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JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 4 MARCH 2011 AT LOXLEY HOUSE, STATION STREET, NOTTINGHAM FROM 9.30 AM TO 10.30 AM

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

- ✓ Councillor Butler (Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Heptinstall
- ✓ Councillor Jackson
- ✓ Councillor Smedley

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

- ✓ Councillor Clark (Vice-Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Dewinton
- ✓ Councillor Foster
- Councillor Urquhart

- ✓ Indicates present at meeting

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting on 3 December 2010 were agreed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chair.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

4. STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

Richard Cooper, Nottinghamshire County Council introduced the report. It was noted that the Localism Bill contained an obligation to co-operate between authorities.

Grant Butterworth, Nottingham City Council, commented that there was a potential lack of clarity over the following three points:

- Questions over the ability to secure representative and effective Neighbourhood Forums

- Concerns over the potential uncertainties for Neighbourhood Forum to effectively define and secure delivery of Neighbourhood improvements or infrastructure
- Concerns over the potential distribution of New Homes Bonus or Community Infrastructure Levy resources to upper tier authorities in two tier areas.

The Chair and Vice Chair would, if necessary, make representations to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

RESOLVED 2011/001

- (1) That the report be noted.
- (2) In the light of any further information obtained, the Chair and Vice Chair to make representations to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government about the three points listed above.

5. GREATER NOTTINGHAM JOINT PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE

Grant Butterworth informed the meeting that the Joint Planning Advisory Board meeting took place on 17 February 2011. It had been well attended and covered issues of the impact of housing and housing growth.

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That the report be noted.

6. JOINT WASTE DEVELOPMENT PLAN – PROGRESS REPORT

In presenting the report, Grant Butterworth stated that the Government might seek to pass on fines to authorities who were in breach of EU Regulations.

With regard to the Nottingham City Energy Park, Grant Butterworth reported that a successful market testing had taken place. It was noted that the supply side of the industry was to be involved to help advise and input into the consultation. It was agreed that an update report be brought to the next meeting.

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That the report be noted.

7. TRANSPORT ISSUES UPDATE

Chris Carter, Nottingham City Council, introduced the report. Members felt that there was a positive opportunity for the two authorities to work together towards obtaining funding from the Local Sustainable Transport Fund.

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That the update be noted.

8. RAIL ISSUES UPDATE

Jim Bamford, Nottinghamshire County Council, introduced the report. He stated that work was proceeding with a bid to the Regional Growth Fund in Round 2. He informed Members that the letter previously referred to at the last minutes which was to be from Councillors Jackson and Urquhart had been delayed as the bid to the Fund had not been included in Round 1. Mr Bamford agreed to draft a letter to the Secretary of State for Transport along the lines proposed at the previous meeting. He referred to a recent meeting where the Department for Transport had made it clear that Round 2 would prioritise schemes which led to job creation and that the Regional Growth Fund was for more than transport purposes.

Mr Bamford read out part of a speech made by the Secretary of State for Transport, Philip Hammond at a conference on 3rd March 2011:

"We absolutely recognise the importance of modernising the rail network. We will prioritise projects that directly benefit job creation. From what I have seen so far I am slightly disappointed that we have not had more good transport bids to the Regional Growth Fund round 1".

Mr Bamford referred to the review of plans for an eastern branch (north of Birmingham) for the High Speed Rail network. He would bring a full report to the next meeting. Grant Butterworth commented that formal consultation had been issued with a six month time limit to respond.

The Robin Hood Line rail service was discussed, including the planned reduction of Sunday services. Mr Bamford read a written statement by the Rail Minister, Theresa Villiers:-

"It is only right that, once they have demonstrated value for money after a trial period, new or improved services promoted by local authorities are treated in a similar way to the more established services which are currently funded as part of the national network. I would therefore like to announce to the House that the Government still intends to fund the provision of new or enhanced services promoted by authorities which have rail industry support, but in view of the tough financial decisions made as part of the Spending Review, no such funding will be provided prior to April 2015 (the start of the next Spending Review period)."

It was agreed that following the inspection of the Ollerton line after the meeting, a report would be brought to the next meeting.

RESOLVED 2011/025

That the report be noted.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Friday, 24 June 2011 at Loxley House.

The meeting closed at 10.30 am.

At the conclusion of the meeting, some members and officers left to inspect the Ollerton rail line with Network Rail representatives.