

JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT

**MINUTES of the meeting held at County Hall on 27th March 2015 from
10.00 am to 10.40 am**

Nottinghamshire County Council

- ✓ Councillor Jim Creamer
- ✓ Councillor Steve Calvert
- Councillor Stan Heptinstall
- Councillor Richard Jackson

Nottingham City Council

- Councillor Alan Clark
- ✓ Councillor Ian Malcolm
- Councillor Toby Neal
- ✓ Councillor Jane Urquhart (Chair)

- ✓ Indicates present at meeting

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance

David Ebbage - Democratic Services) Nottingham County Council
Suzanne Osborne-James - Principal Planning Officer)
Kevin Sharman - Team Manager, Transport)

Chris Carter - Development) Nottingham City Council
Matt Gregory - Policy & Research Manager) Nottingham City Council

MINUTES

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2014 as a correct record, and they were signed by the Chairman.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from –

Stan Heptinstall - other County Council business
Alan Clark - other City Council business

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

NOTTINGHAM / NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COMBINED AUTHORITY

Matt Gregory updated Members on the creation of a Combined Authority for Nottingham & Nottinghamshire.

Devolution Deal

The Government had invited those areas progressing towards Combined Authorities, and which also feature a Core City and a LEP, to negotiate 'devolution deals', potentially similar in scope to those similar for Manchester and Sheffield. A two stage approach is proposed:

- Pre election - Outline proposal in form of a prospectus
- Post election - Detailed development and negotiations of proposals, with a target 'sign off' date of November 2015.

Propositions needed to be compelling, building on other deals, but should have demonstrated distinctiveness and innovation; they focused on specific problems and opportunities rather than making bids for greater power for its own sake. The scope and coverage of elements of the deal needed to differ depending on the individual propositions across the two Combined Authorities' areas.

The outline proposal currently has 5 themes within it:

- Skills to Employment
- Enterprise
- Built Environment
- Transport
- SMART Infrastructure

Joint Committee and the Combined Authority

The two areas of most interest to the Joint Committee are likely to be Transport and the Built Environment.

The Built Environment theme includes exploring further co-operative working between planning authorities both cross boundary and within local authority areas while the Transport theme includes long term funding allocations for transport, increased strategic transport connectivity, bus Devolution Powers, and further Traffic Management and highway safety freedoms.

RESOLVED 2015/001

That the contents of the report be noted.

GREATER NOTTINGHAM JOINT PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE

Matt Gregory updated the Joint Committee on the work of the JPAB.

The last meeting of JPAB took place on 12th March 2015. The items from that meeting included an update on Local Plans across Greater Nottingham, an update on the Programme of Development, an update on the proposed Combined Authorities for

Nottingham/Nottinghamshire and Derby/Derbyshire, and in item on the Government's Brownfield Land Local Development Order Consultation.

It was also reported that a 'legacy' document, setting out the achievements of the JPAB in its strategic planning role and in implementing Growth Point funded projects was to be prepared, as an example of good practice. The Core Strategies across Greater Nottingham having collectively been awarded the Royal Town Planning Institute's 'Plan of the Year' Regional Planning Award.

JPAB noted the publication of the 2012-based Household Projections, which has now been published, are the first set of projections entirely consistent with the 2011 Census. These projections needed to be assessed to determine whether the assumptions made from the Core Strategies still hold true, however the Population Projections on which they are based are very similar to those used in the Core Strategies.

The following items were also discussed:-

Programme of Development – a brief update report was presented, with a full report due to the next meeting of JPAB, following financial year close down.

Brownfield Land Local Development Orders – Government Consultation – JPAB noted and endorsed the joint response expressing shared concerns with the proposed approach to Local Development Orders for Brownfield Land, and moved that a letter be drafted to local MPs expressing this concern and sharing the JPAB response. This letter has now been sent to local MP's.

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That the contents of the report be noted.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAM WASTE LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

Suzanne Osborne-James informed the committee of the progress with the preparation of the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Replacement Waste Local Plan.

The first part of Plan, the Waste Core Strategy, was adopted by both Councils in December 2013 and set out the overall vision and strategic planning policies for the development of future waste management facilities across Nottinghamshire and Nottingham.

The second part of the Replacement Waste Local Plan identified specific sites for a range of potential waste management uses including recycling, composting and anaerobic digestion facilities; waste transfer operations; energy recovery facilities. Provision is also needed for residual waste requiring disposal although the options for future disposal sites are considered to be limited. This part of the plan will include detailed development management policies to minimise the potential environmental impacts of waste facilities.

