

# **Joint Committee on Strategic Planning and Transport**

**Friday, 27 March 2015 at 10:00**

**County Hall, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP**

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## **Notes**

- (1) Councillors are advised to contact their Research Officer for details of any Group Meetings which are planned for this meeting.
- (2) Members of the public wishing to inspect "Background Papers" referred to in the reports on the agenda or Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act should contact:-

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**JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT**

**MINUTES of the meeting held at County Hall on 12 December 2014 from  
10.00 am to 10.30 am**

**Nottinghamshire County Council**

- ✓ Councillor Steve Calvert
- ✓ Councillor Kevin Greaves
- 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 )  
Suzanne Osborne-James - Principal Planning Officer )  
Kevin Sharman - Team Manager, Transport )

Matt Gregory - Policy & Research Manager ) Nottingham City Council  
Keith Morean - Transport Manager )

**MINUTES**

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2014 as a correct record, and they were signed by the Chairman.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from –

Jim Creamer - other County Council business  
Stan Heptinstall - other County Council business  
Richard Jackson - other County Council business.  
Alan Clark - other City Council business

**DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

None.

## **UPDATED TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Matt Gregory updated Members on the future operation of the Joint Committee. A report was brought to the last meeting which Members decided to go ahead with option 1 in that report.

He highlighted a few of the recent changes:-

There have been many changes to strategic planning arrangements since the inception of the Committee, including the creation and subsequent abolition of Regional Strategies and more recently the introduction of the National Planning Policy Framework and the Duty to cooperate on strategic planning matters.

The role of the Joint Committee is to advise the County Council and City Council on strategic planning and transport matters of mutual concern in order to facilitate the sustainable development and growth of Greater Nottingham and to assist in meeting the Duty to Cooperate.

The Chair and Vice Chair will be appointed every two years and alternate between each Authority. The Vice Chair will always be appointed by the Authority not holding the Chair.

The following points were made following his update:-

- Members could not see any reference in regards to substitutes for meetings within the updated version, this was noted and an amendment would be made.
- In Appendix 1 the Nottingham Local Transport Plan had dates from 2011-2016. Members wondered if the plan was a 5 year or a 10 year plan, this would get looked into by the department.

## **RESOLVED 2014/009**

Approval was given to the revised terms of reference set out in Appendix 1 with the amendment of one sentence regarding substitutes for meetings.

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

Matt Gregory updated the Joint Committee on the work of the JPAB. The report provided a fuller update of what was discussed at the November meeting. The minutes have been done but not yet approved. The 19<sup>th</sup> June meeting minutes were attached to the back of the report.

Update on the HS2 and the announcement in the Higgins report (that consideration was being given to a location to the east of the M1 for the East Midlands Hub station, as a possible alternative to Toton. Rushcliffe Borough have an established view that the Hub station should be located at the Parkway Station on the Midland Main Line.

Local Plans update report was presented highlighting the progress with Local Plans across Greater Nottingham. Significant changes since the last meeting were that the Rushcliffe Core Strategy Inspectors report has now been received and they were in a position to adopt the plan and take to the 22<sup>nd</sup> December council meeting.

The Board was also updated on the progress on the LSTF with the implementation of the LSTF, and it was noted that a partnership bid to DfT to continue the best performing elements of the LSTF programme in 2015/16 has been successful in securing a further for £1.18 million of revenue funding.

## **RESOLVED 2014/010**

That the contents of the report be noted.

## **CYCLING UPDATE**

Keith Morean updated the committee on cycle infrastructure proposals and opportunities for joint working with both authorities.

The report specifically focused on investment which has been committed to providing improved cycling infrastructures and the associated benefits:-

- Cycle City Ambition Package - £6.1 million (2015/16 and 2016/17)
- Nottingham Enterprise Zone Sustainable Transport Package £6m (2016/17 and beyond)
- D2N2 Sustainable Travel Programme £5.8 million (share to be confirmed from 2016/17 and beyond)
- Cycle Rail fund £600,000 for the upgrade of the cycle parking facility at Nottingham Station.

