

Joint Committee on Strategic Planning and Transport

Friday, 26 September 2014 at 10:00

County Hall, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP

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Notes

- (1) Councillors are advised to contact their Research Officer for details of any Group Meetings which are planned for this meeting.
- (2) Members of the public wishing to inspect "Background Papers" referred to in the reports on the agenda or Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act should contact:-

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Councillors or Officers requiring clarification on whether to make a declaration of interest are invited to contact David Ebbage (Tel. 0115 977 3141) or a colleague in Democratic Services prior to the meeting.

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JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT

**MINUTES of the meeting held at County Hall on 27 JUNE 2014 from
10.00 am to 10.30 am**

Nottinghamshire County Council

- ✓ Councillor Jim Creamer (Chair)
Councillor Kevin Greaves
Councillor Stan Heptinstall
- ✓ Councillor Richard Jackson (Richard Butler for this meeting only)

Nottingham City Council

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

- ✓ Indicates present at meeting

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance

Sally Gill	-	Group Manager, Planning)	Nottingham County Council
David Ebbage	-	Democratic Services)	
Chris Carter	-	Transport Strategy Manager)	Nottingham City Council
John Kerry	-			

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

On a motion from Councillor Jane Urquhart and seconded by Councillor Ian Malcom it was:-

RESOLVED 2014/001

That Councillor Creamer be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

On a motion from Councillor Alan Clark and seconded by Councillor Ian Malcolm it was:-

RESOLVED 2014/002

That Councillor Jane Urquhart be elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year

TO NOTE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

That the membership of the sub-committee as listed below be noted:-

Councillor Jim Creamer
Councillor Kevin Greaves
Councillor Stan Heptinstall MBE
Councillor Richard Jackson

Councillor Alan Clark
Councillor Ian Malcolm
Councillor Toby Neal
Councillor Jane Urquhart

Councillor Richard Butler replaced Councillor Richard Jackson for this meeting only.

TO NOTE THE COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE

Following discussions the committee agreed to recommend that the current arrangements for hosting the committee should be changed from an annual to a two year cycle.

RESOLVED 2014/003

That the recommendation to move to a two year cycle for hosting the committee be pursued as part of the revisions for the Committee's terms of reference.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from - Councillor Heptinstall MBE, Sue Flack and Matt Gregory.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

MINUTES

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2014 as a correct record, and they were signed by the Chairman.

RAIL ISSUES UPDATE

Chris Carter gave an update to Members on the key rail issues in and into Greater Nottingham and rail services across local authority boundaries, the following points were made:-

That most of the work at Nottingham Station had been completed and the remaining works were expected to be completed by the summer. An official opening of the new station is in the process of being arranged.

Efforts to secure funding for the scheme to enhance Midland Main Line in the Market Harborough area were continuing. A stakeholder group has been set by Network Rail.

The 3 Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) along the line have included the MML Market Harborough scheme in their Strategic Economic Plans. They also included bids for funding for the scheme from the Local Growth Fund pot.

Progress has been made to help secure additional funding for the Newark – Lincoln line. A five stage strategy to upgrade the line had been adopted by the Stakeholder Board. Stage 1 of the strategy involved an additional train every hour between Nottingham and Newark. Stage 2, 3 & 4 were infrastructure enhancements.

There had been some progress on High Speed 2. Both Councils made submissions on the proposed new station at Toton. The government is expected to announce its decision within the next 12 months.

A HS2 Programme Board for the East Midlands is being established, the East Midland Councils were meeting on 11th July to set out the programme.

Regarding the HS2, the City Council are continuing their support for the project, working with other cities along the proposed line. Their aim is to focus on more cities that they could work with on that eastern leg as connectivity to northern cities is just as important as going south.

The Committee did suggest getting back in contact with the Chancellor as he may like to help us with the Newark – Lincoln line in regards doubling up of the service and the additional funding which is required.

RESOLVED 2014/004

That the contents of the report be noted.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAM SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF MINERAL PLANNING AND WASTE PLANNING SERVICES

Sally Gill informed the Committee of a Service Level Agreement for the provision of Mineral Planning and Waste Planning Services:-

Both Councils have worked together recently on the preparation and examination of the Waste Local Plan Core Strategy part 1. Work is also being carried out on Part 2 of the Waste Local Plan – Site specific and Development Management Policies.

The City Council are currently preparing the Local Plan for Nottingham City which will include the policies relating to mineral planning.

Officers will be presenting a service level agreement to see what planning services both Councils can provide together or if one Council can do things on behalf of the other.

Members agreed with that proposal and how sensible that proposal seemed.

Members did raise that boundary lines were not appreciated enough between the two councils. The two authorities do work closely together and are fully engaged in the process. Minerals are also needed in the City.

The possibility of employment within the agreement regarding the amount of work to be carried out would be a great positive.

A consultation on sand and gravel sites was due on the 11th July.

RESOLVED 2014/005

That the contents of the report be noted.