A cross party Members project group had been set up to assist in preparation of the Waste Local Plan (Part 2). That comprised of Members and officers from both Councils. The first meeting of this group was held on 5 March 2015 to outline current progress and the planned future timetable. The meeting went down a success.

Work on the second part of the replacement Waste Local Plan is being progressed in stages.

Desk top studies of potential site availability are in conjunction with each of the District/Borough Councils and Nottingham City Council and targeted consultation with the waste industry, landowners and developers to identify possible sites. These sites now need to be assessed in more detail in terms of their location, size and environmental impact.

Shortlisted sites will then be published alongside a draft set of development management policies for informal public consultation in November 2015.

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That the contents of the report be noted.

TRANSPORT ISSUES UPDATE

Chris Carter updated the committee on the transport issues for the Greater Nottingham area.

Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) update

The current main LSTF programme concluded at the end March 2015. The planned programme had been delivered and full spend was achieved. Key delivery achievements during 2014/15 included:

- Smartcard development which had resulted in an ITSO standard integrated ticketing platform across all public transport operations in Nottingham; a comprehensive retail network consisting of online website, vending machines on street and on tram platforms; and the successful Kangaroo Half Price travel offer for job seekers.
- A network of five community smarter travel hub services established across the urban area offering personalised journey planning support, practical training e.g. adult cycling training, events, led rides, campaigns and challenges to encourage residents to access take up sustainable travel options.
- A comprehensive cycling programme included the Ucycle project in Universities and FE colleges; a schools cycling programme (Bikeability, Bike IT); active travel events e.g. Cycle Live weekends; and the Citycard Cycle Hire and hubs projects.
- Roll out of 20 mph schemes across the urban area with all residential streets in the City of Nottingham covered by a 20mph area and areas outside schools in Nottinghamshire County Council.
- Business support measures which included the GNTP Business Club; ECO Stars fleet recognition scheme; introduction of a Car Club; and workplace challenge activities.

A small amount of continuation funding for the strongest performing elements of programme was secured in summer 2014. Nottingham's "sustainable access to employment, skills and training" programme successfully secured £1.180m revenue for 2015/16. Executive Board approval was received in November 2014 and the agreements are being finalised with delivery partners to continue from 1 April 2015.

2015/16 programme investment will be across the following strands:

- Community smarter travel hubs programme consisting of hubs in the north, central and southern localities of the City.
- Discounted travel for job seekers and new starts.
- Community-wide active travel support programme including an events, Bike IT in secondary schools, Bikeability and Ucycle continuation.
- Continuation of the GNTF Business Club travel planning and smarter choice activities.
- Promotion of strategic cycle corridors linked to infrastructure improvements.

Go Ultra Low City Funding

In December 2014, the Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) based within the Department for Transport announced a £500m package for 2015-2020 to help deliver a step-change in the number of ultra-low emission (ULEV) cars, vans and buses in the UK.

- **Go Ultra Low (GUL) City Scheme** (£35m capital funding) to upto 4 cities which will deliver a step-change in the uptake of ULEVs in their local area and achieve exemplar status.
- **Low Emission Bus Scheme** (£30m) will be made available to local authorities and bus operators for upto three years (2015 – 2018) to support the uptake of low and ultra-low emission buses (to off-set costs of bus purchase and for associated charging infrastructure).
- **Ultra Low Emission Vehicle Taxi Scheme** (£20m) is being made available to grow the market for ULEVs in the Hackney Taxi and Private Hire market. The Fund is available to local authorities to provide resource for a taxi top-up grant and supporting infrastructure.

The committee were told that Nottingham has been shortlisted as one of the cities that may receive the funding.

NET Tram Update

Intensive works continue to substantially complete the lines to Chilwell and Clifton. The track is now in place and overhead poles and overhead wiring is being completed and tested. Work is being focussed on traffic signal junctions to facilitate tram operation for tram testing and driver training.

A453 Update

Works to widen the A453 between M1 Junction 24 and the Nottingham Ring Road are continuing. The scheme is set to be completed ahead of schedule and is due to open in May 2015.

Midlands Connect

The Midlands Connect group has been formed to champion strategic transport investment across the East and West Midlands.

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That the contents of the report be noted.

WORK PROGRAMME

Members wanted to add a couple of additions to the Work Programme for future meetings:-

- A Rail Report will be added to either the June or September meeting.
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The meeting closed at 10.30am

CHAIRMAN

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