The Cycle City Ambition Package was an area for proposed infrastructure investment in the below areas:-

- North – south and east – west high quality branded cross city cycle corridors.
- Enhanced cycle routes in, around and through the City Centre.
- Routes through, around and to Nottingham's Parks.
- Multi-user path along the banks of the Leen creating a north – south corridor through the City.
- Improved cycle access in the neighbourhoods. Specific areas identified include St Anns Wells Road, Lenton and Bulwell.
- Expansion of the Citycard Cycles scheme.

Measures within The Nottingham Enterprise Zone Sustainable Transport Package will help build and provide sustainable transport access to the enterprise zone.

£5.8 million is available for the D2N2 sustainable travel programme, some of which will be allocated to the Nottingham urban area.

£600,000 has been provided to East Midlands Trains to allow improved facilities to the Nottingham Station Milk Dock cycle parking facility. Construction is planned to start in March 2015.

The City Council is currently working up a 10 year vision to 'Cycle Proof' the City. It will build on and expand the Local Sustainable Transport Fund and Cycle City programmes. In designing this vision and ensuring delivery extends to the full conurbation, close working with the County Council will be essential as well as other partners.

The following points were made following his update:-

- The cycling strategy for the County Council is going to committee in March but County Council members assured the joint committee that a lot of work is being done on cycle safety and infrastructure, working alongside the Cycling Development Group. Also promoting joint working as much as possible with the City Council.

**RESOLVED 2014/011**

That the contents of the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 10.30am

**CHAIRMAN**

12 December 2014 – Jt Strategic Planning & Transport

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

Date **27 MARCH 2015** agenda item number **4**

From **JOINT OFFICER STEERING GROUP**

## **NOTTINGHAM / NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COMBINED AUTHORITY**

### **Summary**

- 1 This report updates the Joint Committee on the creation of a Combined Authority for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.

### **Background**

- 2 It was noted in a previous item that all the Councils in the geographic area of Nottinghamshire (Nottinghamshire County, Ashfield District, Bassetlaw District, Broxtowe Borough, Gedling Borough, Mansfield District, Newark & Sherwood District, Nottingham City and Rushcliffe Borough Councils) have considered and approved the principle of creating a combined authority through their relevant Executive Bodies. This report updates on the 'Devolution Deal' which is to be agreed between the CA and Government.

### **Devolution Deal**

- 3 The Government has 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 already agreed 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.
- 4 The principles behind the deals are that Government want to see something in return, and they should be fiscally neutral. Propositions need to be compelling, building on other deals, but should also demonstrate distinctiveness and innovation, they should focus 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 will need to differ depending on the individual propositions across the two Combined Authorities' areas.
- 5 The outline proposal currently has 5 themes within it:
  - Skills to Employment
  - Enterprise
  - Built Environment
  - Transport
  - SMART Infrastructure

## **Joint Committee and the Combined Authority**

- 6 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. Also of interest under the Enterprise theme is the proposal to create a Free Trade Zone around East Midlands Airport, in partnership with the Leicester and Leicestershire LEP, whilst the SMART infrastructure theme includes a proposal for a localised energy strategy for energy reduction and production.

## **Recommendation**

- 7 It is recommended that Joint Committee note the contents of this report.

## **Background Papers referred to in compiling this report**

- 8 None.

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

Date **27 MARCH 2015** agenda item number **5**

From **JOINT OFFICER STEERING GROUP**

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

### **Summary**

- 1 The Greater Nottingham Joint Planning Advisory Board (JPAB) oversees the preparation of aligned Local Plans across Greater Nottingham, and the implementation of the Programme of Development infrastructure projects. This report updates the Joint Committee on the work of JPAB.

### **Background**

- 2 The last meeting of JPAB took place on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015. The minutes of this meeting are not available, but a summary of the main items of business and any update since the meeting is provided below. The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2015 are attached for information (appendix 1).

