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

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 25 JUNE 2010 AT COUNTY HALL WEST BRIDGFORD FROM 10.00 AM TO 11 AM**

#### **NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

- ✓ Councillor Butler (Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Heptinstall
- ✓ Councillor Jackson
- ✓ Councillor Smedley

#### **NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

- A Councillor Clark (Vice-Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Dewinton
- ✓ Councillor Foster
- A Councillor Urquhart

- ✓ Indicates present at meeting

#### **1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

**RESOLVED 2010/001 that Councillor Richard Butler be appointed Chair of the Committee 2010/11.**

#### **2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR**

**RESOLVED 2010/002 that Councillor Alan Clark be appointed Vice-Chair of the Committee 2010/2011.**

#### **3. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED 2010/003 the Membership of the Committee was noted**

#### **4. MINUTES**

The minutes of the last meeting on 12 March 2010 were agreed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chair.

## **5. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Alan Clark

## **6. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None.

## **7. STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE**

Consideration was given to a report of the Joint Officer Steering Group, copies of which had been circulated, that highlighted the planning issues arising from the Coalition Government proposal to abolish the Regional Spatial Strategy and allow Local Authorities to establish their own housing provision levels.

Members welcomed the opportunity for self-decision and recognised the benefits of working together whilst acknowledging that different areas may require a different approach. It was felt that, prior to receiving guidance from Government, local planning levels should be included in core strategies to protect the Green Belt and Greenfield sites from development; that the Joint Planning Advisory Board should make a positive statement by providing a cohesive structure plan that included infrastructure projects; the Government should be made aware of the difficulties faced by Local Authorities due to the proposed changes.

**RESOLVED 2010/004 that the report be noted.**

## **8. GREATER NOTTINGHAM JOINT PLANNING BOARD UPDATE**

Consideration was given to a report of the Joint Officer Steering Group, copies of which had been circulated. Members discussed the implications of the new Government's approach to strategic planning, the infrastructure required to inform the future planning process and the resources available to support capital budgets.

**RESOLVED 2010/005 that the report be noted.**

## **9. JOINT WASTE DEVELOPMENT PLAN – PROGRESS REPORT**

Members were provided with a verbal update of the progress made in relation to the new Waste Local Plan which has been affected by the removal of regional waste targets. The consultation document had been approved and should be circulated during September 2010.

**RESOLVED 2010/006 that the update be noted.**

## **10. TRANSPORT ISSUES UPDATE**

Consideration was given to a report of the Joint Officer Steering Group, copies of which had been circulated, that provided an update of the key transport issues for the Greater Nottingham Transport Local Plan (LTP) area.

Members noted that the Memorandum of Understanding between Nottingham, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire had been agreed, and consultations were underway for LTP3 to set priorities and the timetable, the new plan to be effective from April 2011. The

first phase of the Delivering a Sustainable Transport Study (DaSTS) had been completed with potential options for future work having been submitted to the Department for Transport; the final report, once approved, to be submitted by end of June 2010.

Members were concerned about the effect of proposed budget cuts and the outcome of the Comprehensive Spending Review on local transport projects already scheduled or approved; the loss of the Road Safety grant and the reduction in funding for speed cameras, and the likely effect on accident and casualty figures in the future as a result.

It was suggested that the Committee contact all Nottinghamshire Members of Parliament to make them aware of these concerns.

**RESOLVED 2010/007 that the contents of the report be noted.**

## **11. RAIL ISSUES UPDATE**

Consideration was given to a report of the Joint Officer Steering Group, copies of which had been circulated, updating the Committee on key rail issues in and into the Greater Nottingham Local Transport Plan area and rail services across local authority boundaries.

Further to the report, Members were informed that Midland Mainline had £69 million funding confirmed in the recent budget speech by the Chancellor of the Exchequer for line speed improvements and awaited details from Network Rail, but a decision was still pending on £27 million for the additional works; a cost benefit analysis comparison had been requested for the "S" and "Y" High Speed Rail routes through the region; as funding for Nottingham Station Hub was currently under threat alternative funding options were being investigated; Stakeholders Group have requested 2 additional vehicles, from several allocated to another area, for Lincoln-Newark-London improvements.

**RESOLVED 2010/008 that the contents of the report be noted and; that a joint letter from both Councils' Cabinet Members be sent to the Secretary of State for Transport and the Chancellor of the Exchequer thanking them for the confirmation of funding for Midland Mainline, and pressing the case for the additional £27 million; that a joint letter be sent to the Secretary of State for Transport from both Councils' Cabinet Members and equivalent Councillors from Lincolnshire County Council, Lincoln City Council, and Newark & Sherwood District Council, to press the case for the additional vehicles for the Newark – Nottingham line.**

## **12. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED 2010/009 that the committee meet at 10.00am on the following Fridays:**

<b><u>2010</u></b>	<b><u>2011</u></b>
<b>10 September</b>	<b>4 March</b>
<b>3 December</b>	

**The meeting closed at 11am.**