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## **JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 22 JUNE 2012 AT COUNTY HALL, WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTINGHAM FROM 10.00 AM TO 11.15 AM**

#### **NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

- ✓ Councillor Butler
- ✓ Councillor Greaves
- ✓ Councillor Heptinstall
- ✓ Councillor Jackson

#### **NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

- ✓ Councillor Clark
- ✓ Councillor Malcolm
- A Councillor Neal
- ✓ Councillor Urquhart

- ✓ Indicates present at meeting

#### **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

##### **RESOLVED 2012/001**

That the appointment by the County Council of Councillor Richard Butler as Chairman be noted.

#### **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR**

##### **RESOLVED 2012/002**

That the appointment by the County Council of Nottingham City Councillor Jane Urquhart as Vice-Chair be noted.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

##### **RESOLVED 2012/003**

That the membership of the Joint Committee on Strategic Planning & Transport as set out on the agenda be noted.

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

### **RESOLVED 2012/004**

That the terms of reference of the Joint Committee be noted.

## **MINUTES**

### **RESOLVED 2012/005**

That the minutes of the last meeting on 23 March 2012 were agreed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chair, after it was noted that Councillor Heptinstall's apologies were not recorded for that meeting.

## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

None

## **NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK**

Paul Tansey, Development Department, Nottingham City Council gave a summary of the new National Planning policy Framework and the implications of the new Framework for the Councils. He informed the Committee that there were three fundamental objectives which were to give power to communities to shape the places they live in; to support growth; and protect the environment. He explained that the Framework makes it more difficult to refuse in terms of transport with car parking thresholds being removed. Mr Tansey reported that the policy in the Framework document had not changed significantly and was not as radical as originally thought. It was felt that the Framework policies would be more relevant for the County.

Councillor Butler stated that if an application for large housing developments were granted then the Local Plan should include employment in the area which would reduce the need to commute.

Councillor Malcolm felt that people were more likely to use buses if they did not have to change but that it was more difficult to get employment in the outlying areas and people were more likely to travel into the city centres.

It was agreed that there was a need for co-operation on plan making with shared evidence bases. It was noted that officers across Nottingham City, Nottinghamshire County and Derbyshire have meetings regularly to review plan making.

## **RESOLVED 2012/006**

That the report be noted.

### **JOINT WASTE DEVELOPMENT PLAN – PROGRESS ON THE CORE STRATEGY**

Suzanne Moody, Principal Planning Officer, Policy, Planning & Corporate Services, Nottinghamshire County Council introduced the report. She reported that a draft of the development plan had been submitted in March/April this year which had received a low numbers of responses. After possible changes the Core Strategy will then be presented to the Secretary of State in September. Further meetings with the Planning Directorate will take place with recycling targets to be put in the Core Strategy. She stated that there would be an Officer/Member Working Group meeting in July where recommendations from both Councils which could then be submitted to the Inspectorate.

## **RESOLVED 2012/007**

That the report be noted.

### **LOCAL SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT FUND – UPDATE**

Kevin Sharman, Team Manager, Transport Plans and Programmes, Environment & Resources Department, Nottinghamshire County Council updated the Committee on the work of the Joint Planning Advisory Board. He stated that £5m had been secured enabling Smart cards and Travel Hubs to be introduced. He reported that there had been a bid for £11m and a separate bid for 4 urban towns but both bids had been unsuccessful. It was agreed that the Committee would continue to lobby and campaign for extra funding for the city and county.

## **RESOLVED 2012/008**

That the report be noted.

### **RAIL ISSUES – UPDATE**

Jim Bamford, Rail Officer for the authorities, gave an update on rail issues including informing members that the first phase of linespeed works have commenced for the Midland Mainline, and will be completed by 2014. He reported that a formal announcement by the Government was awaited for specific schemes to receive funding for the period 2014 - 2019. It was agreed that Councillors Jackson and Urquhart would write a final letter to the Minister pressing the funding the outstanding MML enhancements.

Mr Bamford updated the Committee on Nottingham Rail Station by stating that the car park had now been completed and an overbridge was being constructed for completion in 2014 for the NET Phase 2 project. He stated

that £85,000 had been received to improve cycle parking and cycle hire at the Nottinghamshire rail stations. He reported that the Nottingham Railway Station would be closed next summer for building work. The Committee asked Jim to report back to the next meeting with more details.

It was noted that there was a proposal to build a railway station at Ilkeston which would involve the station being in Derbyshire with the car park in Nottinghamshire. Members expressed support regarding the building of Ilkeston Railway Station, and a willingness to support Derbyshire if requested.

#### **RESOLVED 2012/009**

- (1) That in their responses on rail franchise devolution both Councils should require that 'inter-Regional services' must continue to be specified at a national level, and require an opportunity to participate in the stakeholder groups for any devolved franchises.
- (2) That the report be noted.

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

Sue Flack, Director of Planning and Transport at Nottingham City Council updated the Joint Committee on the work of the Joint Planning Advisory Board.

Following their approvals, Broxtowe, Gedling and Nottingham City Councils had published their Aligned Core Strategies for a statutory period ending on 23rd July 2012. Erewash Borough Council would be seeking formal approval on 21st June. Due to the later publication date, Erewash will be publishing a separate document. The report also set out a proposed timetable to Examination and Adoption in Autumn 2013.

#### **RESOLVED 2012/010**

That the report be noted.

#### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September commencing at 10.00 am at County Hall.

The meeting closed at 11.15 am.

#### **CHAIRMAN**