

# Joint Committee on Strategic Planning and Transport

**Friday, 11 March 2016 at 10:00**

County Hall, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP

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## **Notes**

- (1) Councillors are advised to contact their Research Officer for details of any Group Meetings which are planned for this meeting.
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**JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT**

**MINUTES of the meeting held at County Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015 from  
10.00 am to 10.40 am**

**Nottinghamshire County Council**

- ✓ Councillor Jim Creamer (Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Steve Calvert
- ✓ Councillor Tom Hollis
- ✓ Councillor Richard Jackson

**Nottingham City Council**

- Councillor Alan Clark
- ✓ Councillor Sally Longford
- Councillor Nick McDonald
- ✓ Councillor Jane Urquhart
  
- ✓ Indicates present at meeting

**Colleagues, partners and others in attendance**

Lisa Bell	- Team Manager, Planning	) Notts County Council
David Ebbage	- Democratic Services	)
Sally Gill	- Group Manager, Planning	)
Kevin Sharman	- Team Manager, Transport	)

Chris Carter	- Development	) Nottingham City Council
Matt Gregory	- Policy & Research Manager	) Nottingham City Council

**MINUTES**

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2015 as a correct record, and they were signed by the Chairman.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from –

Alan Clark	- other City Council Business
Nick McDonald	- other City Council Business

**DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

None

## **PRESENTATION ON HYDROCARBONS – SALLY GILL**

Sally Gill from Planning gave members a short presentation on Hydrocarbons.

### **RESOLVED 2015/015**

That members noted the presentation

## **TRANSPORT ISSUES UPDATE**

Chris Carter updated Members on transport related issues in Greater Nottingham area:-

- The autumn statement from the Chancellor was announced on 25<sup>th</sup> November and for transport, this saw the Department for Transport (DfT) revenue budget cut by 37% over the period with a 50% increase in capital spend.
- The DfT are planning to publish a Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy by the Summer of 2016
- The LSTF Evaluation report has been published and overall have performed very well. LSTF supported 96 local sustainable transport projects between July 2011 and March 2015.
- DEFRA published its consultation on draft plans to improve air quality in September 2015 'Tackling Nitrogen Dioxide in our Towns and Cities'. Nottingham was named as one of 7 locations in the country who will not meet the required levels by 2020, without further intervention which included the implementation of a city centre low emission zone for buses, coaches and taxis. Responses have been submitted from both councils to the national consultation.
- A £7 million partnership bid led by Nottingham City Council with support from Nottinghamshire County Council and Derby City Council was submitted in early October to fund a package of measures. Since the bid was submitted, OLEV had been in contact seeking further clarification on the bid measures. A decision on the four winning cities will be announced in January 2016.

Following questions from Members the following points were made:-

- The County Councils draft Cycling Strategy will be going to committee in February hoping to be approved as soon as possible so the funding becomes available.

### **RESOLVED 2015/0016**

That the contents of the report be noted.

## **GREATER NOTTINGHAM JOINT PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE**

The JPAB was due to meet on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015, but it was cancelled due to a clash with a County Council Full Council meeting.

### **RESOLVED 2015/017**

That the contents of the report be noted.

## **NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAM WASTE LOCAL PLAN UPDATE**

Lisa Bell informed the Committee of progress with preparing the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Replacement Waste Local Plan

Until both parts of the replacement Plan are in place, key policies from the existing Waste Local Plan (Jan 2002) have been saved.

Informal consultation on the proposed site selection methodology and an updated Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report was carried out during June and July 2015 with a total of 26 responses received.

A more detailed update of the planned timetable will be provided to Committee following revisions to the County Council's Local Development Scheme.

### **RESOLVED 2015/018**

That the contents of the report be noted.