GREATER NOTTINGHAM JOINT PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE

Most of this report was dealt with the week before the Committee meeting at a JPAB meeting which was held on 19th June 2014. The minutes of that meeting were not available at the time this Committee met.

The main items of the June meeting were the revised terms of reference which have been adopted by the Board. One of the main changes was to reflect the new responsibility of the Board for the Strategic planning of the HS2 hub station in Toton. Secretarial support for the Board was agreed to continue for three years.

Broxtowe, Gedling and Nottingham City have to have sent their report on or before 18th July, aiming to adopt the ACS in September. These three councils are also working on part 2 of their Local Plans. Consultation on this will take place in winter 2014/15.

Rushcliffe examination hearing sessions were to commence on 1st July which covered a full range of planning issues but that could have had to wait until 18th July.

Ashfield are to withdraw their local plan due to the inspector concluded that the additional work would need to be commissioned which would change the Council's conclusions on preferred site allocations. This decision is anticipated to happen in the summer.

Erewash adopted its Core Strategy at its meeting on 6th March.

Members had no comments or concerns on this report.

The meeting closed at 10.30am.

AGENDA ORDER

Members agreed to have an additional item added to the agenda for future meetings to inform Members the date of the next meeting.

CHAIRMAN

27 June 2014 – Jt Strategic Planning & Transport

Meeting: **JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT**

Date: **26 SEPTEMBER 2014**

agenda item number: **4**

From: **JOINT OFFICER STEERING GROUP**

JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT – TERMS OF REFERENCE

Purpose of report

1. To consider options for the future operation of the Joint Committee.

Information and Advice

2. The Joint Committee on Strategic Planning and Transport has operated in its current form since 1998. It was originally established to oversee strategic planning and transport matters affecting Greater Nottingham following the City Council being granted unitary status. One of its most important tasks was to oversee the preparation of the Joint Structure Plan, and to provide statutory advice to the Regional Planning Body on the content of the regional Strategy. It also oversaw several iterations of the two Councils' Local Transport Plans, and more latterly has taken a lead on lobbying for improved rail services.
3. 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.
4. These changes to strategic planning arrangements have led to the creation of their own governance structures, in particular the Joint Planning Advisory Board, which oversees the production of strategic elements of Local Plans in Greater Nottingham, and also includes representation from the constituent District Councils. Inevitably, there is a large degree of overlap between the two bodies. Joint Committee has four representatives from each Council, whilst the Joint Planning Advisory Board has two.
5. As a result, at the March meeting of Joint Committee, it was resolved that no changes be made to the Terms of Reference of Joint Committee at that time, but that a future meeting of the Joint Committee consider a paper outlining options for its future operation.
6. Accordingly, three options are presented below, together with the advantages/disadvantages associated with them, in order to explore to what degree efficiencies can be made. The Terms of Reference (Protocol) of the Joint Committee are at Appendix A, whilst the Terms of Reference of the Joint Planning Advisory Board are at Appendix B.

Option 1 – Business as Usual

- 7 The Joint Committee could continue to run as at present.

Advantages:-

- Simplicity
- Continuity
- No issues over matters solely the responsibility of the County and City Councils, eg Waste Planning, Strategic transport

Disadvantages:-

- Continued overlapping responsibilities
- Multiple meetings
- No saving on administration/paperwork

Option 2 – Synchronised Meetings

- 8 The Joint Committee could meet before or after Joint Planning Advisory Board, at the same venue. Would require the agreement of the host of one of the meetings to host both.

Advantages

- Some streamlining of meetings (but Memberships of the two bodies not the same)
- No issues over matters solely the responsibility of the County and City Councils, eg Waste Planning, Strategic transport

Disadvantages

- One meeting overrunning would impact on the other (note different memberships)
- No saving on administration/paperwork

Option 3 – Merge Joint Committee and Joint Planning Advisory Board

- 9 The two bodies could be merged. This would require resolution of the host authority (rotates for Joint Committee, currently Broxtowe for the Joint Board), and Chairing arrangements (rotates for Joint Committee, currently Broxtowe for the Joint Board). The remit of Joint Board would need to be extended to include Strategic Transport and possibly Waste Planning.

Advantages

- Most streamlining of meetings
- Saving on administration/paperwork
- Wider input to decisions (District Councils, Derbyshire County Council)
- Synergies between the work areas of the two bodies

Disadvantages

- Matters solely the responsibility of the County and City Councils, eg Waste Planning, Strategic transport would need to be distinguished from other business
- Lower level of representation from the two Councils
- Slightly different geographies (JPAB includes Erewash)

- 10 Options 2 and 3 would require the cooperation and agreement of the Joint Planning Advisory Board. In the event that one of these options is considered appropriate, officers will approach the Chair and hosting body with a view to presenting a paper to Joint Planning Advisory Board.
- 11 The Joint Committee was established through agreement with the relevant Executive Bodies of the City and County Councils, and so implementing option 3 would be subject to the agreement of those Executive Bodies.

