

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

date **14th March 2008** agenda item number

from: **JOINT OFFICER STEERING GROUP**

## **Report**

### **EAST MIDLANDS REGIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY – FURTHER REVIEW**

#### **Purpose of Report**

- 1 To inform Committee of a possible review of the East Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy (Regional Plan), prior to the introduction of a single Regional Strategy

#### **Introduction**

- 2 The Regional Assembly considers that a review of the East Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy may be necessary under the current legislative framework, prior to the introduction of a single Regional Strategy as proposed in the Government's Sub National Review of Economic Development and Regeneration (SNR) (July 2007). Although the Assembly had hoped to avoid to such a review, the proposals in the Government's Housing Green Paper (July 2007) and the Regional Plan Panel Report (November 2007) would now appear to make a further iteration under the present system inevitable.
- 3 The Regional Plan Proposed Changes document due for publication in May by Government Office for the East Midlands/Department of Communities and Local Government, and subsequent 'final' Regional Plan, will have a direct bearing on the scope and scale of the next review. However the Assembly considers that any review should be strictly limited to those issues which have to be addressed to ensure the Regional Plan meets the key requirements of Government Policy. Topics include :-

- Regional Transport Strategy.
- Housing Provision.
- Affordable Housing Targets.
- Gypsy and Traveller Provision.
- Renewable Energy Targets.
- Revised Implementation Plan.

### **Proposed Timetable**

- 4 The Housing Green Paper envisages that any further reviews of the Regional Plan should be completed (i.e. adopted by the Government) by 2011. At the same time, it would be difficult to formally launch a further review until the current one is completed. Time is also required to assemble an initial evidence base. If the process laid down in Planning Policy Statement 11, Regional Spatial Strategies, is followed, then the timetable set out below would apply.

October 2008	Draft Project Plan Draft Statement of Public Participation Draft SA/SEA Scoping Report
March 2009	Options Consultation Paper(s) SA/SEA Report on Options AA Screening Report
April 2010	Draft Regional Plan submitted to SoS  Final SA/SEA Report Final AA Report Pre-Submission Statement of Consultation
September 2011	Adoption by Secretary of State following EiP and consultation on proposed changes.

- 5 As Section 4/4 Authorities, the County Council and the City Council would expect to have a major role in the review of the Regional Plan, the existing service level agreements with the Assembly will need to be reviewed.

- 6 As additional information becomes available, further details of the review will

be brought to the Joint Committee.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

- 7 It is RECOMMENDED that Members of the Committee note the contents of the report

### **Contact Officers**

Sally Gill, Communities Department, Nottinghamshire County Council

Tel: 0115 977 4537

E-mail: [sally.gill@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:sally.gill@nottscc.gov.uk)

Matt Gregory, Environment and Regeneration, Nottingham City Council

Tel: 0115 915 5205

E-mail: [matt.gregory@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:matt.gregory@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)