## **WORK PROGRAMME**

That the Committee's work programmed be noted

The meeting closed at 10.40am

## **CHAIRMAN**

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

Date: **March 2016** Agenda item number: **4**

From: **JOINT OFFICERS STEERING GROUP**

## **TRANSPORT ISSUES UPDATE**

### **Purpose of report**

1. To update the Committee on transport related issues in the Greater Nottingham area.

### **Clean Air Zone**

2. In December 2015, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) published its Air Quality Plans document. The Plan sets out a comprehensive approach for meeting air quality objectives by implementing a new programme of Clean Air Zones in a series of named cities, including Nottingham and Derby. Under this Plan, by 2020 the most polluting diesel vehicles - old polluting buses, coaches, taxis and lorries - will be discouraged from entering the centres. Newer vehicles that meet the latest emission standards, and private cars, will be unaffected. More information is provided in the UK Overview Document available at:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/air-quality-in-the-uk-plan-to-reduce-nitrogen-dioxide-emissions>
3. In February, a meeting with DEFRA was held to better understand the next steps as the city is being mandated to implement a Clean Air Zone no later than 31 December 2019. Currently it is intended that the scheme will encompass buses, coaches, taxis/private hire vehicles and heavy goods vehicles. A scoping study across all areas will be undertaken which will report on a recommended option to be taken forward. The outcome of this study will be reported later in 2016. The City Council is working in partnership with DEFRA to secure funding to implement such a scheme.

### **OLEV Go Ultra Low City Bid**

4. Nottingham City Council submitted a partnership bid (supported by Nottinghamshire County Council and Derby City Council) to the Office of Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) City Scheme in October 2015. A total of £35 million was made available for up to four winning cities to become the first Go Ultra Low Cities.

5. On 25<sup>th</sup> January, it was confirmed that Nottingham's Bid was successful in securing £6.1 million through the City scheme. Nottingham also participated as host of the national launch which was announced by the Secretary of State for Transport, Patrick McLoughlin at the University of Nottingham Jubilee Campus. The other three winners are: London, Bristol and Milton Keynes.
6. The Nottingham funding settlement will comprise £6.000m capital and £0.120m revenue for the period April 2016 – March 2020. Investment will be targeted across a programme of interventions that help deliver a step-change in the number of Ultra Low Emission Vehicle (ULEV) buses, cars and vans in the UK and help the city deliver significant air quality benefits and reduce carbon emissions from transport.
7. Currently, discussions are underway with OLEV to finalise plans culminating in a kick-off meeting with all four winning cities in April. An Executive Board Report approval is being progressed to accept the funding and initiate the programme. Discussions are also underway with Nottinghamshire County Council and Derby City Council. The Nottingham measures include:

#### **Public EV Charging Infrastructure Network**

- **Expansion of fast and rapid charging provision** at public sites and key transport interchanges e.g. bus and tram based park and rides
- **Creation of charging hubs** with fast and rapid charging provision network at locations such as Eastcroft Depot, Waterside Regeneration Area and both Enterprise Zones. Charging locations will complement bus and taxi infrastructure provision
- Infrastructure will be **compatible with Robin Hood Card** increasing potential for multi-modal trip-making

#### **ULEV Business Support Programme**

- Guidance and support **through information, onsite events and promotional activities**
- **'Try before you buy' vehicle loan** scheme (one week to one month)
- **Business Workplace EV Charging Grants** programme building on WPL grants scheme offering financial support for investment in local charging infrastructure benefiting commuters, visitors, and fleet operators

#### **Public Sector ULEV Fleet**

- **Conversion of pool cars and light vans** (below 3.5tonnes) to ULEVs
- **Trialling the use of heavy goods LEVs** used for municipal purposes e.g. waste collection vehicles with a view to transitioning operations
- **Introduction of charging infrastructure** at public sector sites .e.g. County Hall, Loxley House etc



### **D2N2 Low Carbon Transport Technology Centre**

- Expansion of a Derby City Council and Derby University led initiative via the Low Carbon Hub into Nottingham and Nottinghamshire offering a programme of **business events, masterclasses and networking opportunities**
- **Online and attended training courses on ULEVs** (utilising expertise in this sector e.g. Central College technician training)
- **Work placement, apprenticeship opportunities** in this sector via economic development initiatives
- Strengthening connections with Formula E through a **major EV car show/EXPO at Donington Park for businesses and residents**
- **Promoting the area as a test bed** for trialling smart city low carbon and intelligent mobility initiatives

### **ULEV Promotions**

- **Development of information and online tools** via a dedicated website offering potential buyers with tools e.g. cost comparison calculators
- Annual **programme of events and roadshows** aimed at local communities who are most receptive to ULEVs (utilising social profiling data)
- **Offering test drives and practical advice** to consumers through events in conjunction with dealers at Queens Drive park and ride
- **Social media campaigns** linked to national Go Ultra Low brand and network