Recommendation

- 12 (a) That consideration be given to the options presented in paragraphs 6 to 9 of this report, and an option be recommended for further development;
- (b) should option 2 be considered appropriate, the host council of Joint Planning Advisory Board be approached to agree on an approach to the venue for the synchronised meetings;
- (c) should option 3 be considered appropriate, that the Chair of the Joint Planning Advisory Board be approached, with a view to presenting a paper to that Board to agree to the merging of responsibilities of the two bodies. If agreed, the relevant Executive Bodies of the City and County Councils be requested to ratify the decision.

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APPENDIX A

PROTOCOL FOR THE OPERATION OF A JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT IN GREATER NOTTINGHAM (REVISED 2007)

1. Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottingham City Council (Unitary) established a Joint Committee between the two Authorities to advise on strategic planning and transport matters in Greater Nottingham in April 1998.
2. The protocol agreed between the two Authorities on the establishment and operation of the Joint Committee (agreed February 2000) requires a two yearly review, to ensure it remains relevant to the needs of the Joint Committee.

Role

3. The role of the Joint Committee is to advise the County Council and City Council on strategic planning and transport matters taking account of the best interests of the whole of Greater Nottingham.

Responsibilities

4. The Joint Committee will be responsible for providing advice on regional, sub-regional and strategic planning and on transport matters including the following:
 - (a) Preparation, review, modification and monitoring of strategic planning advice to the Regional Planning Body;
 - (b) Conformity of Local Development Documents, as agreed with the Regional Planning Body, and strategic planning and transport comments on Draft Development Plans prepared by other Local Planning Authorities;
 - (c) The implementation of the Greater Nottingham elements of the 3 Cities and 3 Counties Growth Point, including the preparing of bids for funding, agreeing programmes for implementation and keeping the implementation of the Growth Point under review;
 - (d) Co-ordination of policies and management for minerals and waste matters, including joint Local Development Documents;
 - (e) Greater Nottingham Local Transport Plan;

- (f) Strategic issues arising from the management of the Traffic Control Centre;
 - (g) Strategic issues arising from Public Transport Operations, including Bus Quality Partnerships and the development of the Nottingham Express Transit;
 - (h) Greater Nottingham Rail Development Plan;
 - (i) Regional Spatial Strategies, relevant sub-regional studies, Regional Transport Strategy, the Integrated Regional Strategy and any other regional/sub-regional consultation/consultant studies insofar as they impact upon Greater Nottingham;
 - (j) Strategic issues arising from the District Council air quality review and assessment.
5. To assist the Joint Committee in carrying out the responsibilities in paragraph 4 above, they shall be entitled to receive information and to comment where they deem appropriate on other relevant matters including:
- (a) Development Plan policies and strategy for the rest of the County;
 - (b) Local Transport Plan for the rest of the County;
 - (c) Planning applications within Greater Nottingham subject to the statutory timetable;
 - (d) Wider aspects of Regional Spatial Strategies and Sub-Regional Studies;
 - (e) Major development proposals in areas surrounding Greater Nottingham;
 - (f) Significant developments in the highway and transport networks;
 - (g) Major strategic initiatives of either Authority in Greater Nottingham e.g. tackling climate change.
 - (h) Economic strategies for Greater Nottingham;
 - (i) Government legislation, regulations and guidance affecting strategic planning and transport matters.

Area of Responsibility

6. The Joint Committee will be responsible for advising on strategic planning and transport matters across the whole area known as South Nottinghamshire in the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Joint Structure Plan 2006. This area will be known as Greater Nottingham and its boundaries are illustrated on the attached Map 1. In undertaking the responsibilities for Growth Point in paragraph 4 (c) above, the area will also include Erewash Borough, to coincide with the boundaries of the Nottingham Core Housing Market Area element of the 3 Cities and 3 Counties Growth Point.

Relationship to Parent Authorities

7. The views of the Joint Committee will be communicated to the appropriate executive or other body or bodies of the County and City Councils as soon as possible following a resolution by the Joint Committee. Where the Joint Committee has expressed a view on particular matters that is the subject of a report to any of the parent executive bodies, the recommendation of the Joint Committee will be included in the report.

Membership

8. The Joint Committee will be composed of four (4) members from each authority.
9. With the agreement of the Chair and Vice Chair, other members may be co-opted onto the Committee from time to time to assist the Joint Committee in carrying out the responsibilities in paragraphs 4 to 6 above. Such members will not have voting rights.
10. The appropriateness of co-opted members will be reviewed in accordance with paragraph 18.

Chair and Vice Chair

11. The Chair and Vice Chair will be appointed in alternate years by each authority. The Vice Chair will always be appointed by the authority not holding the Chair.

Frequency of Meetings

12. The Joint Committee will meet at least 4 times a year.

Organisation and Conduct of Meetings

13. Notice of meetings, circulation of papers, conduct of business at meetings and voting arrangements will follow the Standing Orders of the authority which holds the Chair, or such Standing Orders which may be approved by the parent authorities. Meetings will be open to members of the public.

