

SGPB May Newsletter

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Suffolk Growth Programme Board

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“PRACTICAL WORKSHOP, WITH A PRACTICAL PRESENTATION THAT WAS WELL DELIVERED”

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A total of 528 stakeholders have Attended in total across 20 Suffolk Design Events!

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Welcome!

This is the seventh newsletter of the SGPB. It is designed to provide information and updates to all SGPB member organisations and those working across the shared growth agenda.

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.

Role

The role of the Growth Programme Board, as agreed in December 2016, is to:

- i. lead: the Suffolk Growth Framework at officer level, and through collaboration across the County ensure GPB outcomes are communicated to all staff and members.
- ii. deliver: Suffolk's economic vision and achieve impact through the coordination of programmes and projects directly managed by the GPB and through facilitated work with partners
- iii. influence (through engagement): public / private stakeholders, businesses and politicians about the priorities for growth in Suffolk and the opportunities for improving the region's competitive position and prosperity
- iv. manage risk: by understanding upcoming risks / unknowns and responding to these through a flexible & innovative approach to economic growth

Event & Meeting 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 by [clicking here!](#)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 st May Major Sites Forum Suffolk Design Full Project Meeting	2 nd	3 rd LIS Task & Finish Group
6 th	7 th Transport East Senior Officer Group	8 th Brexit Task Group	9 th	10 th
13 th	14 th Economic Strategy Delivery Coordinating Board (ESDCB)	15 th	16 th	17 th Suffolk Growth Programme Board
20 th Heads of Planning Monthly Mtg	21 st	22 nd	23 rd	24 th LIS Task & Finish Group
27 th	28 th	29 th Suffolk Infrastructure Group	30 th SGPB Procurement Leads Meeting	31 st
3 rd June	4 th	5 th	6 th Brexit Task Force	7 th
10 th	11 th LEP Local Authority Summit	12 th Transport East Forum	13 th Building Growth Group Growth Portfolio Holders	14 th LIS Task & Finish Group
17 th Most Active County, Strategic Group	18 th Major Sites Forum	19 th	20 th	21 st Suffolk Growth Programme Board
24 th Heads of Planning Monthly Mtg	25 th	26 th	27 th	28 th
1 st July Brexit Task Force WRE Launch event	2 nd Possible Social Value Procurement conference	3 rd Suffolk Infrastructure Group	4 th	5 th LIS Task & Finish Group
8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th NALEP / SGPB / Building Growth Group – Housing Conference ESDCB	12 th Transport East Senior Officer Group
15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th Suffolk Growth Programme Board
22 nd SGPB Procurement Leads Meeting Heads of Planning Monthly meeting	23 rd	24 th	25 th	26 th
29 th	30 th	31 st		

Suffolk's Framework for Growth

The Framework for Growth was agreed by the Suffolk Growth Portfolio Holders and Public Sector Leaders in January. The Framework brings together the shared growth work that is being taken forward by across Suffolk into a single, cohesive programme. The Framework:

- (i) Presents our starting point and ambitions to allow us to engage with communities, partners and Government with a clear and consistent message
- (ii) Sets out a single, concise summary of the work being taken forward to plan, coordinate and deliver growth across Suffolk
- (iii) 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. The Framework provides the mechanism for monitoring our successes and realigning work to not better meet our shared growth outcomes.

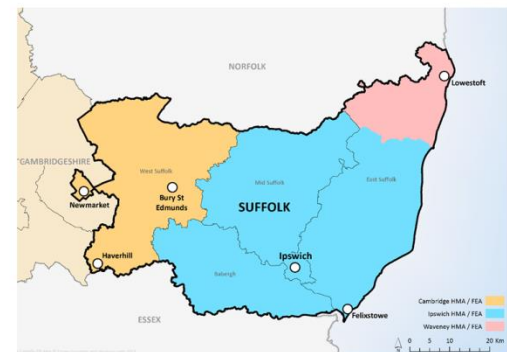
The FRAMEWORK FOR GROWTH is coordinated through the Suffolk Growth Portfolio Holders (GP/H) and will continue to be taken forward by the Suffolk Growth Programme Board (SGPB). It is through this partnership approach that we will be able to deliver our ambitions. It will continue to be reviewed and updated as projects are developed and as our shared growth agenda is delivered.

The most recent version is now available - click on the picture to view the framework!

“Suffolk’s local authorities are working together to address our residents and businesses’ future needs and deliver our growth plans in an inclusive and integrated way.”

