGB for inclusion in the greater Norwich growth programme.

The 14/15 greater Norwich growth programme

3. The first meeting of the GNGB was held on 31 July 2014. The board considered the greater Norwich growth programme and resolved to:
 - a) approve the 2014/5 growth programme, compiled from the annual business plans and subject to acquiring additional information on costs and delivery for particular schemes;
 - b) delegate to the Greater Norwich Infrastructure Delivery Board to collect further information on schemes as required and report any amendments to the annual growth programme;
 - c) ask the Greater Norwich Infrastructure Delivery Board to report progress on the annual growth programme to this board;
 - d) recommend to the promoters that they develop the schemes listed for preparatory work carried out in 2014/5 to support development of the 2015/6 programme.
4. The growth programme is included in Appendix 1 and includes all the Norwich projects proposed in the Norwich business plan, considered by cabinet and council in June 2014.
5. These Norwich projects now need to be included in the council's capital programme for 2014/5, recognising that the funding will be provided from pooled CIL income.
6. The GNGB also approved all projects in Norwich where funding for preparatory work was sought from the scheme promoter. These are also set out in Appendix 1.

Draft Norwich business plan for 2015/6

7. The 14/5 business plan effectively covers the remaining 6 months of the financial year and the process of developing the 15/6 plan is now underway. The timing will ensure that for the 15/6 plan and future years, the final approval of the growth programme for greater Norwich ties in with the council's annual budget cycle.
8. The draft Norwich business plan for 2015/6 is included in Appendix 2. This has been prepared to set out the infrastructure priorities for Norwich in 2015/6 and to recommend projects to be delivered from pooled CIL funding. The GNGB will consider the plans from the 3 districts at its meeting in October 2014. The GNGB will need to consider whether there is sufficient funding to allow all projects proposed by the 3 districts to be included in the greater Norwich growth programme for 2015/6. Other sources of funding may need to be considered and at this stage there may need to be some prioritisation of projects across greater Norwich.
9. The draft Norwich business plan promotes schemes to the total value of £1,000,096 to receive funding from pooled contributions for delivery in 15/6. The projects identified for delivery are:
 - a) Golden Ball St / Westlegate - £500K
 - b) Yellow pedalway- £250K
 - c) Riverside Walk improvements- continuation from 2014/5- £30K
 - d) Earlham Millennium Green path improvements- continuation from 2014/5- £66K
 - e) Marriott's Way- £250K
10. All of these projects are capable of being taken forward in 2015/6 and have no land ownership or other significant constraints. A description and the rationale for selecting these projects are included as Appendix 3.
11. In addition £300,000 funding for scheme development work is required for 4 transportation projects in the strategic programme to prepare for delivery in subsequent years:
 - a) Rose Lane / Prince of Wales Road- £100K
 - b) Tombland Public Realm- £50K
 - c) Dereham Road BRT: Guardian Road roundabout- £100K
 - d) Blue pedalway- feasibility work- £50K
12. The cost of this development work is recommended to be met by Norfolk county council.

13. With the change to the CIL regime, in future years, the s.106 funding that the council has used to fund the provision and improvements to strategic parks, play and other open space projects in the city will be significantly reduced. The council therefore needs to develop some open space projects which can be delivered with CIL funding in future years. It is therefore proposed that the council should dedicate its own resource to the development of strategic parks, play and other open space projects for which CIL funds can be used for delivery in 2016 and beyond.

Other business of the greater Norwich growth board

14. In line with the GNGB constitution, it is the role of individual councils to scrutinise the work of the board. At its first meeting on 31st July 2014, the other items on the agenda were:
- a) New Anglia Local enterprise partnership
 - b) Greater Norwich City deals
 - c) Greater Norwich Local infrastructure funding- where the Board approved in principle, local infrastructure funding to provide on-site road and utilities at Bowthorpe Threescore to accelerate delivery of 1,100 dwellings and for a spine road, bridge and other associated works to open up the Deal Ground for development with 670 dwellings.
15. A copy of the GNGB papers is available on the GNDP web site via this link: <http://www.gndp.org.uk/content/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2014/07/AGD-Greater-Norwich-Growth-Board-2014-07-31.pdf>

Integrated impact assessment



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Report author to complete

Committee:	Cabinet
Committee date:	10 sept 2014
Head of service:	Andy Watt
Report subject:	Greater Norwich growth programme 2014-5 & Norwich Annual Business Plan 2015-16
Date assessed:	14 Aug 2014
Description:	To note the activities of the GNGB and approve the projects in the Greater Norwich Annual Growth programme for 2014-5 and recommend to council inclusion in the capital programme and to approve the draft Norwich Annual business plan for 2015-16. .

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				