

6<sup>th</sup> June 2013

**Agenda Item:6**

## **REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHWAYS**

### **HS2 – TOTON STATION STUDY**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. This report seeks approval to collaborate with Nottingham City Council in the commissioning of a study into the potential economic benefits for the City and County of locating the HS2 East Midlands station at Toton and also to identify the local rail connectivity requirements.

#### **Information and Advice**

2. The County and City Councils are together seeking to commission external support to strengthen the economic case for locating the East Midlands' High Speed 2 (HS2) rail station at Toton. The estimated cost of the study is £35,000 and will be met from the local Growth Point Fund. The City Council are the accountable body for this funding.
3. In January 2013 the Government announced its initial preferred route for the second stage of HS2 including stations in Manchester city centre, Manchester Airport, Leeds city centre, Meadowhall in Sheffield and an East Midlands station in Toton. Whilst this location for the new HS2 station between Nottingham and Derby offers excellent links to the East Midlands cities and will stimulate growth across the region an alternative proposal may be brought forward to locate the East Midlands station in Derby.
4. A formal consultation period is likely to take place in July/August of this year, which could provide an opportunity to enhance the case for an HSR station in Toton. The County and City Councils therefore propose to develop the strongest possible economic case for an HSR rail station in Toton to form a key part of a submission to Government.
5. The study will therefore consider:
  - a. The Government's current case for Toton and the key reasons for choosing Toton as the preferred option;

- b. The economic value of connectivity between the East Midlands region, its core cities and other parts of the country;
- c. The necessary connectivity needs between Toton and the core cities in the East Midlands region and between Toton and the key local rail destinations in Nottinghamshire of Newark, Mansfield, Worksop and Retford;
- d. Type of development in the immediate vicinity of the station that does not displace activity from the core cities; and,
- e. The boost to inward investment into the East Midlands region including new business start-ups, income multipliers associated with new/retained jobs and investment, wider economic benefits and less tangible benefits including enhanced image, business culture and local business confidence.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

- 6. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, the public sector equality duty, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 1. It is recommended that:

Approval be sought for the commissioning of a study jointly with Nottingham City Council into the potential economic benefits for the City and County of locating the HS2 East Midlands station at Toton and also to identify the local rail connectivity requirements.

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## **Constitutional Comments (SHB.24.05.13)**

- 7. Committee have power to decide this Recommendation.

## **Financial Comments (TMR 25/05/2013)**

- 8. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 2 of the report.

**Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

9. All