

JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 14 OCTOBER 2005 AT 2.15 PM AT THE COUNCIL HOUSE

Membership (persons absent are marked with 'A')

Nottingham City Council

Councillor A M Clark
Councillor M Cowan
Councillor E Dewinton
Councillor M Edwards

Nottinghamshire County Council

Councillor Mrs K L Cutts
A Councillor D E Pulk
A Councillor S Smedley
A Councillor The Hon J Taylor

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Pulk, Smedley and The Hon. J Taylor.

OPERATING PROTOCOL

RESOLVED:- **2005/011**

that consideration be given at a future meeting of the Joint Committee to amending its Operating Protocol in respect of:-

- (a) stipulating that the quorum of three members be required to include at least one member from each authority;
- (b) articulating specifically the position on having named substitutes attend future meetings, if required.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

No declarations of interest were made.

MINUTES

RESOLVED:- **2005/012**

that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2005, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

JOINT STRUCTURE PLAN - DRAFT PLAN FOR ADOPTION

It was reported that the position of Bassetlaw and Newark and Sherwood District Councils in not accepting the Independent Panel recommendation to move 500 houses from the Bassetlaw area to the Newark area had not changed.

RESOLVED:- **2005/013**

1. that the draft Explanatory Memorandum, Written Statement and Key Diagram be approved.
2. that the Executive bodies of both Councils be informed of the views of this Committee.

CONSULTATION BY THE EAST MIDLANDS REGIONAL ASSEMBLY (EMRA) ON 'REVIEW OF THE EAST MIDLANDS REGIONAL PLAN TO 2026 - OPTIONS FOR CHANGE'

It was reported that EMRA had produced an Issues and Options document to help inform the Regional Plan review process. The Options for Change was to be launched shortly. Officers confirmed that their concerns had been raised

RESOLVED:- **2005/014**

1. that the East Midlands Regional Assembly be informed of the concerns of this Committee in respect of the following:-
 - (a) the proposed change to the South Nottinghamshire part of the 3 Cities sub-area, moving the Hucknall part of Ashfield District to the Northern Nottinghamshire Sub-area was considered unsatisfactory, as the Regional Spatial Strategy was required to reflect sub-regional housing markets, not administrative boundaries;
 - (b) EMRA's predictive model for the scale and distribution of new housing was based on historical growth, militating against accommodating further growth in Nottingham and Mansfield and, if taken to its logical conclusion, leading to 'overspill' in surrounding Districts, which themselves were highlighted for modest housing increases;
 - (c) Options for Change did not differentiate or prioritise new housing types, and took no account of the ongoing need to provide family housing within the Nottingham City boundary;

- (d) it was requested that the Options for Change made more specific reference to how environmental sustainability issues might be addressed;
 - (e) the timetable for consultation was criticised for being too tight.
2. that it be noted that each individual authority was to make a separate representation to the East Midlands Regional Assembly in respect of Options for Change.

PROPOSAL BY THE EAST MIDLANDS REGIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS WITH COUNTY AND UNITARY AUTHORITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY

RESOLVED:-
2005/015

1. that the report be noted.
2. that each authority take the proposed Service Level Agreements through their respective approval processes.

TRANSPORT ISSUES UPDATE

Progress on the following issues was highlighted:-

Regional Funding Allocations

- Process of assessing major projects in the Greater Nottingham area was to be completed by end 2005. Available funding was likely to be much less than that needed to take forward all major projects in the area.
- Concern was expressed that the Regional Funding Allocation assessment exercise could lead to further delays in respect of NET 2 'roll-out'.

Local Transport Plan 2

- Consultation was to commence in mid-October 2005.

Final Planning Guidelines

- A new formulaic approach to determine each local authority's funding for the development of implementation programmes was to be phased in over a 3-5 year period from March 2006. The proposed mechanism would result in financial gains to the City Council and losses for the County Council. The County Council was to question the rationale for the base-line formula.

Rail issues

- Design development of the Nottingham Station Master Plan was ongoing. In response to a member's question, it was confirmed that East Midland Parkway Station remained a franchise commitment for Midland Mainline.

RESOLVED:-
2005/016

1. that the report and progress be noted.
2. that officers produce an explanatory note, setting out the funding streams for NET Phase Two, and explaining the regional funding context of the project.

The meeting closed at 3.25 pm.

CHAIR