### **Car Club Expansion**

- Expansion of the **existing Car Club** through additional locations with electric vehicles. Funding will be used towards infrastructure and traffic management support with dedicated marked bay locations with charging infrastructure

In addition, a contribution will be made to the following two schemes being progressed within Nottingham:

- Creation of a **city centre low emission zone** linking to DEFRA's Clean Air Zone requirements by 2020. Starting with restrictions for buses, coaches, taxis and heavy goods vehicles.
- Creation of a **low emission corridor** along the Southern Growth Corridor through use of shared bus and ULEV lanes

8. More information on the Go Ultra Low City scheme is available at: [www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/golownottm](http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/golownottm)

### **Sustainable Travel Transition Year Fund 2016/17**

9. In late February, the Government announced a transitional year for the "Access" fund, which will see the Department spending £20 million of the £80 million revenue allocated to it under the Spending Round settlement last November 2015. The remaining £60m revenue will deliver the future "Access" fund, which will be formally launched later in 2016 for award in

2017/18; it will focus on access to employment, education and services, and improving walking and cycling.

10. For 2016/17, this £20m “Sustainable Travel Transition Year” will support highly deliverable, ‘ready to go’ schemes to be awarded through a national bidding competition. To be considered for funding, bids must demonstrate evidence of building on previously successful sustainable transport initiatives; must demonstrate support for boosting the numbers of people cycling and walking; and must articulate a future strategic vision for sustainable travel in relation to accessing jobs, skills, education and training. Bids that receive the highest scores against the assessment criteria will be awarded funding.
11. The Department will look favourably on bids that support cycling and walking in the context of the manifesto commitments to double cycling and reduce the numbers of cyclists killed or seriously injured; and sustainable transport schemes which support access to work, skills, education and training, for example Cycle-Rail links.
12. Nottingham and the other authorities within the D2N2 area are discussing an approach to submit a D2N2 LEP-wide bid which is focused on the Nottingham and Derby built up areas, demonstrating linkages to the existing Nottingham and Derby LSTF ‘continuation’ programmes that have the evidence in place.
13. Initial thoughts on types of measures that can be evidenced as successful are:

**A: Employability support:**

- Discounted travel offer for jobseekers
- Alternative bike/e-bike loan scheme/Wheels to work type offer
- Community bike recycling projects to provides skills and training opportunities

**B: Business smarter choice support programme:**

- Travel plan support.
- Sustainable transport grant scheme for businesses
- Engagement and events programme

**C. Inspire and motivate:**

- Access to bikes (incl continuation of cycle hire and loan schemes)
- Working with schools and colleges to promote active travel
- Mass participation events programme and marketing to get more people active
- Home mover packs linked to new housing provision

14. The bid deadline is 29 March 2016 with bids being assessed by DfT in April. An announcement awarding the winning areas is anticipated in later April with delivery to commence from 1 May 2016 – 31 March 2017.

### **Recommendation**

15. It is recommended that the Committee note the content of this report.

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

Date **11 MARCH 2016** agenda item number **5**

From **JOINT OFFICER STEERING GROUP**

## **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 24<sup>th</sup> September 2015. The minutes of this meeting have not yet been published, and the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2015, have already been considered by this Committee.
- 3 The JPAB was due to meet on November 26<sup>th</sup> 2015, but this meeting was cancelled due to a clash with a County Council Full Council meeting. A further meeting arranged for 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016 has been re-arranged for the same reason, and is now to take place on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.
- 4 Further meeting dates have been arranged for the rest of the year.

### **Recommendation**

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

### **Background Papers referred to in compiling this report**

- 6 None.