### **Meeting held on 12th March 2015**

- 3 The items 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.
  - (i) **Local Plans update** – a report was presented highlighting progress with Local Plans across Greater Nottingham. Significant changes since the last meeting were that the Rushcliffe Core Strategy has been subject to a legal challenge, framed in similar terms to that made for the Aligned Core Strategies. A hearing is anticipated in summer 2015. It was also reported that a preliminary hearing for the legal challenge into the Aligned Core Strategies, concerning the contention that the Claim made against Nottingham City was made outside the statutory time limit, had been heard, with the Judgment finding the Claim was made in time. The substantive hearing is to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

The report included information on progress with the implementation of strategic schemes, and Ashfield District Council delivered a presentation on progress at the Rolls Royce strategic site.

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 note the publication of the 2012-based Household Projections, which are the first set of projections entirely consistent with the 2011 Census. These projections will need 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.

- (ii) **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..
- (iii) **Combined Authorities** – It was noted that all the Councils in the geographic area of Nottinghamshire (Nottinghamshire County, Ashfield District, Bassetlaw District, Broxtowe Borough, Gedling Borough, Mansfield District, Newark & Sherwood District, Nottingham City and Rushcliffe Borough Councils) have considered and approved the principle of creating a combined authority through their relevant Executive Bodies, with Derbyshire Authorities undertaking a similar process. Areas of joint interest between the remit of JPAB and the combined authority were noted.
- (iv) **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.

## **Recommendation**

- 4 It is recommended that the Joint Committee note the contents of this report.

## **Background Papers referred to in compiling this report**

- 5 None.

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## **APPENDIX 1**

### **MINUTES OF THE GREATER NOTTINGHAM JOINT PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY 22 JANUARY 2015 AT 2.00 PM IN THE OLD COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, BEESTON**

#### **PRESENT**

**Broxtowe:** Councillor Steve Barber;

**Erewash:** Councillor Geoffrey Smith;

**Nottingham City:** Councillor Jane Urquhart;

**Nottinghamshire County:** Councillor Steve Calvert;

**Rushcliffe:** Councillor Richard Butler

#### **Officers in Attendance**

**Ashfield:** Ms Christine Sarris;

**Broxtowe:** Mr Steffan Saunders

**Derbyshire County:** Mrs Christine Massey;

**Erewash:** Mr Steve Birkinshaw;

**Gedling:** Mr Peter Baguley;

**Growth Point:** Ms Dawn Alvey, Mr Matt Gregory;

**Nottingham City:** Mrs Sue Flack;

**Nottinghamshire County:** Ms Eilidh McCallum;

**Rushcliffe:** Mr David Mitchell

#### **Observers**

**Environment Agency:** Mr Andrew Pitts;

**General Public:** Mr John Hancock;

**HCA:** Mr Alan Bishop;

**Nottingham City:** Councillor Ian Malcolm;

**Signet Planning:** Mr Paul Stone

**Apologies:**

**Ashfield:** Councillor Steve Carroll;

**Broxtowe:** Mrs Ruth Hyde;

**Derbyshire County:** Councillor Trevor Southerd;

**Gedling:** Councillor Darrell Pulk;

**Nottingham City:** Councillor Alan Clark;

**Nottinghamshire County:** Councillor Jim Creamer

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

Councillor Barber Chaired the meeting. He welcomed those attending, introductions were made and apologies noted.

2. **Declarations of Interests**

There were no declarations of interest made.

3. **Approval of Minutes of last meeting**

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved. There were no matters arising.

4. **Local Plans Update** (MG)

4.1 MG gave an update for each authority's Local Plan.

4.1.1 **Ashfield**

The Ashfield Local Plan is likely to be approved for consultation in the summer which is very good news. In the meantime work on the Strategic Housing Market Area Assessment for the outer housing market area is being conducted with other partners.

4.1.2 **Erewash**

There have been a suite of SPDs for the Local Plan. Consultation is now closed for the Ilkeston Gateway SPD.

4.1.3 **Rushcliffe**

RBC's Core Strategy was adopted on 22 December which now completes all Core Strategies for the Core Housing Market Area.

