

ACTION POINTS
Meeting of Building Growth Reference Group
Thursday 10th May 2018
City College Norwich
9 am

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| <p>Saul Humphrey – Morgan Sindall Teresa Rand – Admin Support for BG and NCEC Steve Carr – City College Norwich Ellen Goodwin – New Anglia LEP Karen Chapman – Suffolk Local Authorities Matt Wood – Feilden + Mawson Eddie Tyrer – Lanpro Amy Leader – Oxbury Lee Bowker – MLM Celia Anderson – Dynamique Consulting Christina Sadler – Network Christina Corrienne Peasgood – City College Norwich Gail Mayhew – Urban Design and Place Making Rob Storer – JTL Training</p> | |
| <p>Apologies Tom Barker, Mike Rigby, Chris MacDonald, Andrew Rowe, Dayle Baylis, Ian Darrock, Michael Gray, John Huckle, Debbie Wildridge, Helen Clements, Jan Feeney, Keith Moore, Jonathan Cage, Martyn Price and Sheila Oxtoby.</p> | |
| <p>Introduction Saul welcomed all to the meeting and thanked Corrienne Peasgood, Steve Carr and the catering team for hosting and providing a superb breakfast.</p> <p>Corrienne welcomed the group to CCN. One in four 16 – 18 year olds in Norfolk attend CCN and 30% of all construction students across Norfolk and Suffolk attend CCN. Last year they achieved the highest results in the country for level 3 students. All entry level 3 students got work experience and the college has noticed a real broadening of the range of work experience offered. Great staff are coming through the college as well as moving into Norfolk. They have launched a degree programme in management and next year they will be trialing T level work placements which will mean every student will be required to do 45 days in a working environment during the academic year.</p> | |
| <p>Action Points Arising from meeting held on 8th March 2018 The notes of the meeting had been circulated and all action points are covered on the Agenda with the exception of:</p> <p>The consultations advised by Keith Moore were discussed. Keith Moore, Eddie Tyrer and Karen Chapman had met to discuss these. Lanpro has commented on the NPPF.</p> | |
| <p>Building Growth 2 It was agreed that a Re-launch of BG should be held in October/November 2018 at a venue in Suffolk. A sub-committee of Saul Humphrey, Eddie Tyrer, Celia Anderson, Gail Mayhew, Corrienne Peasgood and Ellen Goodwin be formed to organise this event. The event should take place on a Thursday or Friday morning and the Oaksmere Hotel was put forward as a possible venue due to it being close to the Norfolk/Suffolk border. It was agreed all MPs in the region should be invited to attend and contribute. The event should have a leadership/management focus with stands for exhibitors. SH is meeting with Mark Farmer and will ask whether he would like to contribute. Housebuilders should be encouraged to attend and the proposal from Peter Head followed up.</p> | |
| <p>Presentation – SPAB and the current Heritage Review Speaker was unable to make the date so this will be carried forward to a future meeting.</p> | |
| <p>Topic Based Conversations on Work Programmes</p> | |
| <p>Skills – full update attached</p> <p>Construction is the only sector the colleges work together on. Norfolk colleges are promoting the Help You Choose website and continue to lobby Suffolk to use the same platform for continuity for students, parents and schools but Suffolk currently want to continue to use Icanbea.</p> | <p>Dayle Baylis Christina Sadler Corrienne Peasgood</p> |