Officer Support

14. The secretariat of the Joint Committee will alternate annually between the two authorities with the Chair. The costs of operating the Joint Committee will be met by the Council providing the secretariat services. The work of the Joint Committee will be

serviced by a Joint Officer Steering Group which will assist the Chair and Vice Chair in setting agendas and brief them prior to meetings. They will also be responsible for communicating the views of the Joint Committee.

Disagreement Between the two Authorities

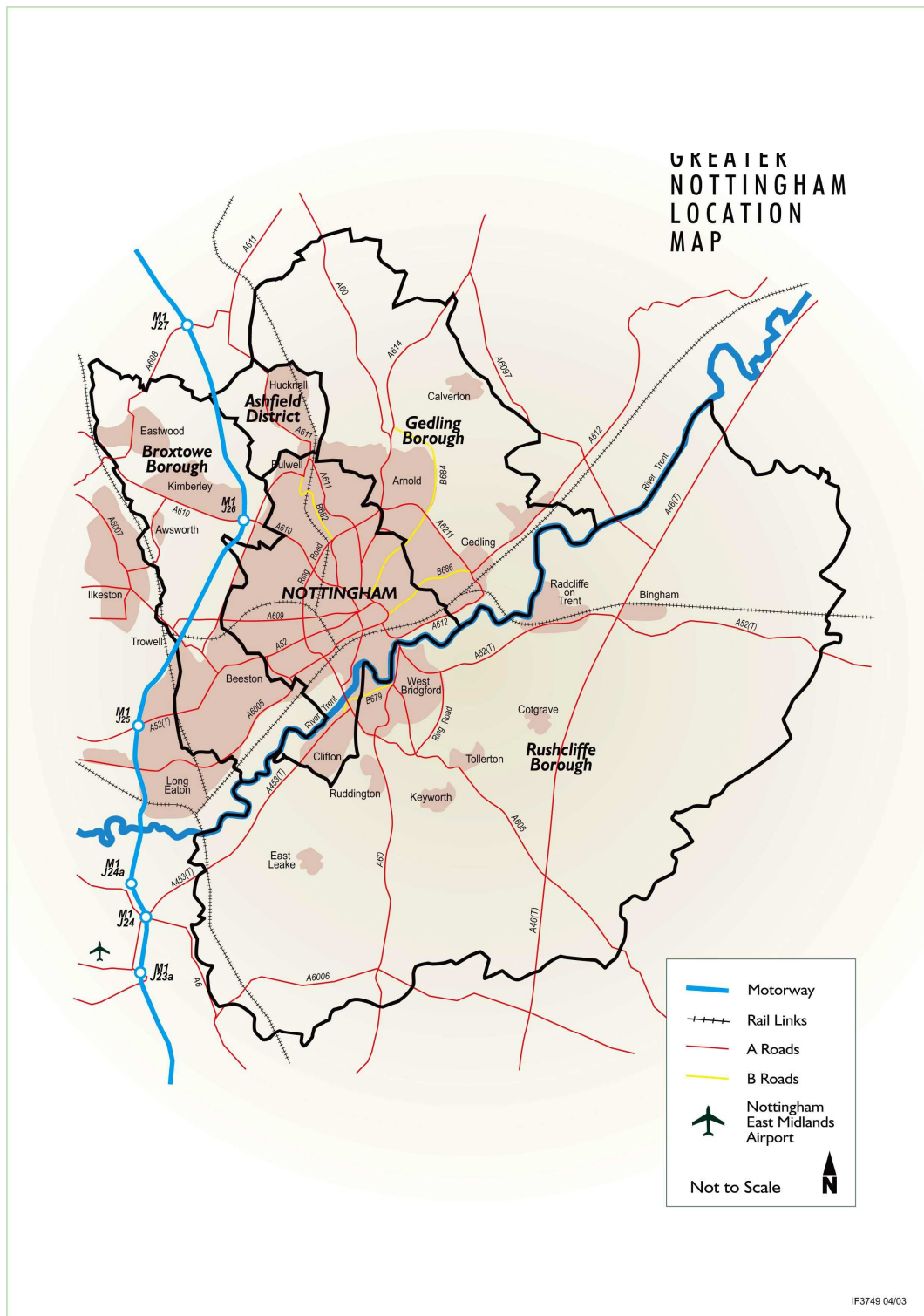
15. Where the members of the Joint Committee cannot arrive at a view on a particular issue which enjoys the support of the majority of members, that issue should be referred back to the relevant executive bodies of the two Councils.
16. Participation in the Joint Committee will not deter either Authority from expressing a dissenting opinion on any specific issue. The right to make representations at a formal deposit stage, at the Examination in Public, at a Public Local Inquiry or at any consultation stage in the formal development plan making process, will not in any way be curtailed by membership of the Joint Committee.

Review

17. The role and operation of the Joint Committee will be kept under review, with a further complete review of its responsibilities and workings to be carried out not later than two years from the adoption of this revised protocol.