4.1.4 **Broxtowe, Gedling and Nottingham City**

The date for the hearing for the legal challenge will be held on 24 March 2015 with a preliminary hearing prior to that date to consider the timing issue relating to Nottingham City Council. GBC confirmed the date for their CIL Examination as 3 March 2015.

- 4.2 The three evidence based commissions for the Retail Study, Employment Land and Plan Wide Viability are well underway. Early reports are anticipated for the employment land and retail studies, conclusions will be reported to future meetings.
- 4.3 Councils within the Core Housing Market Area have submitted a bid for the RTP1 East Midlands Regional Planning Awards, results should be out on Thursday 26 February 2015.
- 4.4 The report updated on progress with strategic sites and a plan was circulated showing the site locations. Regular reports will be presented to the Board on the strategic sites with opportunities to share best practice.
- SB Each authority has its own particular challenges which we can share and learn from. An example is The Boots Company PLC where Broxtowe BC and the City Council have worked together.
- SS Both Councils resolved to support the planning application and are jointly working hard to resolve all the issues of the S106 Agreements and site uses. Would endorse shared practice.
- SBk Stanton application scheduled for consideration at Planning Committee on 25 February.
- RB Need to be aware of the implications of not delivering on our strategic sites.
- SC/JU The South of Clifton site has given RBC and the City Council an opportunity to work together to integrate Clifton into the new housing development.
- SB A good example of cross border partner relationship.

#### 4.5 Presentation from Gedling Borough Council

Peter Baguley gave a presentation to highlight the issues faced by GBC to develop Gedling Colliery/Chase Farm.

The site is a strategic site for housing in GBC's Local Plan on a brownfield site. The main issues include the need for the Gedling Access Road, viability and the topography of the sites. Innovative approaches have been employed to reduce costs such as moving soil from one end of the development site to reprofile the site and to help reduce costs. Viability is still challenging but external funding has been approved for the road. Public consultation was well attended, the application was approved in December

2014 and work is expected to commence on Phase 1 at Arnold Lane in Summer 2015.

- SB Could introduce some light rail tram/train into the development.
- MG A route is safeguarded for the future.
- AB There has been close working with County as Highways Authority.
- SF Some innovative traffic modelling has been encouraged focussing on solutions rather than barriers.
- CS Highways partnership working also helped address challenges over the Rolls Royce site.
- SB The Rolls Royce site straddles three interested authorities – good example of cross boundary issues.
- SC Queried progress with CIL which will be used to support the delivery of the road.
- PB The Hearing should last no more than one day at the GBC building, viability of sites has been carefully considered in developing the CIL charging schedule.
- RB RBC had similarities at Cotgrave where construction has now started. Working well with HCA.
- SB Thanked PB for his presentation. Highlights that there is much to learn from sharing progress across the area.

<b>Joint Planning Advisory Board resolved to NOTE progress on implementation of strategic sites.</b>
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## 5. Programme of Development (DA)

### 5.1 Capital Programme (2014/15)

There are a few projects outstanding: Gedling Country Park; Radford Line Enhancements, expected to be completed shortly and Ilkeston Station has reported slippage due to a revised planning application to take account of the Environment Agency's concern with protected species. Growth Point funding is unaffected.

### 5.2 Revenue

The Revenue budget has been updated to reflect the commissions.

### 5.3 Commissions

It was illustrated that considerable savings are being made for each of the partners involved in studies relating to Retail, Employment Land and Plan Wide Viability/CIL in addition to shared expertise. Table 3 of the report highlighted progress.

<b>Joint Planning Advisory Board resolved to NOTE the report.</b>
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### 6. Combined Authority (MG)

As part of a new type of government institution local authorities will be amalgamating to form Combined Authorities for some council functions. Separate combined authorities are proposed for both the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire areas. Combined Authorities have the potential to benefit from greater powers and control over resources

GS EBC expressed their wish to be consulted on the arrangements for N2.

MG Consultation will follow principal partners around all the local authorities. MG will raise EBC's request with N2 leads.

GS EBC is part of the Nottingham Travel to Work area and in the Nottingham HMA as well. Would like to be included in the draft N2 scheme to ensure matters such as transport and housing are fully integrated and well planned. EBC is seeking representation as a non-constituent member of N2.

