

JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT

**MINUTES of the meeting held at County Hall on 12 December 2014 from
10.00 am to 10.30 am**

Nottinghamshire County Council

- ✓ Councillor Steve Calvert
- ✓ Councillor Kevin Greaves
- Councillor Stan Heptinstall
- Councillor Richard Jackson

Nottingham City Council

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

- ✓ Indicates present at meeting

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance

David Ebbage - Democratic Services)
Suzanne Osborne-James - Principal Planning Officer)
Kevin Sharman - Team Manager, Transport)

Matt Gregory - Policy & Research Manager) Nottingham City Council
Keith Morean - Transport Manager)

MINUTES

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2014 as a correct record, and they were signed by the Chairman.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from –

Jim Creamer - other County Council business
Stan Heptinstall - other County Council business
Richard Jackson - other County Council business.
Alan Clark - other City Council business

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

UPDATED TERMS OF REFERENCE

Matt Gregory updated Members on the future operation of the Joint Committee. A report was brought to the last meeting which Members decided to go ahead with option 1 in that report.

He highlighted a few of the recent changes:-

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 introduction of the National Planning Policy Framework and the Duty to cooperate on strategic planning matters.

The role of the Joint Committee is to advise the County Council and City Council on strategic planning and transport matters of mutual concern in order to facilitate the sustainable development and growth of Greater Nottingham and to assist in meeting the Duty to Cooperate.

The Chair and Vice Chair will be appointed every two years and alternate between each Authority. The Vice Chair will always be appointed by the Authority not holding the Chair.

The following points were made following his update:-

- Members could not see any reference in regards to substitutes for meetings within the updated version, this was noted and an amendment would be made.
- In Appendix 1 the Nottingham Local Transport Plan had dates from 2011-2016. Members wondered if the plan was a 5 year or a 10 year plan, this would get looked into by the department.

RESOLVED 2014/009

Approval was given to the revised terms of reference set out in Appendix 1 with the amendment of one sentence regarding substitutes for meetings.

GREATER NOTTINGHAM JOINT PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE

Matt Gregory updated the Joint Committee on the work of the JPAB. The report provided a fuller update of what was discussed at the November meeting. The minutes have been done but not yet approved. The 19th June meeting minutes were attached to the back of the report.

Update on the HS2 and the announcement in the Higgins report (that consideration was being given to a location to the east of the M1 for the East Midlands Hub station, as a possible alternative to Toton. Rushcliffe Borough have an established view that the Hub station should be located at the Parkway Station on the Midland Main Line.

Local Plans update report was presented highlighting the progress with Local Plans across Greater Nottingham. Significant changes since the last meeting were that the Rushcliffe Core Strategy Inspectors report has now been received and they were in a position to adopt the plan and take to the 22nd December council meeting.

The Board was also updated on the progress on the LSTF with the implementation of the LSTF, and it was noted that a partnership bid to DfT to continue the best performing elements of the LSTF programme in 2015/16 has been successful in securing a further for £1.18 million of revenue funding.

RESOLVED 2014/010

That the contents of the report be noted.

CYCLING UPDATE

Keith Morean updated the committee on cycle infrastructure proposals and opportunities for joint working with both authorities.

The report specifically focused on investment which has been committed to providing improved cycling infrastructures and the associated benefits:-

- Cycle City Ambition Package - £6.1 million (2015/16 and 2016/17)
- Nottingham Enterprise Zone Sustainable Transport Package £6m (2016/17 and beyond)
- D2N2 Sustainable Travel Programme £5.8 million (share to be confirmed from 2016/17 and beyond)
- Cycle Rail fund £600,000 for the upgrade of the cycle parking facility at Nottingham Station.

The Cycle City Ambition Package was an area for proposed infrastructure investment in the below areas:-

- North – south and east – west high quality branded cross city cycle corridors.
- Enhanced cycle routes in, around and through the City Centre.
- Routes through, around and to Nottingham's Parks.
- Multi-user path along the banks of the Leen creating a north – south corridor through the City.
- Improved cycle access in the neighbourhoods. Specific areas identified include St Anns Wells Road, Lenton and Bulwell.
- Expansion of the Citycard Cycles scheme.

Measures within The Nottingham Enterprise Zone Sustainable Transport Package will help build and provide sustainable transport access to the enterprise zone.

£5.8 million is available for the D2N2 sustainable travel programme, some of which will be allocated to the Nottingham urban area.

£600,000 has been provided to East Midlands Trains to allow improved facilities to the Nottingham Station Milk Dock cycle parking facility. Construction is planned to start in March 2015.

The City Council is currently working up a 10 year vision to 'Cycle Proof' the City. It will build on and expand the Local Sustainable Transport Fund and Cycle City programmes. In designing this vision and ensuring delivery extends to the full conurbation, close working with the County Council will be essential as well as other partners.

The following points were made following his update:-

- The cycling strategy for the County Council is going to committee in March but County Council members assured the joint committee that a lot of work is being done on cycle safety and infrastructure, working alongside the Cycling Development Group. Also promoting joint working as much as possible with the City Council.

RESOLVED 2014/011

That the contents of the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 10.30am

CHAIRMAN

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