Meeting: JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT

Date: 9 March 2018

From: Joint Officer Steering Group

GREATER NOTTINGHAM JOINT PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD

1 SUMMARY

1.1 The Greater Nottingham Joint Planning Advisory Board (JPAB) oversees the preparation of aligned Local Plans across Greater Nottingham, and the implementation of projects funded through the partnership. This report updates the Joint Committee on the work of JPAB, and other strategic planning matters within the remit of the Committee.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The last meeting of JPAB was held on 14 December 2017.
- 2.2 At the time of writing the minutes of this meeting had not been agreed by the Board, and will be reported to the next Joint Committee. The minutes of the previous meeting which took place on 14 September 2017 are appended to this report (Appendix 1), and a summary of issues discussed at the 14 December meeting is provided below.

JPAB meeting held 14 September 2017

- 2.3 JPAB received a presentation from David Mitchell of Rushcliffe Borough Council into a recent Planning Peer Review in Rushcliffe. Joint working, and the well developed partnership in this area were noted as key strengths, which could be developed further.
- 2.4 JPAB noted the progress with Local Plans across Greater Nottingham, in particular that Broxtowe Borough and Nottingham City Councils are both intending to submit Part 2 Local Plans for Public Examination in the Spring of 2018. Both Ashfield District and Gedling Borough Councils are intending to consult on Main Modifications early in 2018 with a view to adopting their Plans in summer 2018. Rushcliffe Borough Council is intending to consult on a Preferred Option in Spring 2018.
- 2.5 A response to the government consultation "Planning for the Right Homes in the Right Places" was submitted prior to the meeting due to Government deadlines, and JPAB endorsed this response.
- 2.6 An outcome of the Housing Delivery Workshop, held in September and reported to last Joint Committee, was a recommendation that a Planning Protocol be prepared. The Protocol is intended to build on the good practice already taking place across Greater Nottingham to promote a more collaborative approach to major development. It commits the Greater Nottingham local authorities to working with developers and infrastructure providers to deliver high quality, sustainable development. JPAB endorsed the principle of the Protocol, and agreed to it being published for consultation.
- 2.6 JPAB received an item on reviewing the Core Strategies covering Greater Nottingham, which were adopted in 2014. It was noted that it is important that the Strategies are reviewed to ensure a strategic planning framework remains in place, and that partners retain control over the scale and distribution of development, and JPAB endorsed the proposed review.

- 2.7 An important basis of both a Local Plan review, and its supporting evidence will be an Objectively Assessed Housing Needs Study (OAN). The Government is intending to finalise its standard methodology to undertake an OAN early in 2018. Household Projections (which underpin OAN) are published on a two year cycle, with the next set of projections due to be released in Summer 2018.
- 2.8 Once the scale of housing growth is known, JPAB is intending to hold a workshop to assist in understanding the pros and cons of all possible growth options, and provide a basis for further work to develop a preferred option for wider consultation.
- 2.9 An indicative timetable for Core Strategy preparation is set out below, however, several partner Councils will be undergoing examination of Part 2 Local Plans during 2018, and resourcing is likely to be a significant issue. The timetable will be refined for consideration at a future JPAB meeting.

2018 (summer) Establish OAN
2018 (autumn/winter) Evidence gathering
2018 (winter) Issues and Options
2018 (spring) draft Publication
2019 (summer) Publication

• 2019 (winter) Submission/Examination

• 2020 (spring/summer) Inspector's report

• 2020 (summer) Adoption

3 RECOMMENDATION(S)

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

4 BACKGROUND PAPERS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

- 4.1 JPAB Papers, 14 September 2017.
- 4.2 JPAB Papers, 14 December 2017.

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