MG In theory this is possible as Bassetlaw has a similar issue.

JU Those issues are being addressed. Many similarities with Sheffield and Bassetlaw. There is a good understanding of the issues, the priority will be to establish governance structures.

SC NCC Cabinet met last Thursday where two thirds voted in favour for this approach.

SB BBC will meet on 29 January.

SBk Queried if D2 and N2 processes were working in parallel as EBC have interests in both areas. EBC are approving a Statutory Governance Review and will submit that scheme to Government. However EBC have not yet seen the N2 scheme being submitted to Government despite the close relationship with EBC particularly regarding transport and housing.

SB D2 is ahead of N2. Need to work within framework but should not exclude EBC.

CS Need to look at how JPAB would fit into the process and use its influence.

- SB Boundaries to the north are challenging.
- CM Suggested it might be worth looking at Derbyshire County Council's website which gives helpful information having read the Governance Review. DCC wants to compliment what Nottingham and Nottinghamshire are doing. This meeting is incredibly inspiring regarding joint working.
- SB BBC has a webpage which could encourage others to do the same.
- SBk Sought acknowledgment that concerns re engagement with N2 would be raised.
- MG Will forward a copy of the scheme to EBC and contacts at City and County Councils.

<p><b>It was resolved that Joint Planning Advisory Board NOTE the report.</b></p>
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7. **HS2** (SS)

SS attended the HS2 Board meeting on 19 January. The previous meeting agreed to send a letter on behalf of the Board but it was agreed that this was no longer required. In the interim there has been some significant progress made with an agreed position to be presented to Sir David Higgins for his visit on 2 February, endorsing Toton as the preferred location. Key point in the discussion was whether its station location would be something that was accessible. East Midlands Parkway (EMP) was also considered in the recommendation with potential regeneration benefits if Ratcliffe-on-Soar Power Station is to close. It is hoped that Sir David will indicate emerging thinking and a timetable for final decisions. There is a concern regarding Toton relating to the cost of tunnelling under East Midlands airport and freight interchange. There does not appear to be a reason in principle why Toton or EMP could not follow the same route which is the Breaston alternative to avoid the need for tunnelling. With the perceived benefit for cost not as substantial the tunnel and route speed is greater with Toton rather than the wider loop round Breaston. Issues to be presented to Sir David .

- SB It was an extremely positive meeting. The hope is that Sir David will provide an indication of their current thinking which will assist with plan making.
- GS HS2 – demonstrates the need for EBC to be involved discussions around local connectivity on the boundary between ourselves and Nottingham and Derbyshire.
- JU Working group to be set up which may need to take recommendations to both N2 and D2.



- RB Rapid progress has been made in reviewing options, and satisfied that EMP is now included in the assessment.
- SBk Need a mechanism in place to demonstrate we can deliver and communicate local connectivity solutions. Will need sub area working. Local Transport Plans also need to be integrated.
- DM Clifton site - close cross boundary working taking place.

**It was resolved that Joint Planning Advisory Board NOTE the update and ENDORSE the decision of ESG that it no longer considered it appropriate to send a separate letter to Sir David Higgins regarding the accessibility of the proposed HS2 East Midlands Hub Station locations.**

8. **Any other business**

None.

9. **Date of Next Meeting**

Councillor Steve Barber announced that the next meeting to be held on Thursday 12 March 2015, at 2.00 pm, Town Hall, Beeston will be his last meeting to Chair due to his retirement from the Council in May.

Date	Venue	Chair
Thursday 14 May	Old Council Chamber, Town Hall, Beeston	Erewash Borough Council
Thursday 23 July	Old Council Chamber, Town Hall, Beeston	Broxtowe Borough Council
Thursday 24 September	Old Council Chamber, Town Hall, Beeston	Broxtowe Borough Council
Thursday 26 November	Old Council Chamber, Town Hall, Beeston	Broxtowe Borough Council



Meeting: **JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT**

Date: **27 March 2015**

agenda item number: **6**

From: **JOINT OFFICER STEERING GROUP**

## **NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAM WASTE LOCAL PLAN UPDATE**

### **Purpose of report**

1. To inform Committee of progress with preparing the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Replacement Waste Local Plan.

