

JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT

**MINUTES of the meeting held at County Hall on 26 September 2014 from
10.00 am to 10.35 am**

Nottinghamshire County Council

- ✓ Councillor Jim Creamer (Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Kevin Greaves
- ✓ Councillor Stan Heptinstall
- ✓ Councillor Richard Jackson

Nottingham City Council

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

- ✓ Indicates present at meeting

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance

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

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

MINUTES

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 27 June 2014 as a correct record, and they were signed by the Chairman.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from - Councillor Alan Clark & Ian Malcom who were on other City Council business.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

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The Joint Committee has operated in its current form since 1998. It originally established to oversee strategic planning and transport matters affecting Greater Nottingham following the City Council being granted unitary status.

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 Joint Planning Advisory Board, which oversees the production of strategic elements of Local Plans in Greater Nottingham and also includes representation from the constituent District Councils.

Three options were presented to Members and they were:-

Option 1 – Business as usual

Option 2 – Synchronised Meetings

Option 3 – Merge Joint Committee and Joint Planning Advisory Board

Each option had advantages and disadvantages but option 2 & 3 would require the cooperation and agreement of the Joint Planning Advisory Board.

During discussions the following points were made:-

Members raised concern if the Committee merged with JPAB the agenda's may become too large due to the responsibility JPAB been given through the LEP in relation to HS2.

Members agreed the timings of the meetings could be improved so reduce the overlap between the Joint Committee and JPAB.

RESOLVED 2014/005

That members agreed to go with Option 1 but with an element of Option 2 regarding the scheduling of meetings.

TRANSPORT ISSUES UPDATE

Kevin Sharman updated the Committee on the key sustainable transport issues for the Greater Nottingham area. The following points were made:-

He explained the Growth Deal for the Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire (D2N2) LEP's set out £174.3 million secured from the Government's Local Growth Fund to support economic growth - £31.6m of new funding confirmed for 2015/16 and £69.5m for 2016/17 to 2020/21. This included £42.8m of funding the Government had previously committed as part of the LGF process (i.e. Local Transport Board prioritised schemes) and

a £30.4m indicative award of further of funding for projects commencing in 2016 and beyond. Successful Nottingham/Nottinghamshire transport schemes were:

- Broadmarsh/Southern Gateway - £10.3m (£3m in 2015/16)
- Cycle City Ambition Package - £6.1m (£3m in 2015/16)
- Harworth access road improvements - £1.1m (£0.6m in 2015/16)
- Newark Southern Link Road - £7m (£1m in 2015/16)
- Nottingham enterprise zone sustainable transport package £6m (in 2016/17 and beyond)
- D2N2 sustainable travel programme £5.8m (2016/17 and beyond) - the process for awarding allocations to individual authorities to be agreed
- Rolls Royce, Hucknall - £5.8m (2016/17 and beyond)

Local Sustainable Transport Fund 2015 – 2016 revenue outcome

The Nottingham LSTF programme to provide “sustainable access to employment, skills and training” was successful in securing £1.180m revenue for 2015/16. Detailed plans and procurement arrangements are being progressed to commence delivery from April 2015.

The two complementary work strands are as follows:-

A: Community Smarter Travel Initiatives to promote travel options to individuals and households to access employment opportunities

B: Worksmart Business Travel Support Package for employers to promote business growth and sustainable travel.

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.

Local Sustainable Transport Fund 2011 – 2015

Good progress has been made with delivery of the programme as it enters its final year of the current round. The Smartcard development and integrated ticketing has worked really well.

Community Smarter Travel Hubs, Worksmart and Active travel partnerships were the other successful mainstrands.

NET Tram Update

The first tram travelled from the Line One Station street terminus as far as Wilford Lane overnight on 21st August 2014. The testing of trams will gradually extend out along each line on and will be overnight initially, but progressing to day time running later in October. Public services on the new lines are expected to start in the first part of 2015.

Following Mr Sharman's update, the following points were made:-

- That a more detailed NET update meeting took place the following week at Loxley House for Members to attend.

- Seemed to be a lot of confusion regarding the completion date for the trams. Members were told that daytime testing has to commence before a more definitive answer could be given as it is unsure how long the testing will take.

RESOLVED 2014/006

That the contents of the report be noted.

GREATER NOTTINGHAM JOINT PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE

The meeting of JPAB due to take place on 4 September was cancelled in lieu of an HS2 Hub Station Visioning workshop to which all JPAB members were invited. As a result of the cancellation of JPAB, the minutes of the meeting held on 19 June 2014 are still not available.

However, an update note was circulated to all JPAB members updating them on progress being made with Local Plans across Greater Nottingham. A copy of that note is attached for information at Appendix 1 in the report.

RESOLVED 2014/007

That the contents of the report be noted.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAM WASTE LOCAL PLAN PROJECT GROUP

Matt Gregory informed the Committee of the setting up of a cross party Members group to assist in preparation of the Waste Local Plan (Part 2): Site Specific and Development Management Policies.

The County and City Councils have a statutory duty to prepare a Waste Local Plan which provides vision and a framework which will help shape future waste development over the next 15 to 20 years.

The purpose of a Project Group was to provide a forum for member/officer discussion on issues arising from the preparation of the Waste Local Plan. The aim was to help inform and 'steer' officers in the preparation of the planning document particularly in relation to potential future site allocations.

The group had no decision making powers, any views and suggestions from the group was reported to the Councils' relevant Committee/Cabinet (where appropriate) to inform the decisions required at the relevant stages of the plan preparation process. Any decision making powers remained with the relevant Committee/Cabinet (Executive Board in the case of the City Council).

The cross party working group would comprise the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the County Council's Environment and Sustainability Committee, one other representative from the largest group of the County Council, a representative from each of the other Parties within the County Council and a representative from Nottingham City Council and would meet as required.

With the recent changes to the County Council regarding committee compositions, there would be 2 Conservatives, 1 from Liberal Democrats and 1 City Council member.

RESOLVED 2014/008

That the contents of the report be noted

ORAL UPDATE ON NOTTINGHAM – NEWARK TRAIN SERVICE

Kevin Sharman gave Members a brief update as Jim Bamford was unable to attend the meeting.

He outlined that there had been a significant improvement to the service between the two stations.

The package support funding is all in place with the Department for Transport but we are still waiting to see the final deal. Kevin told Members that he was hopeful to see the deal within the next couple of weeks.

Kevin did assure members that once they have been informed, he would circulate the information to Members

The meeting closed at 10.35am.

CHAIRMAN

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