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| <p>The skills group were unsuccessful if their bid for funding to bridge the gap between tutors pay and that of an industry expert but are continuing to explore other means. It was suggested that the underused apprenticeship grant be used to help the supply chain for this means.</p> <p>There are separate Passports to Employment for adults and young people but these are consistent across all sectors.</p> <p>North Norfolk District Council are running a skills fair and employers in North Norfolk will be given free space. It is hoped there will be a healthy turnout from the construction sector.</p> <p>Easton and Otley are running a schools event for girls between 11 and 18 to try their hand at construction and land skills. Flyer emailed with the notes.</p> <p>Breckland for Jobs (Tripstart) is partnering with DWP to submit a bid for a minibus and driver/careers adviser to help young people get to work in the Breckland area with a view to them being nudged towards the right public transport options. This will be for young people without any support from their home environment.</p> <p>The next Skills sub-group meeting is Wednesday 16th May.</p> | |
| <p>Planning The DCLG bid for funding a planning charter was unsuccessful. The next step will be to put the charter into action and trial it. A decision needs to be made whether to park it or try to unlock funding. Gail Mayhew will work with Karen Chapman to re-align with Suffolk and will report at the next meeting.</p> | Jonathan Cage |
| <p>Utilities NALEP funding has been secured to host a work shop in September/October with a paper written by November 2018. The purpose of the workshop will be to get utility leaders and influencers in a room to discuss change. The output will be a paper which can be used to lobby Parliament to implement the changes needed to ensure the way utility companies work is not blocking progress on sites. The plan is to park the service level agreement and charter idea for the time being as the work carried out to date has proved that any changes to the way utility companies operate will have to be at a national level, not regional. Karen Chapman asked that the work of Energy East is taken into account.</p> | Lee Bowker |
| <p>Housing There will be a paper for the next meeting. Oxbury has a five year housing supply report which Amy Leader will make available to Eddie Tyrer.</p> | Andrew Savage |
| <p>Place, Land and Market</p> <p>The sub-group met and discussed public/private partnership delivery models. Key points arising from their discussion were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need for regional scale planning to identify the correct land release and infrastructure model to underpin achieving 'the right development in the right place' as required by the NPPF. • The question of where the locus of this level of planning should sit. • The question of agency - ie who should take the lead role in advancing complex development with a strong requirement for public funding. • Concerns were raised about the land auction model which is being trialled elsewhere were raised - as increasing the chance of producing unhelpful outcomes. • The need to engage more strongly with the economic development drivers that underpin growth, not just accommodating housing numbers. • The need for more fine grain property market intelligence and analysis to underpin strategic planning decision-making. • The need to query the concept of 'land value capture' as an overarching policy objective (this sounds like taxation by a different route). Refocussing this as 'social infrastructure-led' development potentially is a better descriptor of how this form of market intervention/ partnership working should operate. <p>Research is required to bring the housing agenda and industrial strategy together to prioritise and shape. Gail Mayhew to put together an investment ask.</p> <p>Homes England are commissioning an updated ATLAS guide - http://www.hyas.co.uk/the-atlas-guide/</p> | Gail Mayhew |
| <p>Innovation –report attached Consideration to be given as to how to align with STEM, AI skills etc.</p> | Chris MacDonald Christine Harvey/David Warren Kenny Lang |
| <p>Saul thanked the sector leads and asked them to continue to send their reports on the standardised form.</p> | |
| <p>CITB Reform Plan Scale of job losses has been publicised. HQ staying at Bircham Newton for the time being. It is hoped employers will pick up training opportunities.</p> | |

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| <p>How should Norfolk Grow</p> <p>There is an event at Portcullis House on Tuesday 15th May.</p> <p>For any further information on the above, please contact rigbym@parliament.uk.</p> | Mike Rigby |
| <p>Strategic Review of Building Growth</p> <p>Eddie Tyrer is currently looking at what partnerships mean and will prepare a short presentation on this for the next meeting.</p> | Eddie Tyrer Keith Moore Chris MacDonald Karen Chapman |
| <p>Other Regular Items</p> | |
| <p>NALEP</p> <p>Ellen Goodwin to arrange a NALEP sector head meeting.</p> | Saul Humphrey/ Ellen Goodwin |
| <p>Marketing and Website</p> <p>Students from City College Norwich have been briefed on the requirements for the website and are working on this as one of their modules. Chris MacDonald has met with most sub-group leads, is transferring the domain from Dayle Baylis to Saul Humphrey and will agree an interim showcase event with CCN for BG sub-group leads to attend and offer constructive feedback on progress. There will be a final launch when finished which will be by the end of the summer term.</p> | Chris MacDonald |
| <p>Greater Norwich Growth Board</p> <p>Chairmanship has swapped from Broadland to Norwich City Council. SH is co-chairing with Alan Waters.</p> | Saul Humphrey |
| <p>Suffolk Growth Board</p> <p>Karen Chapman provided an update on 3 key areas of work under the SGPB <i>planning</i> theme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the Ipswich Policy Area Board has been re-launched as the Ipswich Strategic Policy Area Board. Covering 4 local planning authorities (IBC, BMSDCs, SCDC) the Board is looking at aligning the current set of local plans that cover the area. A workforce review of all Suffolk local planning staff (covering planning, growth & development) is about to start. This work will look at the current skills mix / gaps within teams and develop actions to strengthen recruitment, retention and career progression Funding was received from MHCLG to develop design work across all Suffolk authorities and consultants will shortly be commissioned to support this work. GM highlighted that it would be of benefit to link the Planning Charter work into this design review, KC/GM to follow up. | Karen Chapman |
| <p>Any other business</p> <p>NALEP is considering an integrated transport bid in May. Transport Strategy Document to be circulated with notes.</p> <p>L&G has offered a presentation on their modular build. It was agreed to take them up on this but BG was asked to be mindful of the market threat if too much modular build goes ahead in the region. BG's voice needs to be heard if we want Norfolk and Suffolk to be proud of their industries and trade skills. SH reminded the group that only 1% of build in the region is new build.</p> <p>There is an event for ex-military to be hosted by BT in Ipswich on 23rd May.</p> | |
| <p>Next Meeting - Thursday 12th July at Easton + Otley (Otley Campus)</p> <p>Future meetings: Thursday 13th September – venue to be advised Thursday 8th November – venue to be advised</p> | |