

# THE LONG STRATTON COMPACT

Articles for the government of the South Norfolk Alliance  
adopted at Long Stratton in the County of Norfolk, 11th October 2006,  
as amended to 17<sup>th</sup> October 2007

## 1. CONSTITUTION

The South Norfolk Alliance ("the Alliance") shall be the Local Strategic Partnership ("the LSP") for the District of South Norfolk ("the District") as required by the Local Government Act 2000.

## 2. OBJECTIVES

The principal objectives of the Alliance shall be:

2.1. to prepare, approve, publish and promote such strategies, plans and programmes as may be entrusted to it whether as LSP or by express delegation by South Norfolk District Council ("the Council") and Norfolk County Council ("the NCC") whether acting jointly or separately;

2.2. to develop, commission and supervise the delivery of all such projects and schemes as may be agreed to carry forward the strategies, plans or programmes so approved; and

2.3. to discharge such other functions as may be assigned by the Council and/or by the NCC.

## 3. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

3.1. The work of the Alliance shall be directed by the Executive Board ("the Board") which shall comprise:

3.1.1. a Chairman appointed annually by the Council from amongst its elected members for the time being;

3.1.2. one member appointed annually by NCC from amongst its elected members for the time being representing the electoral divisions of the District;

3.1.3. one member appointed annually by and from among the Chairmen for the time being of the Council's Neighbourhood Forums;

3.1.4. one member representing the Towns and Parishes of the District appointed annually in accordance with Article 4.5. below;

3.1.5. five members each representing respectively the Health sector, the Statutory Emergency Services sector, the Business sector, the Voluntary sector and Development and Community Partnerships sector into which the remaining membership of the Alliance shall be grouped, each to be appointed annually in accordance with Article 4. 5. below; and

3.1.6. one additional member representing the entire membership of the Alliance appointed annually in accordance with Article 4.1. below.

3.2. The Board shall elect a Vice-Chairman annually from amongst its members.

3.3. The Board shall meet from time to time as necessary for the dispatch of business and not less than four times each year. A quorum for the transaction of business by the Board shall be the presence of four members. The Chairman, or, in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, shall preside at meetings of the Board and shall have a second or casting vote.

3.4. For the better management of any projects, schemes or programmes commissioned by the Alliance (whether by the Alliance in Conference or by the Board in intervals between those conferences), the Board may establish a project group or team and in so doing shall make arrangements for the project group or team to be responsible to the Board for the progress and delivery of the project, scheme or programme in question.

#### 4. THE ALLIANCE CONFERENCE

4.1. The Alliance shall meet in plenary Conference twice in each year. The first such conference (to be held in June or July of each year) shall be known as the Annual Conference. The second such conference (to be held in January or February each year) shall be known as the Half-Yearly Conference. The business of the Annual Conference shall include the appointment of the additional member of the Board under Article 3.1.6. above. A quorum for plenary conferences of the Alliance shall be the presence of not less than one-fifth of the total membership of the Alliance.

4.2. The Board shall, in addition the plenary conferences, arrange Sectoral Conferences respectively for the Town and Parish Councils, and for the Health, Statutory Emergency Services, Business, Voluntary and Development and Community Partnerships Sectors into which the membership of the Alliance shall be grouped. Sectoral Conferences shall be held separately from such plenary conferences but may be held on the same day and in the same building but at a different time of commencement and in a separate room.

4.3. All matters not covered by these articles shall be for determination by the Alliance in Conference, unless previously remitted to the Board by the Alliance so acting.

4.4. Unless the Board invite the Chairman of the Council for the time being to preside at any plenary Conference of the Alliance, the Chairman of the Board shall preside. In making arrangements Sectoral Conferences, the Board shall appoint from amongst its number a Chairman for each of the same. In all cases, whoever so presides shall have a second or casting vote.

4.5. The business of the first Sectoral Conference held in each year shall include the appointment of the representative on the Board under Article 3.1.4. or 3.1.5. as appropriate of the Sector in question.

4.6. The Council shall provide secretarial, accounting and other administrative support for the operation of the Alliance.

## 5. MEMBERSHIP

5.1. In addition to the Council, NCC and all the Towns and Parishes of the District, membership of the Alliance shall be open to all authorities, organisation and bodies, whether statutory, incorporated or unincorporated which draw their membership in whole or in part from the District or which serve or provide services to any part of the District. The initial membership of the Alliance and the Sectors into which such membership is grouped is set out Appendix 1 to these Articles.

5.2. Other than the Council and the NCC, each member of the Alliance shall nominate a representative. The members of the Board elected under Articles 3.1.4., 3.1.5. and 3.1.6. shall be appointed from among those nominated representatives. There is no necessity for such nominated representatives to be resident within the District.

5.3. Each member of the Board (except the additional member under Article 3.1.6.) may nominate a deputy who should otherwise be qualified for the nominating appointment. The deputies so nominated may attend meetings of the Board with the right to speak but not to vote.

5.4. The Nolan Principles of Public Life (as set out in Appendix 2 to these Articles) shall apply to all activities of the Alliance, to all dealing between members of the Alliance and to the internal operations of all members of the Alliance.

## 6. INTERPRETATION

6.1. The Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply to the interpretation of these Articles as if they were an Act of Parliament.

6.2. References herein to "annually", "each year" and to cognate expressions shall be taken to refer to the municipal year running from 1st May each year to 30th April following.

6.3. All powers of appointment and election may be exercised as necessary to fill any casual vacancies arising from death, resignation or otherwise.

6.4. If it appears to the Board that an amendment to these Articles is required, they shall submit a proposal to that effect to the next available plenary conference of the Alliance which shall be competent to adopt the same by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting.

6.5. Save as in Article 6.4. above, all decisions shall be reached by majority vote. Without limiting the application of this provision, majority decisions of both plenary and Sectoral Conferences and of the Board shall be binding on all members in relation to administrative, procedural and operational matters. All decisions of any project group or team appointed under Article 3.4. shall be binding on all members engaged on or contributing to the project in question.