

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

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GREATER NOTTINGHAM JOINT PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE

Summary

- 1 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. This report updates the Joint Committee on the work of JPAB.

Background

- 2 The last meeting of JPAB was held on 17th June, and the minutes of this meeting have not yet been published. The main item of business was to consider an approach to planning for future housing provision across Greater Nottingham, and a verbal update will be given.
- 3 Two meetings have taken place prior to this (17 February 2011, and 21st April) which have not yet been reported to this Committee, and the minutes of both meetings are attached.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Committee note the contents of this report.

Background Papers referred to in compiling this report

Greater Nottingham Joint Planning Advisory Board papers 17th June 2010.
Greater Nottingham Joint Planning Advisory Board papers 17th Feb 2011.
Greater Nottingham Joint Planning Advisory Board papers 21st April 2011.

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APPENDIX 1

Minutes of the Greater Nottingham Joint Planning Advisory Board held on 17th February 2011 at Nottingham Conference Centre

MINUTES OF THE GREATER NOTTINGHAM JOINT PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD HELD ON 17 FEBRUARY 2011 AT NOTTINGHAM TRENT UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE CENTRE

PRESENT

Broxtowe: Councillor Michael Rich (Chair);
Erewash: Councillor Geoff Smith;
Gedling: Councillor B Tait;
Nottinghamshire County: Councillor R Butler, Councillor R Jackson;
Rushcliffe: Councillor D Bell.

Officers in Attendance

Ashfield: Mr Trevor Watson;
Broxtowe: Mr Steve Dance, Mrs Ruth Hyde;
Derbyshire: Mr Steve Buffery;
Erewash: Ms Yvonne Wright;
Gedling: Mr Peter Baguley;
Growth Point: Ms Dawn Alvey, Mr Matt Gregory;
Nottingham City: Mr Grant Butterworth;
Nottinghamshire County: Mrs Sally Gill;
Rushcliffe: Mr Richard Mapletoft, Mr Paul Randle.

Observers

Barratt Homes Ltd: Mr Robert Galij;
Broxtowe: Miss Leonie Whincup;
EMDA: Mr Geoff Brown;
Environment Agency: Ms Naomi Wing;
Nottingham City: Councillor Ian Malcolm;
Oxalis Planning: Mr John Holmes.

Apologies:

Derbyshire County: Mrs Christine Massey;
HCA: Mr Mark Banister;
Nottinghamshire County: Mr Steve Calvert.

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

Cllr Rich (Broxtowe) chaired the meeting. He welcomed those attending and introductions were made.

2. **Approval of Minutes of last meeting and Matters Arising**

Agreed.

3. **Housing and Localism Seminar**

The Housing Seminar held earlier in the day proved to be useful with views of builders, developers and councillors shared in a non-confrontational environment.

4. **Core Strategy Update**

MG – key issues had been covered within the morning’s seminar. Good progress was being made with supporting evidence; the sustainability appraisal is now complete draft plan is awaiting sign off. The Infrastructure Delivery Plan is still ongoing and making good progress although it cannot be finalised until the housing provision figures are confirmed.

In order to prepare the next version of the ACS further consultation will be required on housing numbers. This allows an opportunity to consult on other policies of the plan and make changes where significant comments are made.

The draft timetable envisages consultations over the course of spring and during the summer. A revised draft of the ACS is expected to be published early next year.

Following MR’s request for information contained within the IDP, MG advised that a copy will be brought to a later meeting for members to see.

It was resolved to NOTE the report.

5. **Decentralisation and Localism Bill**

DA reported on the planning aspects of the Bill and the impact for Greater Nottingham HMA. The key points included the continuation of Local Plans to provide an overarching strategy, introduction of Neighbourhood Plans which are to be permissive documents which may have resource implications. A new Duty to Co-operate aligns well

with joint working. How the Bill will operate is still awaited; when this emerges further consideration will be required by this Board.

MR – asked if anyone had any information on CIL and how it could be shared between authorities.

