

Meeting:	<b>JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT</b>
Date:	8 June 2018
From:	Joint Officer Steering Group

ITEM: 8

## **GREATER NOTTINGHAM JOINT PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE**

### **1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The Greater Nottingham Joint Planning Advisory Board (JPAB) oversees the preparation of aligned Local Plans across Greater Nottingham, and the implementation of projects funded through the partnership. This report updates the Joint Committee on the work of JPAB, and other strategic planning matters within the remit of the Committee.

### **2 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The last meeting of JPAB was held on 8 March 2018.
- 2.2 At the time of writing the minutes of this meeting had not been agreed by the Board, and will be reported to the next Joint Committee. The minutes of the previous meeting which took place on 14 December 2017 are appended to this report (Appendix 1), and a summary of issues discussed at the 8 March meeting is provided below.

#### **JPAB meeting held 8 March 2017**

- 2.3 JPAB received a report on progress with Local Plan preparation of partner Councils, which included confirmation of a successful bid for Planning Delivery Fund grant from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG). It was also noted that MHCLG would be publishing a draft revised National Planning Policy Framework for consultation, and that the closing date for consultation responses would be before the next JPAB meeting. Accordingly, the JPAB delegated a response be prepared on its behalf by the Executive Steering Group, and this response has now been submitted.
- 2.4 The key elements of the NPPF consultation likely to be of interest to this Committee include:-
- New tests of soundness, in particular that Local Plans are prepared based on a strategy informed by agreements over the wider area, and based on; (a) effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic priorities, evidenced in a Statement of Common Ground and (b) loosening of the “Justified” test to allow for an “appropriate strategy” (rather than “the most appropriate strategy”).
  - a more flexible approach to plan-making i.e. there will be no requirement to prepare a single local plan covering a local planning authority, instead it will be possible for a strategic high level plan to be supported by targeted Local

Plans focussing on areas of growth, particular corridors where significant change is expected, etc. However, there is no requirement for this lower level of plan making.

- Plans should be reviewed on a five year cycle.
- There is a new wider definition of 'Affordable Housing' which includes low cost routes to home ownership.
- Local Planning Authorities will be required to give a housing provision figure to Neighbourhood Forums for inclusion in Neighbourhood Plans.
- Tightening up of requirements when demonstrating a five year housing land supply.
- New Delivery Test for Local Plans, where penalties will apply if housing is not completed at the levels envisaged in the Local Plan.
- 10% of sites allocated in Local Plans should be small sites, i.e. under ½ hectare.
- Requirement for Local Plans to set minimum densities, and a strong emphasis on the efficient use of land.
- Approach to brownfield development in the Green Belt relaxed.

2.5 The response to the consultation will be considered by the next meeting of JPAB.

2.6 A possible timetable for the review of the Core Strategies of partner Councils was presented, as follows:

- 2018 (summer) Establish housing need
- 2018 (autumn/winter) Evidence gathering/testing
- 2018 (autumn/winter) Councillor workshop
- 2019 (spring) Consider options
- 2019 (spring/summer) Retail and employment studies  
/Habitats Regulations Assessment etc
- 2019 (summer) Councillor workshop
- 2019 (autumn) Growth Options consultation
- 2019 (winter) Transport modelling
- 2020 (spring) Draft Publication
- 2020 (autumn) Publication
- 2021 (spring) Submission/Examination
- 2021 (autumn) Inspector's report
- 2021/22 (winter) Adoption

2.7 In addition, items on the proposed Greater Nottingham Planning Protocol, JPAB budget, and implementation of the HCA Capacity Funding Bid schemes were also presented.

2.8 The next meeting of the JPAB is 15 June 2018.