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## **Appendix 1**

### **MINUTES OF THE GREATER NOTTINGHAM JOINT PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD (JPAB) HELD ON 15 JULY 2015 AT BROXTOWE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

#### **PRESENT**

**Broxtowe:** Councillor P Owen (Chair)

**Erewash:** Councillor M Powell

**Gedling:** Councillor J Hollingsworth

**Nottinghamshire County Council:** Councillor S Calvert and Councillor J Creamer

**Rushcliffe:** R Butler

#### **Officers in Attendance**

**Ashfield:** Christine Sarris

**Broxtowe:** Ruth Hyde, David Lawson

**Derbyshire County Council:** Christine Massey

**Erewash:** Adam Reddish, Jim Seymour

**Gedling:** Alison Gibson

**Growth Point:** Matt Gregory, Dawn Alvey

**Nottinghamshire County:** Eilidh Mccallum

**Rushcliffe:** Richard Mapletoft

#### **Observers**

**Environment Agency:** Andrew Pitts

**HCA:** Mark Banister

**By Post:** John Hancock

**Signet Planning:** Paul Stone

#### **Apologies**

**Broxtowe:** Steffan Saunders

**Erewash:** Steve Birkinshaw

**Nottinghamshire City:** Cllr Urquhart, Sue Flack

**Nottinghamshire County:** Cllr Greaves

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

Councillor P J Owen, Chair, welcomed those attending and introductions were made for the benefit of new members to the board.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising**

Cllr Creamer noted that the last minutes should refer to his representing Nottinghamshire County Council not Rushcliffe Borough Council. With this amendment, the minutes of the meeting were approved. There were no matters arising.

4. **Presentation – a look back at the work of JPAB**

The Board received a presentation from Matt Gregory and Dawn Alvey respectively.

The scope and complexities of the partnership area was explained and the background to joint working. An overview of governance was provided. It was noted that JPAB was an Advisory Board with each council retaining their own decision making powers. The role of JPAB was to provide overview on strategic planning matters in the Greater Nottingham area, such as future housing and employment.

The board had directly supported the progression and adoption of Core Strategies and the creation of a consistent and robust evidence base which, since the creation of JPAB, has helped successfully defend legal challenges.

MP questioned whether the exclusion of the Derby Districts Councils from the Combined Authority presentation had been an oversight. It was established that it was.

RH there is an opportunity for this group to feed into growth programme/LEP activities.

Members noted that the slides will be circulated separately.

5. **Terms of Reference**

It was agreed that the Terms of Reference should include flexibility for the frequency of meetings which would normally occur quarterly.

Terms of reference to be updated to allow and refer to the potential involvement of Combined Authorities, Highways England and Heritage England.



## 6. **Local Plans Update**

MG gave a brief update of each authority's Local Plan

### **Ashfield**

ADC has recently commenced work on a new Strategic Housing Market Area Assessment. This consultation process will feed into the ADC local plan.

### **Broxtowe Borough Council**

It was noted that Sir David Higgins had reported that Toton was the preferred site for the proposed HS2 Station.

Cllr Owen - Issues remain over the balance of housing and employment. Alternative approaches to the Broxtowe Core Strategy are under review.

### **Erewash Borough Council**

Cllr Powell - EBC supportive of Toton site and look forward to positive partnership working to maximise benefits. EBC has been working with site promoters within Stanton to develop proposals for the site.

### **Nottingham City Council**

Report sets out current position.

### **Rushcliffe Borough Council**

The legal challenge to RBC's Core Strategy was withdrawn.

MG informed the group that, under government proposals in a recent document called 'Fixing the foundations', Government may set timetables for Local Plan completion, with powers for central government to step in and write Local Plans themselves. Associated forthcoming proposals may require Local Plans to specify a requirement for 'starter homes' in new developments, and zonal systems with automatic planning permission for certain developments. Such sites may be exempt from CIL/S106. CPO powers to be streamlined. More detail on the government's proposals is expected later.

Cllr Creamer – concerns over potential loss of S106.

## 7. **Programme of Development**

DA set out revenue and capital budget position.

It was agreed to provisionally split the remaining revenue budget over 2 years with a potential allocation to support 4<sup>th</sup> Trent Crossing feasibility subject to further information to be brought to next meeting.

DA set out the limited funding remaining in the capital budget of approximately £194k – options for potential green infrastructure project to be explored.

8. **Work Programme**

The Board accepted the work programme.