### **Information and Advice**

2. The Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Replacement Waste Local Plan is being prepared jointly with Nottingham City Council. The Plan is being prepared in two parts. The first part of Plan, the Waste Core Strategy, was adopted by both Councils in December 2013 and sets out the overall vision and strategic planning policies for the development of future waste management facilities across Nottinghamshire and Nottingham.
3. The second part of the Replacement Waste Local Plan will identify specific sites for a range of potential waste management uses including recycling, composting and anaerobic digestion facilities; waste transfer operations; energy recovery facilities. Provision will also need to be made for residual waste requiring disposal although the options for future disposal sites are considered to be limited. This part of the plan will also include detailed development management policies to minimise the potential environmental impacts of waste facilities.
4. Until both parts of the replacement Plan are in place, key policies from the existing Waste Local Plan (Jan 2002) have been saved.
5. A cross party Members project group has been set up to assist in preparation of the Waste Local Plan (Part 2). This comprises 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.
6. Work on the second part of the replacement Waste Local Plan is being progressed in stages. Current work is focussed on identifying and assessing sites for possible allocation. This includes desk top studies of potential site availability 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.
7. These sites now need to be assessed in more detail in terms of their location, size and environmental impact. To ensure that this process of site selection is as robust and transparent as possible, it is proposed to consult informally on both the proposed site selection methodology and an updated Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report. Approval to consult on the proposed site selection methodology

will be sought from both Councils in May 2015 to consult with statutory bodies, key stakeholders and other interested parties for a six-week period during June and July 2015. Feedback from this stage will be used to refine the site selection process as appropriate.

8. Shortlisted sites will then be published alongside a draft set of development management policies for informal public consultation in November 2015. Subject to consultation responses, it is proposed to publish the Submission Draft Plan for formal consultation in May 2016. Submission to the Secretary of State is anticipated in October 2016 with possible adoption by April 2017.

## **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Joint Committee note the contents of this report.

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Meeting: **JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT**

Date: **MARCH 2015** Agenda item number: 7

From: **JOINT OFFICERS STEERING GROUP**

## **TRANSPORT ISSUES UPDATE**

### **Purpose of report**

1. To update the Committee on key sustainable transport issues for the Greater Nottingham area.

### **Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) update**

2. The current main LSTF programme will conclude at the end March 2015. The planned programme has been delivered and full spend is expected to be achieved. Key delivery achievements during 2014/15 include:
  - Smartcard development which has 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 including 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 have included the GNTP Business Club; ECO Stars fleet recognition scheme; introduction of a Car Club; and workplace challenge activities.
3. Monitoring and evaluation activities are underway to comply with the Department for Transport evaluation requirements. This consists of a

process evaluation (to determine what worked well with programme delivery and lessons learnt) and an impact evaluation to draw out the effectiveness of the LSTF on helping to achieve its overarching objectives of supporting growth, reducing carbon and improving health. To support the evaluation activities a Big Ideas Survey 2015 has been commissioned. The surveys with members of the public and with business representatives are being carried out with the first draft of the findings to be made available in April 2015.

4. Continuation funding for the strongest performing elements of programme was secured in summer 2015. 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.
5. 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 GNTP Business Club travel planning and smarter choice activities.
  - Promotion of strategic cycle corridors linked to infrastructure improvements.
6. Delivery will be aligned to support the implementation of the major infrastructure projects such as the NET tram expansion completion and the cycle city ambition package.

