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| Meeting: | <b>JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT</b> |
| Date:    | 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2018                             |
| From:    | Joint Officer Steering Group                               |

ITEM: 7

## Transport Update

### **1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report provides the Committee with an update on the transport related issues across the Greater Nottingham conurbation. The report provides an update on the Budget 2018, Shared Space clarification, Rail Update and Air Quality Update.

### **2 BACKGROUND**

#### **Budget 2018**

- 2.2 On the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018, HM Treasury and the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced the 2018 budget. This provided several announcements relating to planning and transport.
- 2.3 Some of the measures include:
- Additional £420m of “pothole” funding for 2018/19. This is for maintenance of local roads by local authorities. Funding will be provided on a formula basis.
  - Transforming Cities Fund allocation increased and extended for a further year to 2023/24 (Nottingham is one of the shortlisted cities). An additional two shortlisted cities will be announced (for a total of twelve areas).
  - £90m Transforming Cities Fund: Future Mobility Zones funding for new transport modes, services and digital payments/ticketing. £20m of this to be provided to West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA).
  - National Roads Fund to provide £25.3bn of funds to Highways England over next five years to fund the second Roads Investment Strategy (RIS2).
  - Funding for local roads designated on the Major Road Network and for Local Major scheme funding of £3.5bn over five years.
  - £150m to improve local road junctions from NPIF over 2021/22. Funding will be provided on a competitive basis.
  - New 26-30 railcard to be introduced by end of 2018, offering a 1/3rd discount (minimum £12 fare in morning peak).
  - Fuel duty frozen for 9th year in a row.
  - Additional £500m of funding for Housing Infrastructure Fund (extending this by a further year).
  - £675m of co-funding for “Future High Streets Fund” to rejuvenate high streets. This includes £55m for heritage-based regeneration.
  - £10m competitive fund for locally led proposed for new business backed development corporations.
  - Reforms to remove Section 106 pooling for a single piece of infrastructure.
  - Strategic Infrastructure Tariff for Combined Authorities and joint planning committees with strategic planning powers.
  - Government to axe PFI contracts – no further PFI details to be provided as not considered value for money.
- 2.4 A full spending review is planned next year (2019) covering other areas of transport spend, including Integrated Transport Block and Maintenance Block funding streams.

## **Shared Space Clarification**

- 2.5 On the 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018, a joint letter from Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) and Department for Transport (DfT) clarified the development of shared space schemes, following a initial letter sent on the 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018. This principally clarified that the “pause” to shared space schemes relates to those within town and city centres, and is not intended to cover street design within residential developments or areas with low vehicular movement.

## **Rail Update**

- 2.6 Works on the Derby re-signalling project were completed on the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018, The works has seen a revision to the junction layout, replacement of track and signals on the routes surrounding Derby improving speed limits, and the creation of two new platforms. The works will allow for greater operational flexibility and reliability for rail services passing through Derby.
- 2.7 On the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018, the Department for Transport announced that a Rail Review was to take place in light of the performance issues as a result on the May 2018 timetable change. As a result of this review, the Cross Country Franchise tendering process has been paused awaiting the outcome of this review due to the unique geographic nature of the franchise. The East Midlands Franchise competition is continuing as planned.

## **Air Quality Update**

- 2.8 The Local Plan to Improve Air Quality in Nottingham was submitted to the Government by the 15<sup>th</sup> September deadline. Confirmation of the Plan is awaited.

## **Bus accessibility to East Midlands Airport**

- 2.9 A meeting was recently held between Councillor Brown, Councillor Wheeler , trentbarton and East Midlands Airport to discuss connectivity from a number of Rushcliffe villages to both the Airport and the Roxhill development to access job opportunities. This was a productive meeting with detailed discussions about the rationale for the current network and future plans for the network taking into account the planned occupancy of a number of the units on the Roxhill site. Alongside this the County Council continues to explore alternatives to fixed bus solutions with EMEG partners to address this accessibility issue.

## **3 RECOMMENDATION(S)**

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

## **4 BACKGROUND PAPERS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT**

- 4.1 Budget 2018, HM Treasury, October 2018  
Ministerial letter regarding Shared Spaces, DfT/MHCLG, September 2018  
Rail Review announcement, DfT, September 2018  
Local Plan to Improve Air Quality in Nottingham, September 2018

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