Suffolk's Framework for Growth

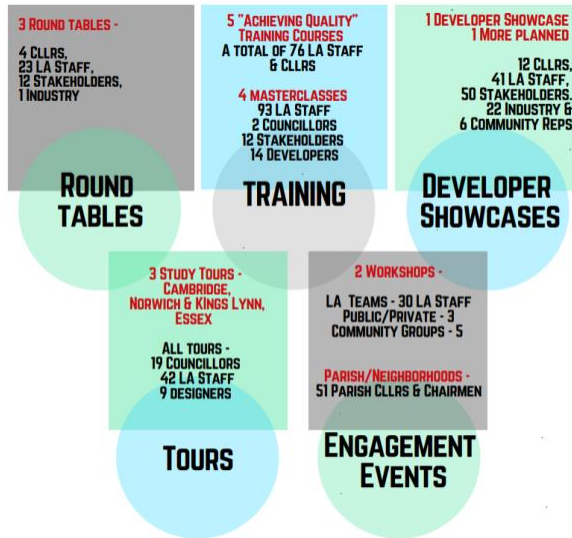
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The SGPB delivers projects and programmes which help support Suffolk's Framework for Growth. Further detail on all our programmes and projects is available from the Partnership Manager or any of the SGPB representatives. The following summaries report back on key aspects of some of the work we are currently undertaking.



Suffolk Design!



such as policy documents, codes and guides, council-led initiatives, design commissions and briefs, land assembly powers, participatory exercises, design charrettes, and masterplans. The considerations for, and value of, each tool was explored by those involved both in using, preparing and commissioning these tools. 19 Local Authority staff, 3 Architects and 2 Developers attended this event.

Masterclass 3 - Context Sensitive Design

Thursday, 4th April 2019

This event explored how good design can be nurtured within a sensitive context, be it a historic, rural, or a urban place looking to grow. Sensitive and responsive design is rooted in a deep understanding of the established condition and historic context, balanced with future aspiration -the class sought to seek to build an understanding of what sort of studies, analysis and research underpin this effort, as well as how this iterative, non-linear process is best captured in the planning system.

23 Local Authority staff, 3 Architects and 3 Developers attended this event.



Masterclass 4 - The Environment and landscape in design

Monday, 29th April 2019

The final event in our series of masterclasses looked at the way landscape and the wider environment influence design. It included presentations on environmentally sensitive design, developing landscape frameworks and integrating water into our places. A total of 25 LA staff, 1 Cllr and 3 developers attended the event.

Since the March newsletter, 4 more Suffolk Design events have been held. These events were:

Study tour 3 - Essex!

Monday, 11th March 2019

The third Study Tour took place on Monday, 11th March 2019. A total of 18 Local Authority staff, 5 Councillors and 5 designers attended and 4 sites were visited: Brentwood School, The Echoes in Grays, St Chads in Tilbury and Bracelet Close in Corringham.

The outcomes and the learning from this study tour can be found by [clicking here](#).



Masterclass 2 - Tools of Proactive Planning

Thursday, 27th March 2019

This 2nd masterclass focused on a continued dialogue from the first masterclass: what it means to practice 'proactive planning', to develop a detailed understanding of the relevant tools,

Next Steps for Suffolk Design! -

The initial Suffolk Design event programme is now complete and the first step in developing and embedding a new approach to design and community engagement across the planning system. Moving forward the project team for Suffolk Design is shaping a protocol and design management process that will be agreed with all local Planning Authorities. This process will then be developed through an IT platform allowing for greater consistency and a shared approach to engagement with landowners, developers, statutory consultees and our communities.

Public Sector Procurement!

SGPB has been working with Procurement Leads across the public sector to better understand how local procurement can impact on the local economy. In summary our work has:

- Mapped 2017 spend across 12 partner organisations looking at volume, value and sector. We identified a total of £1.9bn spent by the organisations with 53% of this spend going to an organisation based in Suffolk.
- Delivered 6 *“Fit to Bid”* training sessions supporting 106 individuals from SMEs have taken part in the *“Fit to Bid”* training across 6 events held in Lowestoft, Bury St Edmunds, Ipswich, Stowmarket, Haverhill and Woodbridge for 2019 (see calendar of events). To see the feedback from all of the events [click here!](#) Following an internal review of the training, it has been decided that further training events will be organised to take place over 2019/20. The SGPB will be organising these events jointly with the Suffolk Chamber of Commerce.
- Established the SGPB Procurement Leads group looking at sharing best practice and, where appropriate, developing shared approaches / joint training. The SGPB are looking to run a Social Value shop in association with the LGA and private sector social value leads. Look out for more info!
- Greater engagement with private sector developers / Tier 1s on major projects across Suffolk - e.g:
 - Supporting supply chain days such as KVF35 Lakenheath and Vattenfall Offshore supply chain events.
 - Discussions with social value leads at Kier and Morgan Sindall to better understand their local impact.

A total of 528 people have attended 20 events – including LA staff, Cllrs, stakeholders, designers and developers!