Protocol V4

MAP 1



APPENDIX B

Greater Nottingham Joint Planning Advisory Board - Terms of Reference

1. Role

To facilitate the sustainable development and growth of Greater Nottingham¹ by discharging the Duty to Cooperate (S110 of the Localism Act), and advising the constituent Councils on the alignment of planning work across the Greater Nottingham area and other spatial planning and transport matters of mutual concern.

The Board Secretariat function will be provided by Broxtowe Borough Council.

2. Key Tasks

2.1 To advise on the preparation of coordinated and aligned Local Plans to provide a coherent and consistent planning framework across Greater Nottingham, including:

- Taking the current round of aligned Core Strategies and Local Plans through examination and adoption;
- To advise on the review of aligned Local Plans, including:
 - Agreeing the objectively assessed housing needs of Greater Nottingham;
 - In the light of this housing need, agreeing future housing provision levels for each Council on which to base Local Plan reviews;
 - Commissioning further evidence on matters such as the future of the Greater Nottingham economy, environmental matters and infrastructure requirements;
 - Liaising with other Duty to Cooperate bodies;
 - Working with the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) to ensure that new Local Plans and LEP objectives are aligned.

2.2 To ensure effective implementation and monitoring of prepared plans, particularly through:

- the preparation of site specific part 2 Local Plans where appropriate;
- sharing best practice and experience in Development Management of significant proposals contained in the aligned plans, including joint working between Councils where those proposals have cross boundary implications;
- identifying and addressing barriers to delivery of sites on which the ACS relies;
- ensuring approaches to the Community Infrastructure Levy and planning obligations across the area are complimentary;
- monitor the effectiveness of the aligned Plans in a consistent way, to ensure the aims and objectives are met;

¹ Greater Nottingham is defined as the Nottingham Core Housing Market Area and Hucknall. It comprises of the local authority areas of Broxtowe, Erewash, Gedling, Nottingham City and Rushcliffe, plus the Hucknall part of Ashfield and the relevant parts of Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire County Councils.

- ensuring the provision of infrastructure to support future growth, especially where this has impacts on more than one council area, particularly social and green infrastructure.
- 2.3 To identify and make links to other local funding sources and public / private investment programmes to further the work of the Joint Planning Advisory Board.
 - 2.4 To ensure coordination and delivery of individual, joint or cross boundary projects funded from partnership or other sources.
 - 2.5 To maximise and where appropriate advise on the best use of planning contributions arising from development.
 - 2.6 To disseminate progress updates, information on latest Government guidance and related initiatives, and national and local best practice, to all partners.
 - 2.7 To receive reports from the Executive Steering Group, and to advise on and review the activities of the Greater Nottingham Planning Manager.
 - 2.8 To provide strategic advice and direction to the development and delivery of the Local Sustainable Transport Fund programme and successor initiatives.
 - 2.9 To advise the strategic planning of the HS2 East Midlands Hub station at Toton, in order to maximise economic growth arising from the station, and to maximise connectivity opportunities with other parts of Greater Nottingham, and the wider area including Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire and constituent District Councils.

3. Membership

One Council member covering each of the following remits:-

Ashfield District Council - Planning
 Broxtowe Borough Council - Planning
 Derbyshire County Council - Planning
 Derbyshire County Council - Transport
 Erewash Borough Council - Planning
 Gedling Borough Council - Planning
 Nottingham City Council - Planning
 Nottingham City Council - Transport
 Nottinghamshire County Council - Planning
 Nottinghamshire County Council - Transport
 Rushcliffe Borough Council - Planning

Member substitutes will be allowed.

Additional observer members as required (who may participate in discussion but will not be eligible to vote), to include bodies such as: LEP, Homes and Communities Agency, Natural England, English Heritage, Environment Agency, Nottingham Regeneration Ltd, and other representatives by invitation as required.

For matters concerning the strategic planning of HS2 (2.9 above), additional members (eg Leicestershire County, Leicester City, North East Leicestershire District Council, Mansfield District Council and Derby City Councils) and observer members (eg East Midlands Airport, Rail Companies) may be invited to ensure adequate representation across the wider area as determined by a future meeting of the Joint Planning Advisory Board. Additional members will be entitled to vote on matters relating to HS2, additional observer members may participate in discussion but will not be eligible to vote.

4. Context

The views of the Board will be communicated to the appropriate executive or other bodies of the constituent Councils as soon as possible following resolution by the Board. Where the Board has expressed a view on particular matters that is the subject of a report to any parent executive bodies, the recommendation of the Board will be included in the report.

Membership of the Board does not take over any responsibilities for any functions of the Councils which are properly dealt with elsewhere nor does it fetter any decisions constituent authorities make wish to make.

Nottingham City Council is the Responsible Body for Growth Point funding and hosts the Joint Planning Advisory Board secretariat.

Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire County Councils also operate a Joint Committee on Strategic Planning and Transport. The terms of reference of the Joint Committee will be reviewed to ensure minimisation of overlap between the two bodies.

The Joint Planning Advisory Board may advise on matters relating to strategic planning and transport delivery for consideration and determination by the Joint Committee.

