



Suffolk Growth Programme Board

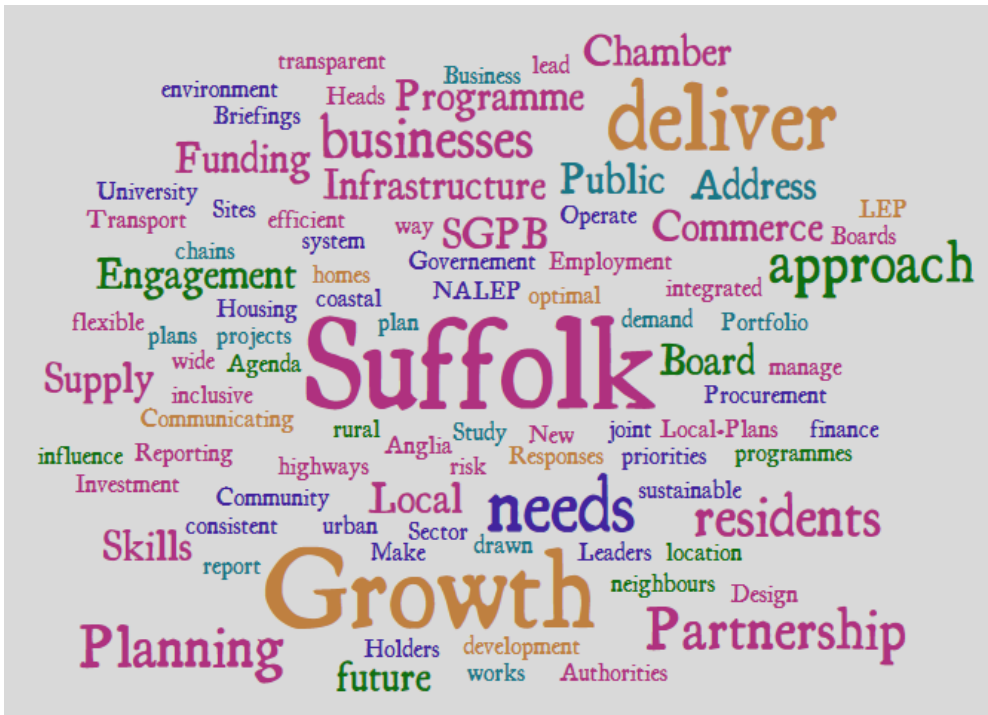
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Welcome

This is the fifth newsletter of the SGPB. It is designed to provide information and updates to all SGPB member organisations, and those working across the wider growth agenda, about our work and the outcomes we are looking to deliver.

The SGPB is chaired by Stephen Baker, Chief Executive of East Suffolk Councils with membership drawn from Suffolk Local Authorities; New Anglia LEP; the University of Suffolk and Suffolk Chamber of Commerce.



Calendar

The calendar below shows upcoming meetings, events, consultations and funding deadlines over the next three months. We are working on developing a forward look for the whole of 2019 and will continue to update this as we get information through. Our draft calendar for the full year is available through the attached link.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7 th January	8 th	9 th Suffolk Growth Portfolio Holders	10 th	11 th Haughley Junction bid submitted to NALEP
14 th	15 th	16 th Ely Area Enhancements	17 th	18 th Suffolk Growth Programme Board
21 st	22 nd DPOG/DMOG Meeting	23 rd House of Commons Launch - A14 Britain's Premier Trade Route	24 th	25 th Suffolk Public Sector Leaders
28 th East of England Transport Officer Group	29 th	30 th SGPB Procurement Leads meeting	31 st Procurement training – Stowmarket Working for Wellbeing Group	1 st February Suffolk Design Study Tour (Cambridge)
4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th Brexit Task Force	8 th
11 th Heads of Planning Monthly Meeting	12 th	13 th	14 th Economic Strategy Delivery Co-Ordinating Board	15 th A14 Strategy Board (TBC)
18 th	19 th	20 th Ely Area Enhancement Suffolk Design Study Tour (Norwich / Kings Lynn)	21 st	22 nd Suffolk Growth Programme Board
25 th Suffolk Design Masterclass No.1	26 th	27 th Suffolk Infrastructure Group	28 th Procurement training - Haverhill	1 st March Suffolk Public Sector Leaders
4 th Brexit Task Force	5 th	6 th	7 th Suffolk Design Symposium – Steve Quartermain speaking	8 th Transport East Forum
11 th Suffolk Design Study Tour (Essex)	12 th E-W Rail Consortium	13 th	14 th Suffolk Growth Portfolio Holders	15 th
18 th	19 th Suffolk Design Showcase 2 (tbc)	20 th	21 st	22 nd Suffolk Growth Programme Board Closing date for submissions to the Future High Streets Fund (MHCLG)
25 th SGPB Procurement Leads meeting	26 th Procurement Training – East Suffolk	27 th Suffolk Design Masterclass No.2	28 th	29 th Suffolk Public Sector Leaders Sizewell C Consultation, Stage 3 end date

For a full calendar of upcoming meetings over the coming year, click on the following link!