### **Go Ultra Low City Funding**

7. 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.
8. The objectives of the Fund package are to deliver significant air quality benefits, reduce carbon emissions and create ULEV-related growth opportunities for businesses locally and beyond.
9. To support the announcement, the Government released preliminary guidance for participants for three complementary Funds. Authorities can bid for funding from one or all of these available schemes:

- **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.
10. The City Council in partnership with the County Council, the two Universities and other local partners lead on an expression of interest submission to OLEV for a £7-10 million package to establish Greater Nottingham as an exemplar for low carbon transport solutions. Broad measures included:
- The creation of a liveable city centre core consisting of a city centre **low emission zone**, supported by ultra-low emission buses and taxis.
  - Implementation of a comprehensive electric vehicle charging network at accessible locations including Park and Ride sites, City Council owned car parks and key strategic charging hubs at locations e.g. Eastcroft Depot.
  - A **broad ranging business support package** consisting of grants for businesses to incentivise ULEV uptake, events and advice will be delivered building on the sustainable and active travel measures delivered through complementary funded business support programmes.
  - An equivalent **residents/community package** to encourage the use of car club electric vehicles, providing discounts/incentives e.g. car club EV use, events, comprehensive communications/PR and signposting to relevant national Government schemes.
  - Finally, the two Councils have ambitions of **transforming in-house fleet operations** by utilising low emission vehicles for business use and as part of core service delivery to become exemplar local authorities.
11. Nottingham's Go Ultra Low City Bid was shortlisted and has been invited to submit a full and final bid for consideration by OLEV. The deadline is 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015 and decisions will be announced later in the autumn.

## **NET Tram Update**

12. 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.
13. Day time testing has commenced on the Clifton line as far as Silverdale, allowing driver training to take place on this section, with night time testing of the tram infrastructure underway as far as Clifton centre. Night time testing has recently been extended to University Boulevard on the Beeston and Chilwell route. The testing will continue to extend out along each line in stages, with testing along the full extent of both routes expected to be underway in April. Public services on the new lines are expected to start in the summer 2015.

## **A453 update**

14. 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.
15. Recent media announcements confirmed the A453 will be named Remembrance Way in honour of the 453 servicemen who lost their lives in the recent war in Afghanistan. Public consultation showed overwhelming support for the naming the road (90%) and Rushcliffe Borough Council, Nottingham City Council and North West Leicestershire District Council are working together with the Highways Agency to make arrangements in line with the official opening in May this year.

## **Midlands Connect**

16. The Midlands Connect group has been formed to champion strategic transport investment across the East and West Midlands. Midlands Connect is a collaboration of Midlands-wide local enterprise partnerships, Network Rail, the Highways Agency, local authorities and the business community and is focused on making the case for strategic road, rail and airport surface access investment post 2020.
17. A major economic study, the first phase of Midlands Connect, is examining and assessing where connectivity improvements are likely to have the greatest long-term impact on employment and the economy. Initial findings of the study have been released to the group and presented at a Leaders Summit in February 2015. The study provides an evidence base for why investment into the Midlands is required to get the region 'HS2 ready' and to improve east-west connectivity.



18. A second phase of work is focused on developing the communications strategy and Midlands Leaders coming together to build the case for Midlands Connect. The work will form an important platform for engagement with Government in the new parliament.

### **Recommendation**

19. It is recommended that the Committee note the content of this report.

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From: **JOINT OFFICER STEERING GROUP**

## **WORK PROGRAMME**

### **Purpose of report**

1. To consider the Committee's work programme from June 2015 to March 2016.

### **Information and Advice**

2. The County Council requires each committee to maintain a work programme. The work programme will assist the management of the committee's agenda, the scheduling of the committee's business and forward planning. The work programme will be updated and reviewed at each pre-agenda meeting and committee meeting. Any member of the committee is able to suggest items for possible inclusion.
3. The attached work programme has been drafted in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, and includes items which can be anticipated at the present time. Other items will be added to the programme as they are identified.
4. As part of the transparency introduced by the new committee arrangements, committees are expected to review day to day operational decisions made by officers using their delegated powers. It is anticipated that the committee will wish to commission periodic reports on such decisions. The committee is therefore requested to identify activities on which it would like to receive reports for inclusion in the work programme. It may be that the presentations about activities in the committee's remit will help to inform this.

### **Recommendation**

5. That the Committee's work programme be noted and consideration be given to any changes which the Committee wishes to make.

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