

**Report to the City of
Nottingham and
Nottinghamshire Economic
Prosperity Committee**

25 November 2016

Agenda Item: 4

REPORT OF THE HS2 EXECUTIVE TEAM

**EMERGING EAST MIDLANDS HS2 GROWTH STRATEGY AND PHASE 2
ROUTE ANNOUNCEMENT**

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek endorsement from Committee for the Emerging East Midlands HS2 Growth Strategy submitted to Government in September 2016.
2. To advise Committee of the Phase 2 Route Announcement and the planned next steps for HS2 development in the East Midlands.

Background

3. At the July EPC, Committee were appraised of the progress towards the preparation of the Emerging East Midlands HS2 Growth Strategy due to be submitted to Government at the end of September 2016. The purpose of the strategy is to set out the economic case for investment in HS2 and to inform the Phase 2 Route Announcement.
4. The technical work progressed sufficiently to allow the Emerging Strategy document to be submitted to Government on the 30th September 2016, the Strategy can be accessed via the link:
http://www.emcouncils.gov.uk/write/East_Midlands_HS2_for_Website_single_pages.pdf
5. The submission has been acknowledged on behalf of the Government by Andrew Percy MP. A number of presentations have been made on the Emerging Growth Strategy to stakeholders both within the East Midlands and beyond – including to officials from DfT, BIES, DCLG and HMT in London. The response to date has been very positive. A formal press launch took place on the morning of the 18th November 2016.

Next Steps

6. On the 15th November, the Phase 2 Route Announcement confirmed the anticipated route including the Hub Station at Toton. The changes to the original plans in Nottinghamshire appear limited. The announcement is a step in the right direction but it will be important to secure the complementary measures to enable the economic benefits locally to be brought to fruition. The Announcement is a trigger for the development of a Full HS2 Growth Strategy for the East Midlands.
7. The Government's HS2 Command paper published in November 2015 allocated £1.25million to support the development of an HS2 Growth Strategy for the East Midlands.
8. The money is split into two equal tranches: the first to be claimed by the end of March 2015, the second after the Phase 2b Route Announcement. This will support the delivery of a Full HS2 Growth Strategy to be submitted to Government by July 2017. As with the first tranche of funding, it will be necessary to submit an agreed project plan for how the money will be spent, a paper will be considered by the HS2 Board on the 18th November. If this submission is made before Christmas 2016, it is anticipated that the money will be drawn down early in 2017.
9. Key areas for consideration in the Full HS2 Growth Strategy are likely to include:
 - a. Potential funding and delivery mechanisms
 - b. A detailed assessment of skills and supply chain opportunities
 - c. Agreeing the station design principles
 - d. Agreeing the detailed station design
 - e. Development of a Mass Transit Strategy
 - f. Preparation of an implementation plan
 - g. Identification and promotion of investment opportunities
 - h. Agreeing programme management

A paper on the proposed content of the Full HS2 Growth Strategy will be presented to the HS2 Board at the meeting on the 18th November.

Reason(s) for Recommendations

For Committee to endorse the Emerging East Midlands HS2 Growth Strategy including the Phase 2 Route Announcement and to be appraised of the next steps towards the submission of a Full Growth Strategy in July 2017.

Other Options Considered

None

Statutory and Policy Implications

This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described within the body of the report.

Financial implications

None

RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that Committee:

1. Endorse the Emerging East Midlands HS2 Growth Strategy
2. Note the Phase 2 Route Announcement and the development of progress towards the full Growth Strategy for submission to Government in July 2017.

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Background Papers

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