Please see our website www.suffolkdesign.uk for more information. To see a full list of events and attendees please [click here.](#)

“One of the best training sessions I’ve ever attended!”

- Anonymous quote from an attendee of the Fit to Bid Training.

KVF35 & Vattenfall Events!



Skills & Employment!

In the last edition of our newsletter we announced that SGPB is working with the skills team from SCC to map the demand for and supply of the technical skills required in Suffolk over the next 10 - 15 year period with a specific focus on the construction roles required for key infrastructure development projects. We are happy to announce that Norfolk County Council has joined us in this commission and together we have appointed Pye Tait Consultants to carry out this work. An extract from the brief is given below:

To meet our long-term growth ambitions Suffolk businesses must have access to a sufficient volume of the technical skills that significant infrastructure developments will require. In order to best ensure that this demand is met we require a comprehensive, current assessment of these technical roles - and both the foundation skillsets and the changing competencies that will be required to fulfil them - at both an absolute level and with a more detailed breakdown of the higher skilled, higher wage, roles.

This will help ensure we drive local employment, training and upskilling in the technical skills that are currently in demand and that have likely applications in future infrastructure development (i.e. a 'legacy' skillset), thus mitigating against the risk of training for unemployment.

Level 3 Planning Apprentices!

Following the successful programme implemented with TCA funding in 2016. The SGPB is working with both HR Leads and the Heads of Planning from across Suffolk, to recruit up to 10 Level 3 Planning apprentices that will be partly funded through the SGPB.

The SGPB are designing an interactive recruitment brochure, to ensure that as many people young people as possible apply for the positions! We are targeting recruitment for July / August with appointments confirmed in September in time for an October start at Chichester College. Additional group training sessions will be developed with the Heads of Planning, in order to allow the cohort of apprentices to support one another through peer support!

50% of the Level 3 Planning apprentices from 2016 have gone on to start their Level 4 qualification!



Major Sites Forum!

The SGPB have set up a Major Sites Forum that meet for the first time on 1st May 2019. The Forum will consist of Senior Planning Officers that work on large / major sites, from across all of the Suffolk LA's (including SCC Highways / Floods teams).

The aim of the Forum is to learn from best practice and to report learning back to their Planning teams. The Forum will also support Suffolk Design by providing exemplar sites that can be used as part of design guide.

The group have agreed to meet on a 8 weekly basis, and have a wide range of agenda topics for future meetings!

Screen Suffolk!

SGPB is supporting Screen Suffolk as they develop a business case to examine options for developing a production fund and an initial report is due later this year.

The SGPB are committed to influencing the growth priorities through engagement. The following shows some of the meetings, organisations, consultations and forums where we currently engage.

Economic Strategy Delivery Coordinating Board!

Both the Chair and the SGPB Partnership manager are on the ESDCB, with responsibility for coordinating and overseeing the delivery of Norfolk and Suffolk Economic Strategy. This Board is also supporting NALEP in the development of our Local Industrial Strategy.

The SGPB are supporting the work of the ESDCB and have set up a LIS Task & Finish Group. This is a small group of members from throughout the Suffolk LA's that are currently on the SGPB. The LIS Task & Finish Group will meet every 3 weeks.

Transport East!

Transport East is the emerging Sub-national Transport Board (STB) for this region. Attended by members from both County and District level, the SGPB provides input to the Senior Officer Group and member support at Forum meetings.

Water Resources East!

Water Resources East (WRE) is a newly established private / public sector partnership (as a company limited by guarantee) to lead on the development of a single multi-sector Regional Plan for water for Eastern England.

SGPB, in partnership with Suffolk County Council, Norfolk County Council and NALEP is engaging with WRE as the partnership develops and is considering options for an enhanced role. A launch event is planned for 1st July and more details are available from SGPB@eastsoffolk.gov.uk

Brexit Task Force!

Brexit Task Force: 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 the SGPB partnership manager) to monitor the impacts of and coordinate Suffolk input to Government.

The SGPB project coordinator supports the weekly intelligence and research briefing leading on updates on funding opportunities, consultations and important information relating to growth. If anyone would like to receive these updates please contact Kay.

Consultation Responses: the Suffolk Library!

As part of the SGPB's commitment to influence through engagement, the SGPB aims to influence national, regional and local policy through joint responses to Government / Regulatory consultations.

Recent responses include:

- National Infrastructure Commission
- Anglian Water Drought Management Plan.

The following link will take you to our library of consultation responses which is updated throughout the year.

[CLICK HERE!](#)



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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 / Marc Cole, Assistant Director Economic Development & Regeneration

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

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: Andy Walker, Head of Policy & Research

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: Stephanie Thorne, Business Director

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



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