

# NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

## JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT

**MINUTES of the meeting held at LB 31-32 - Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham, NG2 3NG on 16 June 2017 from 10.04 am - 10.39 am**

### **Membership**

#### Present

Councillor Jane Urquhart (Chair)  
Councillor Andrew Brown  
Councillor Jim Creamer  
Councillor Eric Kerry  
Councillor Sally Longford  
Councillor Kevin Rostance (substitute)

#### Absent

Councillor Gordon Wheeler (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor Alan Clark  
Councillor Neghat Khan

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

Kevin Sharman	- Transport Strategy Manager	) Nottinghamshire
Sally Gill	- Planning Group Manager	) County Council
Matt Gregory	- Growth Point Planning & Planning Policy Manager	) Nottingham
James Ashton	- Transport Strategy Business Management	) City
Cath Ziane-Pryor	- Governance Officer	) Council

## **1 MEMBERSHIP**

**RESOLVED to note the revised Membership for 2017/18 as follows:**

#### Nottingham City Council

Councillor Jane Urquhart (Chair)  
Councillor Alan Clark  
Councillor Sally Longford  
Councillor Neghat Khan

#### Nottinghamshire County Council

Councillor Gordon Wheeler (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor Andy Brown  
Councillor Jim Creamer  
Councillor Eric Kerry

## **2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Alan Clark	) other Council Business
Councillor Neghat Khan	)
Councillor Gordon Wheeler	)
Councillor Kevin Rostance	) (substitute for Councillor Wheeler)

## **3 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

None.

## **4 MINUTES AND NOTES**

### **a MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2016, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

## **b NOTES**

Subject to Councillor Steve Calvert being shown as in attendance, the informal notes of the meeting held on 10 March 2017 were agreed as a true record.

## **5 TRANSPORT UPDATE**

James Ashton, Nottingham City Council Transport Strategy Business Manager, presented the report of the Joint Officer Steering Group which provides a summary update on the following topics:

- Revised Air Quality Plan
- Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy
- National Productivity Investment Fund (NPIF) 2018-20 Funding Bid opportunity
- Midlands Connect Published Strategy
- East Midlands Rail Franchise

Transport colleagues responded to Councillors' and representatives' questions as follows:

- (a) there is City and County Councils joint working with regard to the current proposals for the cycling and walking Investment Strategy which is currently considering linking the ring road with the A60 onto Trent Bridge with a focus on the impact south of the River Trent;
- (b) with regard to the NPIF bid opportunity, guidance has been issued which requires the bid to be very specifically focused so in this instance it is possible that joint working with D2N2 may be considered;
- (c) with regard to the concerns that jobs have been created only 4 miles away at Kegworth but bus connections aren't adequate to get citizens to those jobs, the focus of the NPIF is capital infrastructure and challenging congestion. Adding new infrastructure would not qualify for consideration;
- (d) the air quality of Broxtowe has been raised as an issue and as a result, the possibility of a Joint City/ Broxtowe Air Quality Unit will be discussed by senior colleagues shortly;
- (e) the East Midlands Rail Franchise consultation is paused until after the General Election. Franchise lengths are currently proposed to be limited to 7 year periods due to the potential for electrification which will largely require different rolling stock.

Comments included:

- (f) as a result the City and County Councils working together on joint transport projects, the strength and profile of funding bids has been increased and proved successful over bids from some other local authorities working in isolation. Joint working should therefore be considered for further projects;
- (g) the Committee and each authority will continue to jointly and individually push Central Government to electrify the Midland Mainline.

**RESOLVED to note the update and for the Chair and Vice-Chair, on behalf of the Joint Committee, to lobby Central Government and relevant Members of Parliament for electrification of the Midland Mainline.**

**6 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAM WASTE LOCAL PLAN AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE MINERALS LOCAL PLAN UPDATES**

Sally Gill, Planning Group Manager (Nottinghamshire County Council), and Matt Gregory, Growth Point Planning & Planning Policy Manager (Nottingham City Council) presented the report of the Joint Officer Steering Group, highlighting the following points and responding to questions:

- the City and County Councils are working together on the Waste Local Plan and have previously agreed strategic planning policies for a Waste Core Strategy as (part 1 of the Local Plan) and work is progressing with joint work but following a change in circumstances, an interim review will be undertaken on how to progress planning for Waste in the two Councils, and options presented to the next meeting Committee;
- Nottinghamshire County Council has independently prepared the 'Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan' which is now to be revised with further consideration of the level of aggregates. The Committee will be informed of the new timetable for publication of the revised plan.

**RESOLVED to note the report.**

**7 HOUSING WHITE PAPER "FIXING OUR BROKEN HOUSING MARKET"**

Matt Gregory, Growth Point Planning & Planning Policy Manager (Nottingham City Council) presented the report of the Joint Officer Steering Group, on the Housing White Paper 'Fixing Our Broken Housing Market'.

It is noted that there are wider implications than to just housing delivery and there are several issues of direct relevance to this Committee. These points are identified in the report.

Comments from the Committee included;

- (a) the Greater Nottingham Joint Planning Advisory Board has recently considered the paper and the responses have been made by each Council to the consultation;
- (b) it is a concern that green belt land may be used for development, even in exceptional circumstances, and that whilst the current local planning process seeks to ensure that applications are suitable and meet the needs of the area (via local plans), national legislation is moving towards overriding this localism, which results in uncertainty for citizens;
- (c) whilst there appears to be a national issue with the speed of the planning process, this was not the case for Nottingham City;

- (d) it's disappointing that local issues may not in future be eligible to be considered with the same importance and that the simplified approach to planning from Central Government will result in a less of a focus on bio-diversity, with fewer powers to control impact;
- (e) Central Government is focusing on the need for housing and is silent on the Minerals and Waste Plans although it is inevitable that there will be an impact.

**RESOLVED to note the report.**

## **8 JOINT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

Matt Gregory, Growth Point Planning & Planning Policy Manager (Nottingham City Council) presented the report of the Joint Officer Steering Group, which proposed a committee work programme for the municipal Year.

Members of the Committee were invited to suggest items for future consideration which would be mutually beneficial to the City and County.

It is noted that the East Midland's Rail Franchise may be revisited depending on the outcome of the consultation.

**RESOLVED to note the report and work programme.**

## **9 FUTURE MEETING DATES**

**RESOLVED to approve that the Committee meet on the following Fridays at 10am in Loxley House:**

**8 September 2017**

**8 December 2017**

**9 March 2018**