5. Frequency of Meetings

The Board will meet on a quarterly basis, based on a timetable of key milestones. If necessary other Board meetings will be organised to meet specific programme deadlines/ requirements.

6. Chair and Vice Chair

The Chair will be provided by Broxtowe Borough Council here for the next 3 years of the programme, the Vice Chair will be Erewash Borough Council.

7. Organisation and Conduct of Meetings

Secretariat, notice of meetings, circulation of papers, conduct of business at meetings and voting arrangements will follow the Standing Orders of the authority which holds the Chair, or such Standing Orders which may be approved by the constituent authorities. Meetings will be open to members of the public.

8. Officer Support

The work of the Board will be advised by an Executive Steering Group which will assist the Chair and Vice Chair in setting agendas and brief them prior to meetings. The Executive Steering Group will be chaired by Nottinghamshire County Council and serviced by the Greater Nottingham Planning Manager.

9 Disagreement Between Constituent Councils

Where the members of the Board cannot arrive at a view on a particular issue which enjoys the support of the majority of Members, that issue should be referred back to the relevant executive bodies of the constituent Councils.

Participation in the Board will not deter any Council from expressing a dissenting opinion on any specific issue. The right to make representations at any formal preparation stage of the development plan making process will not in any way be curtailed by membership of the Board.

10 Review

The operation and Terms of Reference of the Board will be formally reviewed no later than April 2017 (3 years following the meeting of the Board adopting the Terms of Reference).

Meeting: **JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT**

Date: **SEPTEMBER 2014** Agenda item number:5

From: **JOINT OFFICERS STEERING GROUP**

TRANSPORT ISSUES UPDATE

Purpose of report

1. To update the Committee on key sustainable transport issues for the Greater Nottingham area.

D2N2 Growth Deal outcomes

2. On 7 July 2014, the Government announced a series of Growth Deals with Local Economic Partnerships (LEPs) across the country for 2015/16 and beyond through the Local Growth Fund. The first £6 billion of local projects has been announced to go towards transport improvements, associated infrastructure projects including housing and support for businesses to create new jobs and improve skills.
3. The Growth Deal for the Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire (D2N2) LEP sets out £174.3 million secured from the Government's Local Growth Fund to support economic growth - £31.6m of new funding confirmed for 2015/16 and £69.5m for 2016/17 to 2020/21. This includes £42.8m of funding the Government has previously committed as part of the LGF process (i.e. Local Transport Board prioritised schemes) and a £30.4m indicative award of further of funding for projects commencing in 2016 and beyond. Successful Nottingham/Nottinghamshire transport schemes were:
 - Broadmarsh/Southern Gateway - £10.3m (£3m in 2015/16)
 - Cycle City Ambition Package - £6.1m (£3m in 2015/16)
 - Harworth access road improvements - £1.1m (£0.6m in 2015/16)
 - Newark Southern Link Road - £7m (£1m in 2015/16)
 - Nottingham enterprise zone sustainable transport package £6m (in 2016/17 and beyond)
 - D2N2 sustainable travel programme £5.8m (2016/17 and beyond) - the process for awarding allocations to individual authorities to be agreed
 - Rolls Royce, Hucknall - £5.8m (2016/17 and beyond)

Further details on all of the schemes and the process are set out on the LEP's website: <http://www.d2n2lep.org/Growth>

4. The local authorities are progressing plans to procure resources and set tasks in motion to kickstart delivery from April 2015.

Local Sustainable Transport Fund 2015 – 2016 revenue outcome

5. Aligned to the Growth Deal announcements in July 2014, successful bids to the Department for Transport's LSTF revenue competition were announced. The Nottingham LSTF programme to provide "sustainable access to employment, skills and training" was successful in securing £1.180m revenue for 2015/16. Detailed plans and procurement arrangements are being progressed to commence delivery from April 2015. The programme will deliver two complementary workstrands:

A. Community Smarter Travel Initiatives to promote travel options to individuals and households to access employment opportunities:

- Neighbourhood based coordinators will provide specialist services via a community hubs approach e.g. personalised journey planning and cycle training to local job seekers;
- Targeted Kangaroo smarter travel support package for low income groups;
- A community wide active travel support programme.

B. Worksmart Business Travel Support Package for employers to promote business growth and sustainable travel:

- Bespoke advice and one-to-one support to businesses complementing the Workplace Parking Levy business support package;
 - Continuation of GNTF Business Club travel planning and smarter choices activities;
 - Promotion of strategic cycle corridors linked to infrastructure improvements targeted at commuters to support sustainable commuting.
6. Delivery will be aligned to support the implementation of the major infrastructure projects such as the NET tram expansion completion and the cycle city ambition package.

