

27th November 2012

Agenda Item: 7

REPORT OF THE GROUP MANAGER, CORPORATE STRATEGY

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE GROWTH PLAN – CONSULTATION DRAFT AND FEEDBACK TO DATE

Purpose of the Report

1. To introduce the draft version of the Nottinghamshire Growth Plan; to update the Committee on feedback received and to request input from the Committee into finalising the Plan.

Information and Advice

2. Members will recall that a presentation was brought to the Committee in September which outlined progress to date with developing a Nottinghamshire Growth Plan. In subsequent weeks, a draft version of the Plan was finalised and circulated to business leaders, partners and stakeholders for consultation.
3. The draft Plan will be circulated with this report. The consultation exercise launched on 29th October and closes on 7th December. To date, there has been a healthy response, with a number of senior business leaders and partners offering feedback, insight and advice.
4. A short presentation will be made to the Committee which will highlight key issues and themes that have come out of the consultation to date. Committee Members will then have the opportunity to offer their own input into the final drafting of the Growth Plan.

Next steps

5. Consultation is due to close on 7th December. It is then intended that the Growth Plan be finalised and published before the end of the calendar year. Policy Committee will sign off the final version of the plan. Work is already underway to scope out some of the actions in the Plan and to agree lead agencies and resources required (separate paper on 2013-14 budget refers).
6. Once the Growth Plan is published, the County Council will develop a Council Economic Development Strategy, which will set out which elements the Council will lead on and other corporate activities which contribute more broadly to the growth agenda.
7. A report on the Council's Economic Development Strategy will be brought back to this Committee for consideration in the New Year.

Other Options Considered

8. None. Consultation on the Nottinghamshire Growth Plan, and in particular feedback from Nottinghamshire's business community, is seen as essential to its deliverability.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

9. To enable Committee to be briefed on feedback on the Growth Plan, and for Members to offer their own insight into the Plan prior to its finalisation.

Statutory and Policy Implications

10. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, 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.

Financial Implications

11. None at present, although future budget decisions may need to factor in key elements of the Growth Plan.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That Members consider feedback received to date on the draft Nottinghamshire Growth Plan and offer their own comments prior to its finalisation.

Report of the Group Manager, Corporate Strategy

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Constitutional Comments (KK 19.11.2012)

12. The proposals in this report are within the remit of the Economic Development Committee.

Financial Comments (DJK 15.11.2012)

13. The contents of this report are duly noted; the financial implications are mentioned in Paragraph 11.

Background Papers

Draft Nottinghamshire Growth Plan

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All