

POLICY REVIEW & DEVELOPMENT REPORT

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PR&D Panel: REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Date:

Subject: ONE PUBLIC ESTATE FUNDING BID

Summary

The report details Norfolk wide funding proposals to be submitted to the Cabinet Office. If successful the funding received will cover feasibility design and planning costs to take forward the proposals. There are three strands to the proposals;

- Community Hubs to bring together services and information to make them more effective and efficient.
- Rationalisation of depot facilities across the county, for example, highways and waste.
- A regeneration project in Hunstanton bring together all public assets.

The Norfolk One Public Estate (OPE) group has had an initial grant award of £50,000. A stage 2 submission needs to be made by the 29th July for up to £500,000.

Recommendation

The Panel supports the proposed funding bid.

Reason for Decision

To enable further work to be undertaken to assist with economic growth, service integration, capital receipts and efficiency savings from services.

1. Background

- 1.1 The government launched the OPE (One Public Estate) programme as a pilot in 2013. The programme is jointly run by the Cabinet Office and LGA (Local Government Association). It aims to bring together all public sector bodies within the locality. The organisation can then pool data on their assets holding all develop joint plans to share projects and release supplies land and buildings for other use.
- 1.2 The programme has four core objectives;
- Creating economic growth (new homes and jobs).
 - More integrated, customer focused services.
 - Generating capital receipts.
 - Reducing running cost.
- 1.3 Across the Country there are now in excess of 20 partnerships involving multitude of public bodies. Over the next five years these partnerships expect to deliver 16,000 new homes, 36,000 new jobs, raise £138 million in capital receipt and saving £56 million in running cost over the next five years.

2. Norfolk Position

- 2.1 A partnership group including representatives from all District Councils, the County Council, NHS, Police and New Anglia LEP has been established. An expression of interest was submitted to fund feasibility and technical support to deliver OPE programme for Norfolk. The OPE programme is a two stage bid process with an initial grant awarded to allow more detailed proposal to be developed and submitted for a full award. The scheme delivery can be over five years. The Norfolk scheme received notification of support on the 14th June.
- 2.2 For the initial expression of interest more detailed proposals have to be submitted by the 29th July to cover:
- A plan of how the partnership will meet all the pre-selection criteria by December 2016.
 - A detailed project plan for each project.
 - The early wins to achieve in years 1 and 2.
 - A detailed evaluation and evidence base for the outputs.
 - A revised core plan showing how all the funding will be spent within a timeline.

Once within the OPE programme the partnership will be eligible to bid for further funding to deliver additional projects and benefits.

3. Expression Of Interest:

The expression of interest has three strands covering Community Hubs, Depot rationalisation and a regeneration project.

4. "Community Hubs"

4.1 Improve the customers' experience, providing improved access to information and service from strategically placed Community Hubs. Seamlessly providing integrated multiple services reflecting the priorities in each district.

4.2 Community Hubs will vary between districts. In King's Lynn, this could include better use of the County councils Priory House at the Borough Council offices as well as the smaller building in other areas of the Borough.

4.3 The current arrangements with the Clinical Commissioning Group, Community Action Norfolk and work with Advice Agencies would link to this kind of proposal.

5. "Depot Rationalisation"

5.1 Improve efficiency through some design and co-production facilitated by joining up operational services.

5.2 In some parts of the County, District and County Council depots are in close proximity, for example Ketteringham. In West Norfolk the project could include a review of the Borough Council depot and County Council depot facilities. This may free up opportunities in the future for more economical arrangements for dealing with waste.

6. "Regeneration Project"

6.1 Based initially in Hunstanton aimed at the social, economic and environmental regeneration viewing the large amount of publicly owned land and the buildings and releasing sites for growth. In term of new housing and job creation.

6.2 This would include sharing accommodation and use of empty buildings for example Hunstanton first school. Co-location of services to deliver efficiency savings and provide opportunities for development funded from Capital receipts. This would include a review of the Oasis and other options for leisure provision.

7. If the countywide OPE bid is successful then joint funding of up to £500,000 will be available to progress the project strands. A decision would be expected in late September to early October.

8. OPE Focus

8.1 As with the existing OPE partnerships, the Norfolk OPE group's focus is on creating economic growth and capital receipts while creating more integrated services by sharing assets and reducing running costs.

8.2 The expression of interest identified the following outputs over the first five years of the programme.

Capital Receipts	£14.1million
Reduced Running Costs	£4 million
Job created	506
New Homes	448

Work is currently taking place to provide the additional information required at 2.2.

8.3 The Borough Council are the lead agency for the Hunstanton Regeneration project. Given the tight timescales involved support has been obtained from existing consultants with background knowledge, this includes;

BDP (Building Design Partnership), the group have worked on Hunstanton Regeneration since 2008 and led the formulation of the Hunstanton Masterplan.

Lovells, currently partners with the Council for the Lynnsport and Marsh Lane housing projects.

8.4 The OPE partnership have appointed Cushman and Wakefield as the lead consultant to submit the Stage 2 proposal. They have successfully supported seven OPE partnerships in developing their Service and Asset Delivery Plans.

9. Policy Implications

9.1 The proposals have the potential to support several of the priorities within the 2016-20 Corporate Business Plan. In particular;

- Priority 1: Provide important local services within our available resources.
- Priority 2: Drive local economic and housing growth

10. Consultations

10.1 Local Ward Members have been briefed on the proposals. Detailed consultation would be an integral part of the next stage of the project if the funding application is successful.

11. Access to Information

OPE Background Papers