

JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, 18 JULY 2008 AT 2.00 PM AT COUNTY HALL, WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTINGHAM

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

- Councillor Alan Clark (Vice-Chair) (in the Chair)
- Councillor Emma Dewinton
- Councillor Andrew Price
- A Councillor Jane Urquhart

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

- Councillor Pat Lally
- Councillor Bruce Laughton
- A Councillor Darrell Pulk
- A Councillor Stella Smedley (Chair)

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Councillor Smedley was elected as Chair of the Committee and Councillor Clark as Vice-Chair.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Committee, as set out above was noted.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 14 March 2008 were agreed as a true and correct record and were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Urquhart and Smedley.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

There were no declarations of interest made by Members or Officers.

JOINT STRUCTURE PLAN - SAVED POLICIES

The report informed the Committee of the need to “save” policies in the Joint Structure Plan, pending the adoption of the East Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy. Officers of the two authorities had prepared a draft list of policies to be saved. A copy of the list was appended to the report. The list would be recommended to the Regional Assembly, whose Regional Housing, Planning and Transport Board on 17 September would decide on recommending to the Secretary of State the policies to be saved.

RESOLVED: 2008/001

That the report be noted.

RESPONSE TO THE GOVERNMENT'S "ECO-TOWNS: LIVING A GREENER FUTURE" CONSULTATION PAPER

The report summarised the two authorities responses to the Government's consultation on eco-towns.

RESOLVED: 2008/002

That the report be noted.

SUSTAINABLE URBAN EXTENSION STUDY

The report summarised the Tribal Urban Studio report which had been jointly commissioned to look at possible locations for housing development, and set out the pros and cons for each of these. It was explained how the work would be taken forward.

RESOLVED: 2008/003

That the report be noted.

CONURBATION POLICY ALIGNMENT AND NEW GROWTH POINT

The report updated the Committee on funding for implementation of the New Growth Point project, and on processes for aligning planning policy across the conurbation.

RESOLVED: 2008/004

That the report be noted.

TRANSPORT UPDATE

The report informed the Committee that the Office of the Rail Regulator had included proposals to spend £55m to speed up the Midland Main Line, but £19m for improvements to track and signalling in the Nottingham Station area had not. There was an opportunity to lobby in support of the latter proposals. It was also reported that there had been no consensus among the three cities to take forward a bid for congestion charging.

RESOLVED: 2008/005

That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 2.40 pm.

CHAIR