

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

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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 last meeting of JPAB took place on 12th March 2015. The minutes of this meeting are not available, but a summary of the main items of business and any update since the meeting is provided below. The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 13th November 2015 are attached for information (appendix 1).

Meeting held on 12th March 2015

- 3 The items included an update on Local Plans across Greater Nottingham, an update on the Programme of Development, an update on the proposed Combined Authorities for Nottingham/Nottinghamshire and Derby/Derbyshire, and in item on the Government's Brownfield Land Local Development Order Consultation.
 - (i) **Local Plans update** – a report was presented highlighting progress with Local Plans across Greater Nottingham. Significant changes since the last meeting were that the Rushcliffe Core Strategy has been subject to a legal challenge, framed in similar terms to that made for the Aligned Core Strategies. A hearing is anticipated in summer 2015. It was also reported that a preliminary hearing for the legal challenge into the Aligned Core Strategies, concerning the contention that the Claim made against Nottingham City was made outside the statutory time limit, had been heard, with the Judgment finding the Claim was made in time. The substantive hearing is to be held on 24th March 2015.

The report included information on progress with the implementation of strategic schemes, and Ashfield District Council delivered a presentation on progress at the Rolls Royce strategic site.

It was also reported that a 'legacy' document, setting out the achievements of the JPAB in its strategic planning role and in implementing Growth Point funded projects was to be prepared, as an example of good practice. The Core Strategies across Greater Nottingham having collectively been awarded the Royal Town Planning Institute's 'Plan of the Year' Regional Planning Award.

JPAB note the publication of the 2012-based Household Projections, which are the first set of projections entirely consistent with the 2011 Census. These projections will need to be assessed to determine whether the assumptions made from the Core Strategies still hold true, however the Population Projections on which they are based are very similar to those used in the Core Strategies.

- (ii) **Programme of Development** – a brief update report was presented, with a full report due to the next meeting of JPAB, following financial year close down..
- (iii) **Combined Authorities** – It was noted that all the Councils in the geographic area of Nottinghamshire (Nottinghamshire County, Ashfield District, Bassetlaw District, Broxtowe Borough, Gedling Borough, Mansfield District, Newark & Sherwood District, Nottingham City and Rushcliffe Borough Councils) have considered and approved the principle of creating a combined authority through their relevant Executive Bodies, with Derbyshire Authorities undertaking a similar process. Areas of joint interest between the remit of JPAB and the combined authority were noted.
- (iv) **Brownfield Land Local Development Orders – Government Consultation** – JPAB noted and endorsed the joint response expressing shared concerns with the proposed approach to Local Development Orders for Brownfield Land, and moved that a letter be drafted to local MPs expressing this concern and sharing the JPAB response.

Recommendation

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

Background Papers referred to in compiling this report

- 5 None.

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