Local Sustainable Transport Fund 2011 – 2015

7. Good progress continues to be made with delivery of the programme as it enters its final year of the current round. Key highlights under each of the main workstrands is set out below:

Smartcard development and integrated ticketing:

- The replacement of existing paper kangaroo scratch cards with new smartcards has commenced benefiting the general public and business customers.
- Four test ticket vending machines were installed in July ahead of the installation of a further 84 across the city to NET platforms, city centre bus stops, local centres and key locations across the conurbation will be complete in late 2014. A network of over 140 Payzone outlets in and around the city was established on the 21st July making it easier, faster and more cost effective to buy and top up tickets for journeys. Currently season tickets are available to buy from Payzone outlets for one, three, six and 12 month periods; ten day travel cards will be available to purchase in late 2014.

Community Smarter Travel Hubs:

- Smarter travel intervention programmes are continuing to be implemented by the two TravelRight Coordinators in Broxtowe and Gedling. Three joint projects are being undertaken by TravelRight in partnership with Sustrans including the Community Challenge and Green Explorer along with a proposed joint project for commuters and unemployed people during autumn.

Worksmart

- There are now 28 fully electric buses in operation and a further 32 vehicles are on order (17 are due in August 2014 and 15 due in September 2015). Totalling 60 electric buses when operational, Nottingham will have the largest electric bus fleet in Europe, producing 30% less carbon emissions than standard Euro 3 engines. Funding for the vehicles has been provided by the City Council's Workplace Parking Levy, the DfT's Green Bus Fund, Nottingham LTP and Local Sustainable Transport Fund.
- City Car Club launched on the 15th May with a business launch on the 24th April. To date, 175 members have signed up comprising 113 business and 62 residential. Since inception a total of 12,183 miles have been travelled. Currently 8 vehicles are in 7 marked car club bays at city centre locations.

Active travel partnerships

- The third Cycle Live event took place on 21st/22nd June and saw over 10,000 people attend the weekend long events and races. Over the weekend, 5,168 people took part across all of the distance races and a further 4,500 non-riders enjoyed the weekend long events and activities. Plans to make the 2015, the 34th year of the Great Notts Bike ride, even and better are currently in discussion.

NET Tram Update

8. Intensive works continue along the lines to Chilwell and Clifton. Most of the track is now in place and overhead poles and wiring is being installed in a

number of locations. The contractor made significant progress towards completion of particularly traffic sensitive works by the end of the school holidays and it is anticipated that key roads and junctions that have been affected will be free of restrictions in early November.

9. The first tram travelled from the Line One Station street terminus as far as Wilford Lane overnight on 21st August 2014. The testing of trams will gradually extend out along each line on and will be overnight initially, but progressing to day time running later in October. Public services on the new lines are expected to start in the first part of 2015.

Recommendation

10. It is recommended that the Committee note the content of this report.

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Meeting **JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND
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From **JOINT OFFICER STEERING GROUP**

GREATER NOTTINGHAM JOINT PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE

Summary

- 1 The Greater Nottingham Joint Planning Advisory Board (JPAB) oversees the preparation of aligned Local Plans across Greater Nottingham, and the implementation of the Programme of Development infrastructure projects. This report updates the Joint Committee on the work of JPAB.

Background

- 2 The meeting of JPAB due to take place on 4 September was cancelled in lieu of an HS2 Hub Station Visioning workshop to which all JPAB members were invited. The workshop consisted of presentations from a range of interested parties and smaller 'break out' sessions which each considered an aspect of the vision. The outcomes of this event will be reported back to the next meeting of JPAB, and a draft vision is to be reported to the HS2 Strategy Board on 19 September, in preparation for submission to David Higgins.
- 3 As a result of the cancellation of JPAB, the minutes of the meeting held on 19 June 2014 are still not available.
- 4 However, an update note was circulated to all JPAB members updating them on progress being made with Local Plans across Greater Nottingham. A copy of that note is attached for information at Appendix 1.

Recommendation

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

Background Papers referred to in compiling this report

- 6 None.

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APPENDIX 1

BRIEFING NOTE AUGUST 2014

GREATER NOTTINGHAM JOINT PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD

Local Plans Update

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 In the light of the cancellation of the September meeting of the Joint Planning Advisory Board, this report updates Joint Planning Advisory Board on progress with the Local Plans covering the Greater Nottingham area.

Recommendations

It is recommended that Joint Planning Advisory Board **NOTE** the progress of the Local Plans covering Greater Nottingham.

2.0 Local Plans Update

Ashfield District Council

- 2.1 Ashfield has now withdrawn its Local Plan from the Examination, and work has commenced on a new version. A first priority is to update the evidence base, in particular to address issues raised by the Planning Inspector in his note, and to ensure the objectively assessed housing needs of the District are identified and justified.

Broxtowe Borough Council

- 2.2 Approval of a further draft of the Broxtowe Part 2 Local Plan (Site Allocations and Development Management Policies) is anticipated at the end of 2014.

Erewash Borough Council

- 2.3 Erewash are working on a range of Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD), prior to commencing the Local Plan. Consultation on the Ilkeston Gateway SPD is underway.

The SPD provides planning guidance for the area between Ilkeston town centre and the new Ilkeston railway station.