9. **Presentation – Gedling Borough Council Community Infrastructure Levy**

AG gave a presentation on GBC's Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). This is a charge levied on new builds. The purpose of CIL is to provide funding for infrastructure related to new development. A list of infrastructure requirements within the Gedling area has been created, called the Regulation 123 list, it focuses on strategic infrastructure at Gedling Colliery and Top Wighay Farm. Following viability work and Public Examination, a CIL will be introduced with charges of £0, £45 or £75 per square metre for residential development, depending on location, and £60 per square metre for retail development. Operation of CIL and rates will be reviewed every three years.

Cllr Powell queried as to whether developers may submit early applications prior to introduction of the CIL levy. It was noted that developers had expressed an interest in accelerating developments, but these may be considered premature in advance of the Local Plan Part 2.

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Date: **11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2016**

agenda item number: **6**

From: **JOINT OFFICER STEERING GROUP**

## **NOTTINGHAMSHIRE MINERALS LOCAL PLAN**

### **Purpose of report**

1. To inform Committee of progress with preparing the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan.

### **Information and Advice**

2. The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004), as amended by the Localism Act (2011), along with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations (2012), requires the production of a 'Minerals Local Plan'. The Minerals Local Plan is a statutory document that all Minerals Planning Authorities must prepare.
3. Nottingham City Council include minerals policies within their Local Plan to ensure that the regulations are met.

### Background

4. Nottinghamshire is a major minerals producing area where a diverse range of minerals are extracted. The biggest extractive industries are sand and gravel and gypsum extraction but brick clay, limestone, building stone and oil are also exploited. In most cases permitted reserves are inadequate for the plan period and new resources in suitable locations are needed to ensure that the County continues to supply its share of national and local mineral supplies.
5. New minerals could also be exploited in the future. These include high grade industrial dolomite, coal bed methane and shale gas. Extraction of industrial dolomite, found only in a small area in the north-west of the County, could be needed to replace production at Whitwell Quarry in Derbyshire.
6. Large resources of coal bed methane and shale gas may also underlie significant parts of the County and new technologies are making their extraction economically viable. The Government requires all Minerals Planning Authorities to set out policies as to how applications for the exploration, appraisal and extraction of these hydrocarbons will be assessed.

### Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan

7. The Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan identifies sites and sets out policies against which all minerals development proposals will be assessed and determined by the County Council. The overall aim of the Plan is to ensure that sufficient minerals are provided to meet expected demand in the most sustainable way and to

safeguard proven mineral resources from being unnecessarily sterilised by other development.

8. The current Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan was adopted in December 2005 and was prepared under previous Government legislation. This plan is now becoming out of date and will be replaced by the new plan. The new plan will look ahead to 2030.
9. The informal public consultation stages have now been completed which began with a broad 'Issues and Options' consultation in 2012 identifying the key issues that needed to be considered.
10. The Preferred Approach consultation document published in October 2013 looked at the main options for each mineral and explained which options were preferred and which were not preferred and why. It showed how account was taken of the various consultation responses the County Council received on the Issues and Options consultation and also showed how the findings of the Sustainability Appraisal have influenced the document.
11. Due to the comments received during Preferred Approach consultation, a further round of consultation on the sand and gravel provision section of the document was required. This was undertaken in May 2014. As part of this, the operator for a site at Shelford west that was previously considered undeliverable, submitted further information to show that the site could be delivered and it was necessary to undertake a further round of consultation on this site in October 2014.
12. In total, from all stages of consultations, 6953 representations from 5090 people or organisations were received along with 16 petitions. Where appropriate, all of the representations received have been used to inform the preparation of a submission draft consultation document.
13. The County Council's Full Council meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016 resolved to approve the publication of the Submission Draft Document for a six week period of formal consultation which began on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016 and will end on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

#### Next Steps

14. The representations made during this consultation period will be considered and amendments made to the plan, where appropriate, prior to returning to Full Council for approval to submit to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government for independent examination.
15. The plan and all the representations received will be subject to an independent examination by a Planning Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. The inspector's role is to consider the 'soundness' of the whole plan.
16. If considered sound by the independent inspector the Local Plan can be adopted. Approval to adopt is likely to be sought from Full Council in mid-2017.

## **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Joint Committee note the progress on the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan.

