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## 3 CITIES AND 3 COUNTIES GROWTH POINT UPDATE

### Purpose of Report

1. To update the Committee on the current position with regard to the 3 Cities and 3 Counties Growth Point Status

### Current Position

2. Members will recall that the City and County Councils of Nottingham, Leicester and Derby were successful in their application for the 3 Cities Sub Region to be designated as a Growth Point last year. The Nottingham element of the submission was co-ordinated by Nottingham Regeneration Ltd who are facilitating the project development.
3. The 3 Cities & 3 Counties is the largest and most complex of the 29 New Growth Points in England. It aims to deliver some 81,500 new homes in the period 2006-2016, and the same again in the period 2016-2026.
4. The Housing growth breakdown as proposed in the draft Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) for the 25 year period 2001-2026, by Housing Market Area (HMA), is:

Housing Market Area	Average Annual Build Rate	Total Dwelling Provision 2001- 2026
Derby HMA	1,770	44,250
Leicester & Leicestershire HMA	3,780	94,500
Nottingham Core HMA	2,490	62,250
Total	8,040	201,000

5. The Draft RSS is undergoing its Examination in Public (EIP) from 22<sup>nd</sup> May to 19<sup>th</sup> July 2007 and the Panel's recommendations will shape the Adopted RSS approved by the Secretary of State in 2008. This will confirm the required distribution of the Dwelling provision by local authority area and will be the key determinant that will shape the development and delivery of Growth Point proposals. The Local Development Frameworks to be adopted by each of the Local Planning Authorities in the conurbation will finalise the actual site allocations to be developed.

An issue of particular relevance to Nottingham will be the Panel's recommendations and subsequent Government response in respect of retaining or removing the specific reference in the Draft RSS to the broad location of a potential urban extension south of Clifton (SRS Policy 4).

### **'Partnership for Growth' Delivery Plan**

6. Officials at Communities and Local Government (CLG) have recently set out more detailed Guidance on the next steps in the Growth Point process, in particular the requirement for a 'Partnership for Growth' Delivery Plan (Delivery Plan) to be prepared and agreed with the Government. This is expected to be a document setting out the rationale for Economic and Housing Growth, the key development opportunities phased to show related infrastructure requirements and the Government investment to be sought to support the Delivery Plan. A 10-year Housing Growth Trajectory will also be required. This Delivery Plan is required to be submitted to CLG by the end of July 2007.
7. The Government have confirmed that as the Delivery Plan may name sites which have no basis in adopted plans, it is important to recognise that they will consider the document as a project management tool which is neither a statutory document nor a statement of intent on the part of either central Government or the local authorities. The document will however form the basis of the Authorities' relationship with the Government as described in 'Partnership for Growth' and feed into the access to growth funding.
8. Due to the timing of the RSS EIP which will have a significant impact in steering the spatial distribution of the Growth point dwelling provision in Nottingham, it is proposed that the Nottingham Core HMA element of the Delivery plan will be developed in a manner which will allow for a range of development options to be taken forward. The initial emphasis is proposed to be on securing funding to support early delivery of development and regeneration within the Principal Urban Area. As the formal RSS position emerges the Delivery Plan will be refined and adapted as appropriate, including for example more specific detailed work on potential Sustainable Urban Extension sites.
9. To commence this process in an inclusive and collaborative way on 15<sup>th</sup> May a Workshop was facilitated by Nottingham Regeneration Limited with participation from all Nottingham Core HMA districts including Erewash. The outcome of the very positive contributions made will be used to inform development of the Nottingham component of the 3 Cities and 3 Counties Partnership for Growth Programme of Development to be submitted to CLG in July.

### **Recommendation**

It is RECOMMENDED that the Joint Committee note the content of this report.

### Background papers

1. Letter from CLG to Three Cities Growth Point Co-ordinator dated 4<sup>th</sup> April 2007

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