

Meeting: **JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND
TRANSPORT**

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GREATER NOTTINGHAM JOINT PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE

1. Summary

The Greater Nottingham Joint Planning Advisory Board (JPAB) oversees the preparation of aligned Core Strategies across Greater Nottingham, and the implementation of the New Growth Point infrastructure projects. The minutes of its meeting of the 10 September 2009 are attached.

2. Background

The last meeting of the JPAB took place on 5 November 2009. Members of the Board made suggestions as to how the consultation and engagement for the 'Preferred Option' aligned Core Strategies could be improved, and considered items on the progress towards the aligned Core Strategies Preferred Option and developing a Programme of Development for New Growth Point funds. A presentation was received on the Housing and Communities Agency's 'Single Conversation'.

3. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Committee note the minutes of the meetings of the JPAB on 10 September 2009.

4. Background papers referred to in compiling this report

Greater Nottingham Joint Planning Advisory Board papers, 10 September and 5 November 2009.

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Appendix 1

MINUTES OF THE GREATER NOTTINGHAM JOINT PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD HELD ON 10 SEPTEMBER 2009 AT BROXTOWE BOROUGH COUNCIL
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PRESENT

Broxtowe: Councillor K Rigby (Chair); **Erewash:** Councillor G Smith;
Gedling: Councillor J Boot; **Nottingham City:** Councillor J Urquhart
Nottinghamshire County: Councillor R Butler, Councillor R Jackson;
Rushcliffe: Councillor D Bell

Officers in Attendance

JPAB: Ms Dawn Alvey, Mr Matt Gregory; **Ashfield:** Mr F Horsley; Mr P Marshall
Broxtowe: Mr Steve Dance; **Derbyshire:** Ms C Massey;
Erewash: Ms Yvonne Wright; **Gedling:** Mr Peter Baguley, Ms J Gray;
Nottingham City: Mr Grant Butterworth; **Nottinghamshire County:** Mr S Calvert,
Ms K Revell; **Rushcliffe:** Mr Allen Graham, Mr Richard Mapletoft;
6C's Partnership: Mr D Doran

Observers

EMDA: Mr G Brown; **Environment Agency:** Mr James Lidgett, Ms Naomi Wing;
GOEM: Mr M Smith; Mr S Quartermain; **HCA:** Mr M Banister
Nottingham City Council: Councillor I Malcolm

Apologies:

Ashfield: Councillor J Knight; **Broxtowe:** Mrs R Hyde, Mr Tony Ward;
Erewash: Councillor G Smith; **Gedling:** Mr S Bray; **HCA:** Mr G Dobbs;
Nottingham City: Councillor A Clark; **Rushcliffe:** Mr Paul Randle

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Cllr Rigby thanked Cllr Bell for chairing the last meeting in his absence and welcomed and thanked new members for attending which reflected how well the Advisory Board was working.

2. **Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of meeting held on 2 July were agreed. There were no matters arising.

3. **Steve Quartermain (CLG)**

Steve Quartermain thanked the Board for the invitation. He commented on the good work of the Advisory Board to date. He confirmed further revenue support of £50k had been allocated from CLG to support joint working.

SQ was keen for the Preferred Options stage to be kept on programme and highlighted that undertaking the Preferred Options stage was at the Councils' discretion.

Cllr Bell (RBC) raised concerns about finding available land to meet future projected housing needs. RBC were asked to find land for 45,000 new homes initially although a further 15,500 homes are now needed.

Cllr Richard Butler (County) asked for SQ's views on the role of the County Council with regard to the development of the Core Strategy/Preferred Options going forward. SQ complimented the partnership on joint working to date. He saw the continued participation of the County as important in delivering robust policies at the HMA level.

Cllr J Urquhart (Nottm City) enquired if there were any lessons to be learned from examples of joint working elsewhere. SQ had already considered this on his agenda. He suggested contacting Beacon councils (Leeds and Bristol LAs) and importing their best practices as well as considering what we can export to them.

Cllr R Jackson (County) highlighted concerns regarding reduced funding allocations. SQ confirmed that Growth Point funding and distribution was not his remit but that the Government were being proactive in targeting resources towards programmes in most need. However in conjunction with housebuilders, brownfield targets had been met and exceeded.

Cllr K Rigby expressed concerns regarding the RSS Partial Review, given the challenges of responding to the current RSS. SQ recognised the challenge of the RSS figures and set out that the purpose of the Partial Review is consider future projections and the need for further growth.

4. **Aligned Core Strategy - Progress Towards Preferred Option**

Matt Gregory gave an overview of progress on the Preferred Options report:

1. The consultation period for the Issues and Options stage has now closed.
2. Officers are currently processing the responses which will be reported at the next meeting.
3. A number of reports have been commissioned/are about to be commissioned as part of the evidence base and to inform the RSS

partial review including work on sustainable locations for growth outside the Urban Area and Transport Modelling.

