



## **Joint Committee on Strategic Planning and Transport**

**Minutes of the meeting held at County Hall on 9 December 2022 from 10.30 am to 11.55 am**

### **Membership**

#### **Present**

Councillor Neil Clarke MBE (Chair)  
Councillor Pavlos Kotsonis (Vice Chair)  
Councillor Steve Carr  
Councillor Jim Creamer  
Councillor Michael Edwards  
Councillor Rosemary Healy  
Councillor John Ogle

#### **Absent**

Councillor Audra Wynter

### **Colleagues, partners, and others in attendance:**

Sarah Ashton - Democratic Services Officer, Nottinghamshire County Council  
Matt Gregory - Head of Planning Strategy and Geographic Information, Nottingham City Council

Stephen Pointer - Team Manager, Planning Policy, Nottinghamshire County Council

Kevin Sharman - Team Manager, Transport, Nottinghamshire County Council  
Tim Bellenger - Transport Strategy Manager, Nottingham City Council

#### **1. Minutes of last meeting 11 March 2022**

The minutes of the last meeting on 11 March 2022, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

#### **2. Apologies for absence**

An apology was received from Councillor Audra Wynter (holiday)

#### **3. Declarations of interest by Members and Officers**

None

#### **4. Joint Committee Terms of Reference**

Stephen Pointer, Team Manager Planning Policy, Nottinghamshire County Council, presented the report informing Members of the terms of reference for the Committee. No actual amendments have been made, but it is required that the Committee reviews the terms of reference at least every two years

Members discussed the likely amendments in the Levelling Up Bill and anticipated legislation resulting from this they thought removing the sentence at the end of paragraph 3 would give the Committee more flexibility

#### **RESOLVED: 2022/39**

That:

- 1) the Joint Committee's requested the removal of 'and to assist in meeting the Duty to Cooperate (S110 of the Localism Act)' from the end of paragraph 3
- 2) following the above change the amended Terms of Reference be approved

#### **5. Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Waste Local Plan**

Stephen Pointer, Team Manager Planning Policy, Nottinghamshire County Council, presented the report informing the Committee of progress with preparing the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Waste Local Plan

The following points were raised during the discussion which followed:

- (a) concerns that the packaging sizes at Amazon is limited, need to encourage them to add further sizing options and send 'how to recycle packaging' information to customers as we are committed to be carbon neutral by 2030
- (b) need to be driving the reduction of food waste before it becomes a legal requirement for Authorities, unfortunately no extra money is expected from central Government to do this. The Committee would be interested to see the anaerobic digestors working at the Colwick plant
- (c) that the energy generated by the incineration plants need to be reused to heat homes
- (d) Companies very rarely recycle; we need to be educating them making them more aware of how they can be more effective
- (e) Committee would like to visit Enva recycling and resource recovery facility at Colwick

#### **RESOLVED: 2022/40**

That:

- 1) the progress on the production of the Waste Local Plan be noted

- 2) a letter be sent to Amazon on behalf of both Councils to thank them for the visit and set out ways in which Amazon might assist waste authorities by reducing the level of packaging and how they could encourage customers to recycle all packaging received
- 3) Officers to explore possible site visits to ENVA and Colwick Plant

## **6. Transport Update**

Tim Bellenger, Transport Strategy Manager, Nottingham City Council and Kevin Sharman, Team Manager, Transport, Nottinghamshire County Council presented the transport update to the Committee

The following points were raised during the discussion which followed:

- (a) concerns were raised that the bus services were being reduced
- (b) Concerns that there is still heavy traffic at Arnold Lane, people are still using this route rather than the Gedling access Road

### **RESOLVED: 2022/41**

That the Transport update be noted

## **7. Greater Nottingham Joint Planning Advisory Board Update**

Matt Gregory, Head of Planning Strategy and Geographic Information, Nottingham City Council, updated the Committee on the Greater Nottingham Joint Planning Advisory Board (JPAD):

Matt had hoped to have been able to inform Members that the consultation for the 'Preferred Approach' would beginning on 12<sup>th</sup> December, but due to the Ministerial statement which indicates more flexibility around Council housing numbers and protection of green belts Gedling Borough have revised the plans for their area and as a result of that it is intended to begin the consultation on 3<sup>rd</sup> January for a 6 week period

The following points were raised during the discussion which followed:

- (a) people want to live in Nottingham, but private housing is limited as landlords are buying them up for student housing
- (b) concerns conveyed regarding the provision of housing in the City, the construction industry is more concerned in building student accommodation as it is more profitable
- (c) the shortage of City housing is spilling over into the Beeston area. Broxtowe are building a 100 council houses

### **RESOLVED: 2022/42**

That the contents of the report be noted

## **8. Joint Committee Work Plan**

Stephen Pointer, Team Manager Planning Policy, Nottinghamshire County Council, asked Members if there were any topics they wanted to be covered in the Committee?

The following suggestions were made:

- Mineral Plan update
- Update on the level of need for sand and gravel
- Strategic Council Plan
- HS2 development into the city
- Battery technology
- Sustainable practices

**RESOLVED: 2022/43**

That:

- 1) the Committee's Joint Work Programme be noted, and the above-mentioned topics be considered as future items for discussion within the Committee
- 2) the Committee didn't identify any partnership work areas at this time

The meeting closed at 11:55 am

**CHAIRMAN**