GB – Newark & Sherwood has CIL officers who could help build an understanding of how to take this forward and bring a paper back to this Board.

PR - Rushcliffe has submitted a bid to pilot neighbourhood planning and will therefore keep the Board informed.

BT – Gedling has also submitted an application for Newstead.

It was resolved to NOTE the report.

6. **Programme of Development**

6.1 **Capital update**

DA gave a brief update on capital programme progress as tabled in the report. Outstanding grants have been received from CLG. Projects previously approved by this Board will be reviewed by ESG in March to reallocate underspend and reported back to JPAB in April for approval.

Review dates for allocations to Gedling Colliery and Ilkeston Station were discussed. Ilkeston Station has been allocated £1m from the programme. The project is progressing through to GRIP3-4 (a railway standard for project development). The Board agreed to safeguard funding until the end of Grip 4 assessment which is due to be completed by autumn 2011, after which a review of the project and allocation would take place.

It was agreed that the allocation for Gedling Colliery would be reviewed at the end of March to enable Gedling Borough Council to continue discussions with HCA.

6.2 **Revenue update**

The draft revenue budget was presented and included supporting activities for the ACS, site masterplanning and salaries with a provision of £5k towards a local study for High Speed Rail. The budget was approved and the allocation of £5k by ESG noted.

It was resolved to:

- 1. APPROVE the revenue budget for 2011/12;**
- 2. NOTE the indicative revenue budget for 2012/13;**
- 3. NOTE capital project progress;**
- 4. APPROVE review dates for capital allocations for Ilkeston Station and Gedling Colliery;**

7. Future Meeting Dates

Confirmation of future meeting dates as previously circulated to commence at 2.00 pm.

DATE	VENUE
Thursday 21 April 2011	Attenborough Visitor Centre
Friday 17 June 2011	Attenborough Visitor Centre
Wednesday 24 August 2011	Old Council Chamber, Town Hall, Beeston
Thursday 20 October 2011	Old Council Chamber, Town Hall, Beeston
Wednesday 14 December 2011	Old Council Chamber, Town Hall, Beeston

8. Any Other Business

None

APPENDIX 2

Minutes of the Greater Nottingham Joint Planning Advisory Board held on 21st April 2011 at Nottingham Conference Centre

MINUTES OF THE GREATER NOTTINGHAM JOINT PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD HELD ON 21 APRIL 2011 AT ATTENBOROUGH NATURE CENTRE

PRESENT

Broxtowe: Councillor Michael Rich (Chair);
Erewash: Councillor Geoff Smith;
Gedling: Councillor B Tait;
Nottingham City: Councillor J Urquhart;
Nottinghamshire County: Councillor R Butler;
Rushcliffe: Councillor D Bell

Officers in Attendance

Ashfield: Mr Trevor Watson;
Broxtowe: Mrs Ruth Hyde, Mr Steve Dance, Mr Steve Fisher;
Erewash Mr Adam Redditch;
Gedling: Mr Peter Baguley;
Growth Point: Ms Dawn Alvey, Mr Matt Gregory;
Nottingham City: Mr Grant Butterworth;
Rushcliffe: Mr Richard Mapletoft, Mr Paul Randle

Observers

Barratt Homes Ltd: Mr Robert Galij;
Blueprint: Mr Peter Conboy;
Broxtowe: Miss Longyu Cheng (student);
Environment Agency: Ms Naomi Wing;
HCA: Mr Mark Banister;

Apologies:

Nottingham City: Councillor Ian Malcolm;
Nottinghamshire County: Mrs Sally Gill; Councillor R Jackson

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

Cllr Rich (Broxtowe) chaired the meeting. He welcomed those attending and introductions were made.

2. **Approval of Minutes of last meeting**

Agreed.

2.1 **Matters Arising**

2.1.1 Community Infrastructure Levy

DA confirmed that a report on Community Infrastructure Levy would be brought to a future meeting.

2.1.2 Rushcliffe Borough Council

RBC has been successful in their bid for pilot status to take forward neighbourhood planning at Keyworth.