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

Date **11 March 2016** Agenda item number **7**

From **JOINT OFFICER STEERING GROUP**

## **RAIL ISSUES UPDATE**

### **Purpose of the report**

1. To update the Committee on key rail issues in and into Greater Nottingham and rail services across local authority boundaries. The work of the two Councils, although separate, is complementary, and of mutual benefit.

### **HS2**

2. In 2014, the executive chairman of HS2 Ltd, Sir David Higgins, announced that *"I am now proposing we investigate alternative station sites to the west of Toton"*.
3. Very strong representations were made by both Councils pointing out that, because a station further to the west would be more difficult to access from the whole of the Greater Nottingham conurbation, it would attract significantly fewer passengers and generate significantly less benefit for the regional economy as a whole.
4. Further work by HS2 Ltd confirmed what the Councils had said (i.e. that a station further west would have fewer passengers/revenue and generate less benefit to the wider economy). It also established that the supposed reduction in capital cost of a station further west was much less than had originally been anticipated. So, in July Sir David Higgins announced HS2 now accepted Toton as the preferred location.
5. In his autumn statement on November 26<sup>th</sup> the Chancellor of the Exchequer, George Osborne MP, provided £55.7billion (at 2015 prices) to fund the entire HS2 network, including the Eastern leg and the East Midlands Hub station.
6. On November 30<sup>th</sup>, DfT published a 'Command Paper' (similar to a White Paper) which stated *"The Government therefore continues to support Toton as the best location for an East Midlands Hub"*.
7. These recent developments are very encouraging in that they confirm
  - that the government remains fully committed to building phase 2 of HS2, including an Eastern leg from Birmingham to Leeds, with an East Midlands Hub station;
  - that both HS2 Ltd and the Government accept the fact that the best location for the East Midlands Hub station is at Toton; and
  - that the funding is in place for both the Eastern leg and a station at Toton

However this does not yet constitute final approval for the Eastern leg to be built. A final decision on this will only be made when the Government makes a formal announcement of its view of all the representations that were made during the consultation process. Announcement of that Government decision is expected towards the end of 2016.

8. In the meantime work continues to develop the detail of:
  - the arrangements for the station at Toton,
  - the arrangements for access to/from Toton by all transport modes (road, rail, tram, bus, taxi, cycling and walking); and
  - for the development of the area around it and the wider region to maximise the economic benefits of HS2.

An East Midlands HS2 Programme Board, containing representatives of all the relevant Councils, plus other stakeholders (including D2N2 LEP) meets on a monthly basis to oversee this work. There are also two subgroups: a Toton Station Board, and a Toton Connectivity Working Group (now called HS2 Growth Strategy), both of which meet on a regular basis. Minutes of the HS2 Programme Board are available on request for any joint committee member who might wish to have them.
9. HS2 Ltd is represented at all of those meetings (i.e. the Programme Board, the Station Board and the Growth Strategy). The two Councils also continue to meet and liaise with HS2 Ltd as required in between meetings.
10. One particular issue being pressed very hard by both Councils is the need for a direct city-centre to city-centre service from the existing Nottingham station to Birmingham Curzon Street, calling at Beeston (for the adjacent Enterprise Zone). HS2 Ltd has confirmed that such a service would be possible with a journey time of under 30 minutes. This would be the biggest percentage reduction in journey time between any two cities on the entire HS2 network.
11. Such a direct Nottingham city centre – Beeston - Birmingham city centre service would run on the existing rail network from Nottingham as far as Attenborough/Trent where it would require the construction of a connection between the existing rail network and the new HS2 line. HS2 Ltd has confirmed that it has assessed this and that it would be possible to build such a connection at an estimated cost of £195 million (in 2011 prices).
12. In October 2014, the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced that the government was adding to the HS2 plans a further high-speed link - called HS3 - to transform East-West connectivity between the three biggest cities in the north of England (i.e. Manchester, Leeds and Sheffield), at a cost of between £6 – 7 billion.
13. However, provision of such an East-West link in the Midlands is not currently included in the HS2 plans, despite the capital cost of £195 million being just 3% of the equivalent East-West link in the North of England which is being planned and funded.
14. In addition, HS2 Ltd has recently claimed that there will be no room to fit in a Nottingham - Birmingham service on a 3km stretch of the new HS2 line on the



outskirts of Birmingham. Despite being asked, HS2 Ltd has not provided any detailed evidence to support that assertion, and officers of the two councils are urgently pursuing the matter.

