

7<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Agenda Item: 6

## **REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, PLACE**

### **DERBY-NOTTINGHAM METROPOLITAN STRATEGY CONSULTATION – COPY OF RESPONSE FROM NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide Committee with a copy of Nottingham City Council's response to Nottinghamshire County Council in relation to the Derby-Nottingham Metropolitan Strategy Consultation.

#### **Information and advice**

2. Having considered the draft Derby-Nottingham Metropolitan Strategy 2030 (Metro Strategy) on 6<sup>th</sup> September, Nottinghamshire County Council submitted a formal response to the Consultation on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016 to both Derby and Nottingham City Council Leaders.
3. In its role as secretariat for the Economic Prosperity Committee (EPC), Nottinghamshire County Council was approached (9<sup>th</sup> December) by Nottingham City Council to include the Metro Strategy as an agenda item for 6<sup>th</sup> January meeting. This gave rise to County Council Officers chasing the City Council for a reply to the formal response to the Consultation.
4. On 30<sup>th</sup> December, the City Council confirmed that they had not received the letter (until a copy of the letter had been resent) and promised a response ahead of the EPC. *Appendix A* contains the response received from Nottingham City Council (via email) on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017.
5. Two decisions were made at 6<sup>th</sup> January EPC on the Metro Strategy agenda item and were recorded as follows:
  - That the development of the Derby-Nottingham Metro Strategy and the intention of Nottingham and Derby City Councils to engage further with neighbouring authorities be supported in principle.
  - That the work on the Town Centre Strategy and Rural Strategy be noted and updates be brought to a future meeting.

## **Reasons for recommendation(s)**

6. The Economic Development Committee requested to receive a copy of the reply to Nottinghamshire County Council's formal response to the Derby-Nottingham Metropolitan Strategy Consultation.

## **Statutory and Policy implications**

7. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described within the body of the report.

## **Financial implications**

8. There are no direct financial implications for this report.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

9. It is recommended that Economic Development Committee notes the report.

**Adrian Smith**  
**Corporate Director, Place**

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## **Constitutional Comments [LM 18/01/2017]**

10. This report is for noting only and no Constitutional comments are required.

## **Financial Comments [SES 20/01/17]**

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

## **Background Papers and Published Reports**

- *Derby-Nottingham Metropolitan Strategy – Consultation Response*, report to Economic Development Committee – 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016
- *Derby-Nottingham Metropolitan Strategy – Copy of Consultation Response*, report to Economic Development Committee – 4<sup>th</sup> October 2016
- [\*Derby-Nottingham Metropolitan \('Metro'\) Strategy 2030\*](#), report to Economic Prosperity Committee – 6<sup>th</sup> January 2017

## **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All

## Appendix A: Response received from Nottingham City Council

### From the Leader of the Council



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5<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Dear Diana,

#### Re: Derby-Nottingham Metro Strategy Consultation

Thank you for sending me the County Council's response to the Metro Strategy consultation, and apologies for the delay in my response, but your letter only arrived in my office on 21st December.

I am pleased that the County Council wishes to engage and contribute to the Metro Strategy, as there are clear areas of mutual interest and benefits to be gained through collaboration. I recognise the concerns that you raise and have sought to address some of the concerns in our response to the consultation.

In its early stages, many of the Metro Strategy actions are concerned with joint working between the two City Councils on issues specific to the cities. Nevertheless, we recognise the statutory responsibilities and strategic interests of our neighbouring authorities – Counties and Districts – on the range of issues that cover the wider Metro area, and the revised action plan reflects our commitment to continued engagement and collaboration with County and District Councils.

A Metro Strategy Delivery Board (chaired by myself and Ranjit) held its first meeting just before Christmas to consider the Strategy and Action Plan as it emerged from the consultation (summary versions are attached). The Board wholeheartedly agreed the need for further engagement, which could include working in partnership on specific initiatives, regular meetings at senior officer and political level, and representation on the Strategic Advisory Group that is being established.



Chris Henning (my Strategic Director, Economy) is presenting an overview of the Metro Strategy at the forthcoming N2 Economic Prosperity Committee meeting on 6th January. I have asked Chris to arrange to meet Adrian Smith and Senior District Officers for a more detailed discussion about our engagement as soon as possible after the EPC meeting.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J.N.C.', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**Jon Collins**  
**Leader – Nottingham City Council**

