



JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2012 AT
COUNTY HALL, WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTINGHAM FROM 10.00 AM TO
11.10 AM**

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

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

- ✓ Indicates present at meeting

MINUTES

RESOLVED 2012/011

That the item relating to the Local Sustainable Transport Fund – Update in the minutes of the last meeting on 22 June 2012 were amended to read:-

“Chris Carter, Transport Strategy Manager, Development, Nottingham City Council updated the Committee on the outcome and progress with Local Sustainable Transport Fund bids. He stated that progress was being made on delivery of smart card, pilot travel hub in Bulwell and other projects relating to the successful £5m Nottingham Urban Area Key Component bid. He informed the Committee that an announcement on the £11m Main Nottingham Urban Area bid was imminent. Kevin Sharman , Team Manager, Transport Plans and Programmes, Environment and Resources Department, Nottinghamshire County Council confirmed that the separate County 4 urban towns bid had not been successful.”.

The minutes were then signed by the Chair.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology was received from County Councillor Kevin Greaves who was on other County Council business.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None

AGENDA ORDER

With the consent of the Committee, the Chair agreed to take Item No. 6 (Rail Issues Update) as the first item to enable the presenting officer to be present.

RAIL ISSUES - UPDATE

Jim Bamford, Rail Officer for the authorities, gave an update on rail issues. He reported that the Government had announced the High Level Output Statement for the Midland Mainline with the 5 year investment details which are due to be delivered 2014-2019. Jim Bamford stated that the 2 Councils had been lobbying for a reduction in journey time from Nottingham to London and outlined how this could be achieved. He informed the Committee that upgrading of the track needed to be completed before the electrification of the south coast to Sheffield line could be finalised. Work was continuing to secure the improvements at Market Harborough.

With regards to the Nottingham to Birmingham line, Jim Bamford reported that after continued lobbying over recent years track upgrades were to be progressed at Nottingham, Derby, and Trent Junction.

Councillor Urquhart suggested a joint letter be sent from herself and Councillor Jackson to the new Secretary of State as a reminder of priorities relating to outstanding rail issues and also a letter to other stakeholders to encourage the final element of the improvements to be completed.

Jim Bamford informed the Committee that £240m further enhancements to the East Coast Main Line programme were currently underway.

An update was given on the Nottingham Station Hub scheme by Chris Carter, Transport Strategy Manager, Development, Nottingham City Council. He stated that the Nottingham Station would be closed for 37 days in the summer of 2013 for work to be carried out. It was agreed that the public should be informed of the reason for this closure and what the benefits would be. A further update would be provided at the next meeting.

RESOLVED 2012/012

That the report be noted.

JOINT WASTE DEVELOPMENT PLAN – PREPARATION FOR SUBMISSION OF THE CORE STRATEGY

Sally Gill, Group Manager, Policy, Planning and Corporate Services, Nottinghamshire County Council introduced the report by giving an update on the consultation which had taken place earlier in the year regarding the Waste Core Strategy. Officers had examined the public representations which had been received from 5 March to 30 April 2012. Main changes to the Strategy, after the introduction to the National Planning Policy Framework in March 2012, will be considered by the Inspector as part of the Submission Draft Plan. Minor changes will be published but not considered at the Examination of the Plan. These changes will be published for a 6 week consultation and findings brought to both Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottingham City Council in December. Sally Gill stated that any previous comments which have been considered will be carried forward.

RESOLVED 2012/013

That the report be noted.

TRANSPORT ISSUES UPDATE

Chris Carter, Transport Strategy Manager, Development, Nottingham City Council updated the Committee on key transport issues. He stated that the Department for Transport had published a consultation document on local major transport scheme prioritisation and investment for the next spending period of 2015-19. He reported that the Department are now inviting local partners to confirm Local Transport Body boundaries and membership with the deadline for confirming these arrangements set at 28 September. County Councillor Jackson stated that it was unlikely that Bassetlaw area would be ready by that date. The outcome of this situation would be reported to the next meeting. Chris Carter reported that indicative financial allocations for each area would be announced in October.

Chris Carter outlined the transport measure being supported through the Nottingham City Deal which were:-

- Up to £8 million for public realm and transport infrastructure in the Creative Quarter.
- Up to £1 million for transport behaviour change test bed to support people into employment.
- Department for Transport to facilitate discussion between Nottingham and Traffic Commissioners to support the enforcement of the Statutory Bus Quality Partnership standards in the City to ensure the smooth operation of local public transport.
- Explore devolving powers to the local authority to better manage traffic and tackle congestion through extended control over illegal traffic manoeuvres (eg ignoring banned turns/yellow boxes to improve traffic flow and public transport reliability).

Chris Carter stated that the Government had announced large scale bid allocation for the Local Sustainable Transport Fund. This consisted of the following:-

- Smartcard Development
- Community Smarter Travel Hubs
- WorkSmart
- Active Travel partnerships
- Programme management

RESOLVED 2012/014

That the report be noted.

GREATER NOTTINGHAM JOINT PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE

Matt Gregory, Greater Nottingham Growth Point Planning Manager, Nottingham City Council updated the Committee on the work of the Joint Planning Advisory Board. He reported that a large number of representations had been made on the recently published Core Strategies for Broxtowe, Gedling, Nottingham City and Erewash.

Matt Gregory reported that Joint Planning Advisory Board had requested a Briefing on findings of the 2011 census in terms of population and housing, and that members would receive an invitation to a Briefing session relating to these findings. Members were concerned about how the relaxation of planning laws would affect the delivery of housing figures proposed through the Core Strategies covering the area. Matt Gregory agreed to present an update report to the next Committee.

RESOLVED 2012/015

That the report be noted.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on Friday 14th December commencing at 10.00 am at County Hall.

The meeting closed at 11.10 am.

CHAIRMAN