15. At the launch of Midlands Connect in Derby on 22<sup>nd</sup> October an officer spoke to Sir David Higgins about the need to provide for direct Nottingham city centre – Beeston - Birmingham city centre service, in response to which Sir David Higgins said *“at the very least we must future proof that”* (i.e. provision for a connection between the classic rail lines and HS2 in the Trent area).

### **Nottingham – Sheffield – Leeds**

16. The Nottingham – Sheffield – Leeds service is operated by the Northern Rail franchise. The current franchise ends soon and a new Northern Rail franchise will commence in April 2016. In December, the department for Transport (DfT) announced that the new franchise has been awarded, and that it provides several very significant benefits for Nottinghamshire rail services.
17. The current service consists of one train per hour Nottingham – Sheffield - Leeds. This adds to the existing Nottingham – Sheffield – Manchester - Liverpool service, giving a train every 30 minutes between Nottingham and Sheffield. (There is also an additional Sheffield - Leeds service every hour, giving a train every 30 minutes between Sheffield and Leeds).
18. The last new service was introduced in December 2008 following much work and lobbying by the Council and South Yorkshire PTA. It has proved to be very successful, with the number of passengers travelling between Nottingham and Sheffield roughly doubling in the last 7 years.
19. However the journey time on the service is very poor, taking 2hours for the 82 miles to Leeds. It has been a priority for the Councils to secure a significant improvement in journey time, and much work has been undertaken towards that. As a result of the Councils’ work, the 2011 ‘Initial Industry Plan’ for the development of the rail network, responding specifically to the representations of the Council identified Nottingham – Leeds for development as one of *“two (national) exemplar schemes to deliver journey time improvements between regional cities”*.
20. In 2014 officers met with the Head of DfT’s Rail Executive and the DfT Head of Rail Franchising, as a result of which the formal ‘Invitation to Tender’ for the Northern Rail franchise stated  
*“We received detailed proposals from Nottinghamshire County Council about their ambition for faster services between Nottingham and Leeds and elsewhere, including details of how this could reduce costs and release rolling stock by enabling the service to be run with one less train set and crew. Bidders will be expected to identify and lead the implementation of journey time reduction opportunities in conjunction with Network Rail and other operators, both as part of their submission and during the franchise.”*

## **RECOMMENDATION**

21. It is recommended that the Committee note the contents of the report.

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From: **JOINT OFFICER STEERING GROUP**

## **WORK PROGRAMME**

### **Purpose of report**

1. To consider the Committee's work programme from March 2016 to June 2016.

### **Information and Advice**

2. The County Council requires each committee to maintain a work programme. The work programme will assist the management of the committee's agenda, the scheduling of the committee's business and forward planning. The work programme will be updated and reviewed at each pre-agenda meeting and committee meeting. Any member of the committee is able to suggest items for possible inclusion.
3. The attached work programme includes items which can be anticipated at the present time. Other items may be added to the programme as they are identified.

### **Recommendation**

4. That the Committee's work programme be noted and consideration be given to any changes which the Committee wishes to make.

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### WORK PROGRAMME

<u>Report Title</u>	<u>Brief summary of agenda item</u>	<u>For Decision or Information?</u>	<u>Lead Officer</u>	<u>Report Author</u>
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Waste Local Plan Update	To provide an update on progress with preparing the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Replacement Waste Local Plan.	Information	Lisa Bell/Matt Gregory	Suzanne Osborne-James
Transport Update	To provide an update on key sustainable transport issues for the Greater Nottingham area.	Information	Lisa Bell/Matt Gregory	Chris Carter/Kevin Sharman
Rail Update	To provide an update on key rail issues for the Greater Nottingham area and rail services across local authority boundaries.	Information	Lisa Bell/Matt Gregory	Jim Bamford/Chris Carter
JPAB Update	To provide an update on the work of JPAB.	Information	Lisa Bell/Matt Gregory	Matt Gregory
Minerals Local Plan Update	To provide an update on progress with preparing the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan.	Information	Lisa Bell	Lisa Bell
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