4. MG outlined the various Board/Committee approval dates for each Council and confirmed that a JPAB meeting would be required late December/early January to consider the Preferred Options report.

Cllr Ken Rigby was concerned that the SUE report may conflict with the Highways Agency aim of minimising local traffic using M1. MG confirmed that capacity of the M1 would be considered along with consultation with the Highways Agency.

It was agreed:

- 1. To note the progress of the Preferred Options Report; and**
- 2. To set a date in late December/early January for consideration of the Preferred Options Report.**

5. Programme of Development

(a) Communities and Local Government Funding Announcement

The announcement of a 43% reduction in government funding for 2010/11 was a disappointment for the Board as it would affect an important year for growth options. Cllr R Jackson suggested a letter be sent to CLG from JPAB to endorse their letter about the reduction in capital funding.

(b) 2009/10 Project Appraisal and Programme of Development

Dawn Alvey explained that some difficult decisions had to be made as to which projects would be supported with the allocated funding. The smaller projects were not successful in this round. A full review of project progress and a further funding round would be held early 2010.

Cllr Smith (Erewash) supported a review of project progress and review of those projects, including town centre schemes, unsuccessful in this round.

Frank Horsley (Ashfield) queried if the projects would have protected funding. DA confirmed a project review (including the appraisal panel) would take place to ensure projects were delivering as planned, recommendations on any reallocations would need to be agreed via ESG/JPAB.

Mark Banister (HCA) agreed to provide further comments on the approach to reserving part of the 2009/10 allocation for consideration in 2010/11

(c) Strategic Green Infrastructure

DA provided an update on the emerging Green Infrastructure Strategy and Action Plan. Copies to be circulated to officers for comment.

(d) Housing Announcements

A number of bids for national funding had been successful. The partners would welcome support from HCA in identifying/bidding for further funding.

DA provided a verbal update on the CLG offer of £50k revenue to support joint LDF work.

It was agreed:

- (1) To note the proposed reduction in capital funding for 2010/11 and endorse the letter of response to CLG on behalf of the 6 C's Programme Management Board and provide a further letter from the Greater Nottingham partners;**
- (2) To endorse the proposed 2009/10 Programme of Development and the proposed funding reserve for 2010/11;**
- (3) To endorse the proposal to seek support for the above approach from the Homes and Communities Agency;**
- (4) To note the position regarding Strategic Green Infrastructure.**
- (5) To welcome additional funding from the CLG;**

6. Transport Modelling for Sustainable Urban Extensions

DA reported that Derbyshire County, Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire County Councils together with the Highways Agency had agreed to develop a protocol for transport modelling for growth proposals and major developments within Greater Nottingham.

Cllr Ken Rigby queried the cost of the model. DA confirmed that work in developing the model to date had been met from Local Transport Plan budgets. Further cost estimates to be confirmed and reported to future meetings.

It was agreed:

- (1) To endorse the joint approach to transport modelling; and**
- (2) To endorse the drafting of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Highway Authorities and the Highways Agency.**

7. Regional Spatial Strategy Partial Review

Matt Gregory advised that consultation on the RSS Partial Review ends on 8 October 2009 and set out a proposed response to the consultation on behalf of JPAB. The Partial Review focuses on housing requirements post, proposed housing figures are not yet fixed but the review considers the following scenarios for housing:

1. Continuation of the current RSS
2. Strategy even more concentrated on the Principal Urban Area

3. Focus on development of accessible nodes in and around the Principal Urban Area of Nottingham
4. New development into a settlement unspecified.

It was agreed to endorse the proposed response to the RSS Partial Review consultation.

8. Preferred Option Workshop

A workshop for members will be run by PAS on 1 October 2009 from 10.00 am - 12.30. The workshop will focus on the range of options for the aligned core strategies.

Allen Graham (Rushcliffe) encouraged JPAB members (and other members from each LA) to attend this free training session.

Frank Horsley (Ashfield) reported that previous sessions at Ashfield had been very useful for members and staff.

It was agreed:

- (1) To note the Preferred Options Workshop report; and**
- (2) To set a date in late December/early January for consideration of the Preferred Options Report.**

9. Any Other Business

- 9.1 Greater Nottingham Growth Point to provide a letter in support of the 6C's response to CLG regarding the reduction in funding for 2010/11.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Broxtowe Borough Council Offices:
Thursday 5 November 2009 at 2.00 pm in the New Council Chamber (Now changed to ATTENBOROUGH NATURE RESERVE).