<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Business/Suffolk-Growth-Programme-Board/Newsletter-5-files/Master-calendar.pdf>

Staff changes at SGPB!

Kay Bonning-Schmitt has joined the Suffolk Growth Programme Board as the Project Coordinator as of December 2018. Kay’s work will include supporting the delivery of projects such as Suffolk Design, the Procurement Study, Heads of Planning – workforce planning and many many more! Keep your eye out for communications from Kay!



We would also like to say a massive thank you to **Alison Orford** at East Suffolk, who has been supporting the Growth Programme Board since its inception as the Suffolk Growth Group. Alison has been a tremendous help to Karen and the whole Board over the past year as the role of the SGPB has developed and expanded, whilst also carrying out her role as PA to the Senior Management Team.



Suffolk’s Framework for Growth

The Framework for Growth has been agreed by the Suffolk Growth Portfolio Holders and Leaders of all Local Authorities. The Framework is the document where we bring together the work that is being taken forward by across Suffolk into a single, cohesive programme. The Framework:

- Presents our starting point and ambitions to allow us to engage with communities, partners and Government with a clear and consistent message
- Sets out a single, concise summary of the work being taken forward to plan, coordinate and deliver growth across Suffolk
- Enables connections between programmes of work across the public sector, thereby minimising duplication and ensuring greater benefit is delivered through our investments

It builds on our conversations with Government, our partners and our communities, which started with our proposals for devolution and have been built on through our responses to both the Industrial Strategy and the Housing White Paper. It provides the mechanism for monitoring our successes and realigning work that is not achieving the outcomes we anticipate.

The FRAMEWORK FOR GROWTH is coordinated through the Suffolk Growth Portfolio Holders (GP/H) and will continue to be taken forward by the Suffolk Growth Programme Board (SGPB). It is through this partnership



approach that we will be able to deliver our ambitions. It will continue to be reviewed and updated as projects are developed and as our shared growth agenda is delivered.

Click on the embedded link below to see the Framework!

<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Business/Suffolk-Growth-Programme-Board/Newsletter-5-files/Suffolk-growth-framework-Jan-2019.pdf>

SGPB programmes & projects - Report back!

Further detail on all our programmes and projects is available from the Partnership Manager or any of the SGPB representatives. The following summaries *report back* on key aspects of some of the work we are currently undertaking and how it will be taken forward.

Suffolk Design

Developer Showcase 4th December 2018

Suffolk Design held the first Area Conference at the beginning of December with around 140 people attending. With a wide range of developers, architects and local authorities development coordinators presenting the planned and upcoming developments in Suffolk. Feedback was extremely positive, however it was noted that at future conference events it would be beneficial to have presentations on the effect of climate change on development and the use of modern design techniques and styles.

We anticipate running a second Developer Showcase in early Spring 2019.

Staff Engagement Event 16th January 2019

16th January saw the second “Engagement Event” held. Over 80 attendees, including public sector officers (planning, economic development, housing, transport, communities, landscape, design and the NHS); architects, consultants, design panel/review members and community and voluntary groups; gathered at Ipswich Town Football Club to contribute to shaping Suffolk Design.

The day was a mix of presentations, exercises and topic based workshops gaining input into subjects such as:

- Design review
- Building for life 12
- Procurement by the public sector

- Sustainable development
- Community engagement

Attendees said:

“Really enjoyed the day – great session.” – Planner, West Suffolk Council

“Useful discussion on collaboration and understanding each others needs.” – Housing Constructor

“Useful and interesting session. Educational.” – Rights of Way and Access, Suffolk County Council.

“The promotion of design quality across Suffolk is extremely exciting.” – Craig Driver, Architect.

“The variety of professionals and their contributions was useful.” – Ipswich Society

Going forward

Delivering the Suffolk Design programme is the first step in developing and embedding a new approach to design and community engagement across the planning system. This work is not simply a planning project though and to be successful will require buy-in across all elements of development, those in the public sector and private industry. The wider the input we can gain during the next 6 months the better the outcome will be. There are many events planned for the following months, including working towards community engagements events and a full media programme.



Please see our website www.suffolkdesign.uk for more information.

Suffolk Task Force on Brexit

Nick Khan (Strategic Director, East Suffolk Council) and Caroline Davison (Head of Policy, Suffolk County Council) are leading the Brexit Task Group. This is a small cross public sector task group of officers (including NALEP) to coordinate the Suffolk wide aspects of Brexit.

Grant Thornton held an officer workshop on 7th November and feedback from this session has gone to SPSP – see attached slides:

<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Business/Suffolk-Growth-Programme-Board/Newsletter-5-files/SGPBd-update-18Jan.pdf>

More updates to come on this in the coming months!

A review of public sector procurement – training Suffolk firms to bid for public sector contracts

3 training events have now been held in Lowestoft, Bury St Edmunds and Ipswich attracting a total of 35 firms and a further three events are scheduled for 2019 (see calendar of events).

Initial feedback has been very positive, including comments such as “a practical and well delivered workshop” – a summary of the course satisfaction questionnaire is given below.

