

**Report to the City of
Nottingham and
Nottinghamshire Economic
Prosperity Committee**

22 July 2016

Agenda Item: 6

**REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY
COUNCIL**

SHEFFIELD CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY CONSULTATION

Purpose of the Report

1. To inform Committee about the formal public consultation on the proposed changes to the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority and to encourage Nottinghamshire councils to respond to the consultation.

Background

2. Formal consultation on the proposed changes to the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority (SCR CA) was launched by the SCR CA on Friday 1st July 2016. The SCR CA has to consult on its proposals as part of the process for seeking consent from Parliament (via a recommendation from the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government) to make changes to its geography and to facilitate the change to a mayoral combined authority model.
3. As Members are aware, Bassetlaw District Council (and Chesterfield Borough Council) took the decision to apply for constituent membership of the SCR CA in March 2016. If confirmed, constituent membership of the SCR CA would mean that Bassetlaw residents would be part of the SCR mayoral franchise and that powers and funds secured through the SCR Devolution Deal would be fully applicable for Bassetlaw. There is a further implication in that Nottinghamshire County Council would also become a constituent member of the SCR CA in relation to the area of Bassetlaw.
4. In order to meet the timelines as set out by the government, the SCR CA is required to hold this consultation over the summer with a view to submitting a summary of consultation responses to the Secretary of State in September. The closing date for the consultation is Friday 12th August.
5. The consultation documents, including the draft Scheme, Governance Review and supporting evidence base are available here:
<http://sheffieldcityregiondevolution.org.uk/>.

6. A number of formal consultation events for both residents and the business community will be held in Bassetlaw throughout the consultation period. Further details are available at the website referenced above.
7. Nottinghamshire County Council set out its position in relation to the SCR CA proposals in a report to its Policy Committee on 13th July 2016. The County Council will develop this position in to a more detailed response ahead of the 12th August deadline.
8. Given the significance of the proposed changes to the SCR CA and the potential wider implications of the inclusion of Bassetlaw District Council as a constituent member of the SCR CA, it is recommended that Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire's Borough and District Councils each consider responding to the consultation.

Reason(s) for Recommendations

To inform Committee of a formal consultation that has direct implications for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire and to encourage EPC Members to consider submitting their own responses.

Statutory and Policy Implications

This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described within the body of the report.

Financial implications

None

RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that Committee notes the formal consultation on the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority proposals and that individual member councils consider submitting their own responses to the consultation.

Report of the Chief Executive of Nottinghamshire County Council

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Background Papers

Nottinghamshire County Council's Policy Committee paper, 13th July 2016, is available here: [http://ws43-](http://ws43-0029.nottscc.gov.uk/dmsadmin/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/3728/Committee/475/SelectedTab/Documents/Default.aspx)

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