

meeting **JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING & TRANSPORT**

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Report

CONURBATION POLICY ALIGNMENT AND NEW GROWTH POINT - MEMBER STEERING ARRANGEMENTS

Purpose of Report

1. To update the Committee on the latest position with regard to Member Steering arrangements for both New Growth Point project funding and conurbation wide planning policy alignment.

Background

- 2 At its meeting of 21st December 2007, the Joint Committee was informed of the proposal to establish a Nottingham Core Housing Market Area Programme Board to advise on the programme and implementation of projects funded through New Growth Point.
- 3 A meeting of all the relevant local authorities was convened by Broxtowe Borough Council on 5th February 2008. This meeting agreed the establishment of such a Board, with representation of all the relevant Portfolio Holders of the local authorities, ie Ashfield District Council, Broxtowe Borough Council, Derbyshire County Council, Erewash Borough Council, Gedling Borough Council, Nottingham City Council, Nottinghamshire County Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council)
- 4 It was also agreed that the Board should have responsibility for overseeing the alignment of planning policy across Greater Nottingham (in particular the Core Strategies of all the local authorities).
- 5 The date of the first meeting of this Board has yet to fixed, but in order to tie in with Growth Point funding, would ideally be in March 2008. This would also give the Board the opportunity to provide an early steer to the policy alignment work. The proposed name of the Board may change to reflect this role, and a draft Terms of Reference is attached to this report (for information only, as any Terms of Reference will for the Board itself to decide).

6 Items likely to be considered at the first meeting include:-

- Terms of Reference for the Board
- A 'business case' for joint policy work
- The scope of joint policy work
- Progress on current joint working – eg the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and Sustainable Urban Extension Study
- The establishment of a new posts to drive the policy work and project manage the delivery of New Growth Point funded projects
- Agreement of projects to be funded from New Growth Point in the next financial year, with an indicative programme for the following two financial years

7 Future Joint Committees will receive regular updates on the progress of the Board.

RECOMMENDATION

8 It is RECOMMENDED that Members of the Committee note the contents of the report.

Background Papers

None

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APPENDIX – draft Terms of Reference, for information only (decisions on the Terms of Reference will be a matter for the Board once established).

Greater Nottingham Joint Planning Advisory Board - Draft Terms of Reference

1. Role

To advise on the alignment of planning work across the Greater Nottingham area¹ and other spatial planning matters of mutual concern, including delivery of the New Growth Point (NGP).

2. Key Tasks

To advise on the preparation of coordinated and aligned Core Strategies, or any other Local Development Documents of agreed mutual interest.

To coordinate the Nottingham Housing Market Area (HMA) NGP partnership to deliver the required growth in the HMA.

To give advice on investment priorities and programming within the HMA.

To identify and make links to other local funding sources (e.g. emda / Greater Nottingham Partnership) and public / private investment programmes.

To ensure coordination and delivery of any joint or cross boundary project funded from NGP or other sources.

To disseminate NGP progress updates, information on latest Government guidance and related initiatives, and national and local best practice, to all partners.

To advise on and review the activities of the HMA Policy Co-ordinator.

3. Membership

One Council member covering each of the following remits:-

Ashfield District Council - Planning
Broxtowe Borough council - Planning
Derbyshire County Council
Erewash Borough Council - Planning
Gedling Borough Council - Planning
Nottingham City Council - Planning
Nottingham City Council - Transport
Nottinghamshire County Council - Planning
Nottinghamshire County Council - Transport

¹ Greater Nottingham is defined as the Nottingham Core Housing Market Area and Hucknall. It comprises of the local authority areas of Broxtowe, Erewash, Gedling, Nottingham City and Rushcliffe, plus the Hucknall part of Ashfield.

Rushcliffe Borough Council - Planning

Member substitutes will be allowed. The Board will be supported by the HMA Policy Coordinator together with officers from the constituent Councils.

Additional observer members: GOEM.

4. Frequency of Meetings

The Board will meet as required, based on a timetable of key milestones, and normally two to three weeks before meetings of the 6Cs Leaders and Chief Executives Group. If necessary other Board meetings will be organised to meet specific programme deadlines/ requirements.