<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Business/Suffolk-Growth-Programme-Board/Newsletter-5-files/Procurement-training-events.pdf>

Going forward

Our procurement work is continuing in 2019 and we are working closely with Procurement Leads across all Suffolk LAs, our CCGs, Hospitals, FE Colleges, University and the police.

- additional training to ensure firms are “fit to bid”
- improved promotion of opportunities and / or better publicising of large contracts that have been awarded and may require additional input from sub-contractors / other firms in the Suffolk supply chain
- joint tendering opportunities across the public sector, e.g. can we generate a greater economic impact by coordinating our tender opportunities and minimising the time firms spend bidding for similar contracts? How do we balance this with ensuring appropriate competition?
- improved processes and systems for procurement resulting in more efficient working practices across the public sector
- sector specific initiatives, e.g. with construction firms, to better understand Suffolk’s supply chains and their capacity to respond. This work would link with a number of skills development programmes that are being taken forward across the region.

Consultation responses

The Lower Thames Crossing Statutory Consultation opened on 10th October 2018, which set out the a proposed new motorway connecting Kent, Thurrock and Essex through a tunnel beneath the River Thames. The SGPB has written and sent the response on the consultation with the support of the Public Sector Leaders. A link to the written response can be found below.

The full response can be read on the following link!

<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Business/Suffolk-Growth-Programme-Board/Newsletter-5-files/SGPB-response-to-Lower-Thames-Crossing.pdf>

Our outcomes

Our work programme is designed to contribute to the following growth outcomes:

- Secure investment to deliver infrastructure that will enable development to the longer term benefit of Suffolk’s communities and businesses
- Create a consistent, efficient, and transparent approach to planning to improve land supply
- Make Suffolk an optimal location for commercial innovation, investment, and business expansion



- Meet clearly identified skills, employment and economic development needs
- Deliver the homes that Suffolk needs to match current and future demand.
- Operate system wide approach to funding and finance supporting place based initiatives over the medium and long term

Regional working

Recent and upcoming regional meetings and groups that SGPB attends to either support Members and / or ensure alignment of, and contribution to, the delivery of our growth ambitions include:

currently considering how to demonstrate & report progress against the Economic Strategy and how the uncertainty of Brexit should be reflected.



Transport East

SGPB provides officer support to Members on Transport East – the sub national transport body across the Eastern region of England.

Transport East meets 4x per annum the officer group to develop the TE strategy based on the 3 key themes of: Ports & Airports / connecting our centres of growth / coastal communities.

<http://www.eelga.gov.uk/meetings/transport-east-forum/>

MOST ACTIVE COUNTY

Most Active County (MAC) Strategic Group: Suffolk’s Director of Public Health & Protection has established a new Strategic Group to take forward the MAC partnership (which was moved to the Public Health Directorate in 2017). The second meeting of the Group took place on 14th December. The minutes from the first meeting in June 2018 are attached below alongside the agenda for the December session.

<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Business/Suffolk-Growth-Programme-Board/Newsletter-5-files/MAC-Strategic-Group-Minutes.pdf>

<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Business/Suffolk-Growth-Programme-Board/Newsletter-5-files/MAC-Strategic-Group-Agenda.pdf>

Growth Programme Board Staff & Representatives

Listed below are the organisations and individuals on Growth Programme Board. Please contact any of these representatives to find out more about the role and work of GPB and understand how our work aligns with that of your team / organisation.

Chair: Stephen Baker, Chief Executive East Suffolk Councils, Growth Lead for Suffolk Authorities

Growth Programme Partnership Manager: Karen Chapman

Growth Programme Project Coordinator: Kay Bonning-Schmitt

Babergh Mid Suffolk District Councils: Tom Barker, Assistant Director Planning for Growth; Phil Isbell, Corporate Manager Growth & Sustainable Planning

East Suffolk Councils: Philip Ridley, Head of Planning / Paul Wood, Head of Economic Development

Economic Strategy Coordinating Delivery Board
 NALEP has established a Coordinating Delivery Board to develop and oversee the implementation of the Economic Strategy for Norfolk & Suffolk. This Board will also oversee the development of the Local Industrial Strategy. Board members, drawn from Norfolk & Suffolk include: Chambers, FSB, CBI, District Chief Executives, County Economic Development Directors, Growth Board representatives. The Board is



Ipswich Borough Council: Martyn Fulcher, Head of Development; Michelle Gordon, Economic Development Project Manager

New Anglia Local Economic Partnership: Chris Starkie, Chief Executive Officer

Suffolk Chamber of Commerce: Nick Burfield, Director of Policy

Suffolk County Council: Jai Raithatha, Head of Economic Development; / John Pitchford, Head of Planning / Sue Roper, Assistant Director Strategic

Development / Michael Gray, Skills and Employment Manager

Suffolk Housing Board: to be confirmed

University of Suffolk: Tim Greenacre, Registrar

West Suffolk Councils: Andrea Mayley, Head of Service, Economic Development / Julie Baird, Assistant Director of Growth

Suffolk Constabulary and colleagues from Cambridgeshire / Peterborough have an open invitation to attend all meetings of SGPB.

OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE PUBLISHED MARCH 2019

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