

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

COTGRAVE REGENERATION – COLLABORATION AGREEMENT

Purpose of the Report

1. To update Members on the progress of the Cotgrave Regeneration Project and to seek approval to enter into a collaboration agreement with Rushcliffe Borough Council and Barrett David Wilson Homes plc and the Homes and Communities Agency.

Information and Advice

2. The redevelopment of the former Cotgrave Colliery site and its linking with the town centre is an opportunity to regenerate the town centre and to provide economic benefits in new development, investment and job creation. It is proposed that up to 470 homes and 12,000 square metres of employment space will be developed on the colliery site, with job opportunities and apprenticeships.
3. Members will be aware that following the granting of outline planning permission for the redevelopment of the former Cotgrave Colliery site, Rushcliffe Borough Council and the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) appointed Barratt David Wilson Homes plc (BDW) as the developer for the housing and employment scheme on the former colliery site and for the town centre regeneration.
4. The Cotgrave Masterplan project started in July 2009 following a successful funding bid
5. Since being appointed, BDW have been working on their submission for the reserved matters planning application which they expect to submit to Rushcliffe Borough Council in the next couple of months.
6. In order to bring about wider regeneration benefits from development on the colliery site, it is closely linked with the regeneration of the town centre. Nottinghamshire County Council has property interests in the town centre and adjacent to the colliery site. The County Council has been invited to sign a collaboration agreement with Rushcliffe Borough Council, Barrett David Wilson plc and the Homes and Communities Agency. Its purpose would be to secure a comprehensive and integrated redevelopment of both Cotgrave Town Centre and Cotgrave Colliery through four key elements:-

- The development of the Colliery Land;
 - The redevelopment of the Town Centre Site;
 - The delivery of new jobs and skills to the Cotgrave Area and
 - The provision of new and affordable housing.
7. It is proposed that the development of the town centre site and the colliery land should, as far as reasonably practicable and provided it is financially viable be carried out comprehensively in accordance with a planned programme of phases to allow and promote viable redevelopment within both sites which is sustainable and proportionate.
 8. The agreement would provide confidence amongst the local community and partners that the regeneration of the Town would happen.
 9. The Cotgrave regeneration project covers County Council priorities particularly as a service provider and also economic regeneration. As a landowner, the project will have implications for the County Council's land holdings. Becoming a signatory to the Collaboration Agreement would enable the Council to best be able to influence the development of proposals. However it needs to be recognised that signing the agreement would not take over responsibilities for any Council functions which are properly dealt with elsewhere nor should it be assumed that agreement is given to any financial transactions or property disposals.

Other Options Considered

10. For the County Council not to be a party to the collaboration agreement, but the opportunity to influence proposals for the regeneration of Cotgrave would be reduced.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

11. To enable Nottinghamshire County Council to have an active role in the redevelopment of Cotgrave.

Statutory and Policy Implications

12. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, the public sector equality duty, 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

13. The collaboration agreement will not bind the Council to any financial expenditure. Any rights and interests to be granted will be the subject of a further report to Finance and Property Committee as appropriate.

RECOMMENDATION/S

1) That the County Council enter into the collaboration based on the proposals set out in paragraph 6 of this report.

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Chairman of Economic Development Committee

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Constitutional Comments (SSR 7.10.2013)

14. This decision falls within matters that may be approved by the Policy Committee.

Financial Comments ((SEM 08.10.13)

15. There are no specific financial implications arising directly from this report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

Cotgrave - Councillor Richard Butler