#### **East Suffolk Economic Growth Plan**

2018 - 2023



# Why a new Growth Plan now?

- Previous ESGP written in 2013
- Economy in a very different place
- Implications of Brexit
- New national and regional policy context



# **Strategic Context**









## **Industrial Strategy**

Our five foundations align to our vision for a transformed economy





# Norfolk & Suffolk Economic Strategy

#### Our Priority Themes – putting it into action

OUR OFFER TO THE WORLD













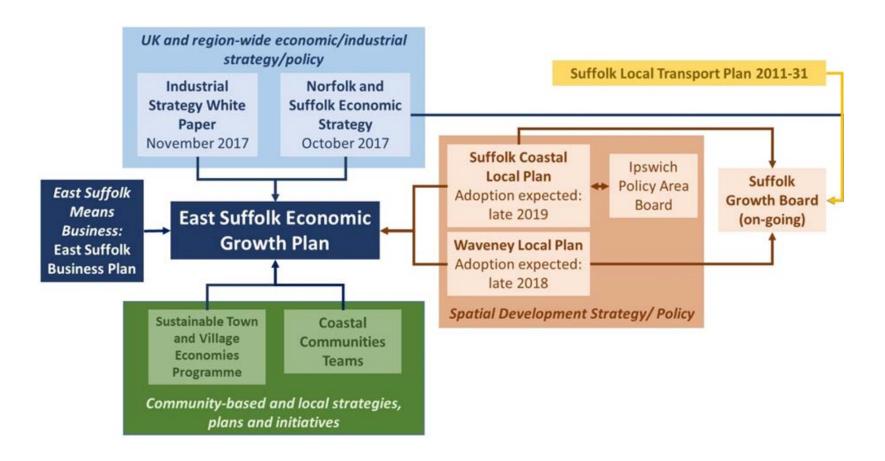


# **Suffolk Growth Programme Board**

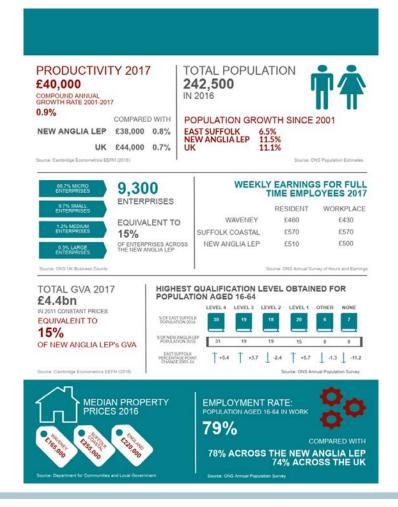
- Workplan themes
  - Sites & infrastructure
  - Planning for growth
  - Business growth & development
  - Skills and employment
  - Housing supply
  - Funding & finance
  - Communicating growth



#### **Strategic Context**



## **East Suffolk Economy in Numbers**





## **Strengths & Opportunities**

- Major economic assets
- Sizewell C
- High activity and employment rates
- Offshore renewables
- High quality natural & built environment
- Major infrastructure investment



#### Weaknesses & Threats

- Insufficient existing provision for small businesses
  & limited move on space
- Skills profile & wage levels weak in Lowestoft
- Brexit exacerbating existing skills & labour shortages
- Housing affordability
- Lack of investment in the A12
- Major economic differences between Waveney & Suffolk Coastal



#### **Vision & Priorities**

Our **Vision** is that businesses across East Suffolk have the confidence to invest and grow, creating opportunities for people of all ages and improving further the overall quality of life in an outstanding environment

We will achieve this by working closely with our businesses and focusing on three main **Priorities**:

- 1. Supporting entrepreneurs and entrepreneurship in East Suffolk
- 2. Encouraging established businesses to invest and grow
- 3. Attracting inward investment to East Suffolk, focused around existing and emerging sectors and supply chains



## To deliver these priorities we will...

- Support appropriate provision of employment land and premises
- Address key infrastructure constraints
- Encourage skills & workforce development
- Facilitate access to finance & business support
- Market and promote East Suffolk



#### **Key sectors**

- Energy offshore & nuclear
- Ports & Logistics
- Tech & Creative
- Marine
- Visitor economy
- Agriculture, food & drink
- Manufacturing/ engineering







#### **Priority Places**

- Lowestoft
- Adastral Park/ Martlesham
- Felixstowe
- Sizewell
- Market & Coastal Town incl. Coastal Community Teams







## **Delivering the Plan**

Future planning for economic growth

Excellent business services

No "wrong door" for business







Investment, influence and partnership

#### **Measuring Success**

- Three KPIs
- Linked to the Norfolk & Suffolk Economic Strategy
- Consistent with Local Plans
  - Productivity: increase GVA per job by 1.75% pa
  - Jobs: increase by 0.6% pa/ 3,400 new jobs
  - Business Stock: increase by 2% pa leading to
    1,000 new businesses by 2023