Gedling Borough Council

- 2.4 A further draft of Gedling's Part 2 Local Plan (Local Planning Document) is anticipated at the end of 2014. Consultation on a Community Infrastructure Levy revised Charging Schedule has just closed.

Nottingham City Council

- 2.5 A Publication draft City Council's Part 2 Local Plan, (Land and Planning Policies Document) is anticipated to be approved towards the end of 2014.

Rushcliffe Borough Council

- 2.6 The reconvened hearing sessions for the revised Rushcliffe Core Strategy have now closed, and consultation on Main Modifications arising as a result of the Examination has commenced. Any representations on these Main Modifications will be passed to the Inspector, and her report is anticipated in late autumn 2014.

Broxtowe, Gedling and Nottingham City

- 2.7 The Inspector issued her report on the Aligned Core Strategies (ACS) examination in July 2014, this concludes that the ACS provides an appropriate basis for the planning of the area over the next 14 years and is sound, providing a number of modifications are made. The report is available [here](#).
- 2.8 The modifications recommended by the Inspector have been proposed by the Councils and have been subject to consultation, the results of which were passed to the Inspector prior to her issuing the report. She did not accept one modification in respect of reduced housing provision in Bestwood Village in Gedling. As the report does not recommend any further modifications, the Councils intend to adopt the ACS in September.

Further Evidence Base Commissions

- 2.9 Following decisions by Inspectors that part 2 Local Plans cannot rely wholly on the Core Strategy and its evidence base, but should be supported by their own up to date evidence, it is essential that key elements of the Greater Nottingham evidence base are updated collectively and on a consistent basis.
- 2.10 Accordingly, in addition to the Plan Wide Viability Assessment, full updates of the 2009 Nottingham City Region Employment Land Study and the 2008 Greater Nottingham Retail Study (noting ADC and EBC have recent District specific studies) are to be commissioned. This is in hand, and briefs for the commissions will be published in late summer, to allow the findings to be reflected in the next round of Local Plan preparation.

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NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAM WASTE LOCAL PLAN PROJECT GROUP

Purpose of report

1. To inform Committee of the setting up of a cross party Members project group to assist in preparation of the Waste Local Plan (Part 2): Site Specific and Development Management Policies.
2. To request approval for the Terms of Reference set out in Appendix 1 and invite representatives.

Information and Advice

3. The County and City Councils have a statutory duty to prepare a Waste Local Plan which provides vision and a framework which will help shape future waste development over the next 15 to 20 years.
4. The purpose of a Project Group is to provide a forum for member/officer discussion on issues arising from the preparation of the Waste Local Plan. The aim is to help inform and 'steer' officers in the preparation of this planning document particularly in relation to potential future site allocations.
5. The group will consider the implications of existing or revised government policy on waste planning, emerging strategies and Plans and policies arising out of the preparation of the Waste Local Plan and the approach used and outcomes of public consultation responses.
6. The group will have no decision making powers, any views and suggestions from the group will be reported to the Councils' relevant Committee/Cabinet (where appropriate) to inform the decisions required at the relevant stages of the plan preparation process. Any decision making powers remain with the relevant Committee/Cabinet (Executive Board in the case of the City Council).
7. The cross party working group would comprise the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the County Council's Environment and Sustainability Committee, one other representative from the largest group of the County Council, a representative from each of the other Parties within the County Council and a representative from Nottingham City Council and would meet as required.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Joint Committee note the contents of this report and invite nominations for the Project Group. [Page 29 of 32](#)

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Member/Officer Project Group – Waste Local Plan

Terms of Reference

Purpose of the Group:

The purpose of the group is to provide a forum for member/officer discussion on issues arising from the preparation of the Waste Local Plan. The aim is to help inform and 'steer' officers in the preparation of these planning documents.

Make up of Group:

Members: The group will be chaired by the Chairman of the County Council's Environment and Sustainability Committee and also include the Vice Chairman of the Environment and Sustainability Committee, one other representative from the largest group of the County Council, a representative from each of the other Parties within the County Council and a representative from Nottingham City Council.

Officers: Officers involved in the preparation or management of the Waste Local Plan.

Remit of Group:

The two groups will consider the implications of emerging strategies and Plans and policies arising out of the preparation of the Waste Local Plan, the approach used and outcomes of public consultation responses. The groups will have no decision making powers, any views and suggestions from the group will be reported to the relevant Committee/Cabinet (where appropriate) to inform the decisions of that Committee/Cabinet.

Records of meetings:

The meetings will be held in private, but a public record will be kept.

Confidentially:

The group will have access to and discuss matters of commercial sensitivity or other information provided by third parties to officers and as such these discussions will remain confidential. (Reasons: Whilst the Local Plan system focuses on openness and transparency, there may be occasions where the Industry or other parties will wish to discuss matters in strict confidence with officers prior to submitting formal representations or other comments in public as part of any on-going consultation).

Frequency of Meetings:

Meetings will be held as necessary and where practical in advance of any public consultation exercise and Member decision making stage to aid preparation of the Waste Local Plan and guide consultation.

