

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

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