2.1.2 Gedling Borough Council

GBC has also been successful in with their bid for Newstead

3. **Aligned Core Strategy**

MG referred to the recent housing seminar and confirmed that officers are now reviewing the outcome of the housing scenarios work with a view to reporting their conclusions to JPAB in June along with a timetable for council approvals and public engagement. Good progress continues to be made on refining other elements of the ACS. Regular review of the evidence will ensure the ACS remains relevant and up to date. The Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulation Assessment are now complete with a small amount of follow up work being undertaken by Nottinghamshire County Council. The Infrastructure Delivery Plan links strongly to housing provision and consultation with stakeholders is currently underway. Employment issues are still need to be addressed.

It was resolved to NOTE the report.

4. Programme of Development

4.1 Update

- 4.1.1 DA reported that a review of projects was undertaken to determine any underspend for reallocation to reserved projects. Capital projects were progressing very well. An annual audit is scheduled in May of revenue and capital projects.
- 4.1.2 2008/09 projects are complete apart from Beeston Station which is outstanding with some slight slippage. There are some small savings from a couple of projects as well as DCC being able to release its allocation for two projects.
- 4.1.3 Within the 2009/10 allocation Ilkeston Station and Gedling Colliery were classed as high risk and costly projects. Funding has yet to be secured with the railway industry for Ilkeston Station. The Gedling Colliery site has been allocated £250k although GBC and HCA are deciding through a development panel when a programme of work can be established. A new review date for May 2011 is sought.
- 4.1.4 Within the 2010/11 allocation Nottingham City Council was unable to pursue an acquisition due to CLG funding delays. Therefore approx £600k can be reallocated to reserve projects.
- 4.1.5 JPAB previously agreed a list of projects from the capital programme together with a list of reserve projects. JPAB approved reallocation of underspend to the top four reserve projects including Trowell Junction, Forest Mill, Broxtowe Park and Trent River Park. JPAB agreed to delegate further underspend prior to August 2011 to ESG subject to underspend not exceeding £300,000
- 4.1.6 Derby and Nottingham HMA's have submitted a joint bid to CLG for Transition Funding to support joint working. If successful an additional £67k will be available over two years to support joint working activities. The Board will be notified once a decision has been made.
- 4.1.7 MR queried whether the current £900k underspend for reserved projects included Gedling Colliery.
- 4.1.8 DA confirmed that Gedling Colliery was not included in the underspend and this project would be subject to further review.

4.2 Green Street and Albany Works

DA introduced Peter Conboy (Blueprint) to present an overview of Green Street and Albany Works projects.

P Conboy began by explaining that Blueprint is a development company funded by Igloo (50%); emda (25%) and HCA (25%). His

presentation showed development at Green Street off Carlton Road which is mainly of mixed use regeneration housing types expected to be fully occupied by March 2012.

Growth Point has allocated £200k to fund Albany Works remediation work project.

A total of £20m has been invested for Stonebridge Park.

MB (HCA) noticed similarities in design to Manchester which has been successful.

GB (City) expressed the need to secure family housing and commented on the demand for 3-4 bed properties at Green Street and their marketability in order to take forward from a policy point of view.

PB (Gedling) queried Albany Work's affordability as situated in a low value area which may be a project risk.

PC (Blueprint) The Green Street project has proved successful in attracting two types of buyers from downsizing to those wishing to move upmarket. Mortgage valuers realised there is a sustainable market – Blueprint hope to repeat this success at Stonebridge.

PR (Rushcliffe) With regards to ongoing maintenance for either cladding or rendering would the responsibility be down to the owners?

PC (Blueprint) advised that it was something they had considered. White render could stain but their colour render won't fade. It is good quality and doesn't weather. The design of the roof terrace has a gap which throws water away from the render.

PR (Rushcliffe) questioned whether it would require another coat of paint or re-render when necessary.

MR (Broxtowe) asked if there was a possibility of owners using different colours for render.

PC (Blueprint) could not foresee any problems.

DB (Rushcliffe) stated that it was a big improvement for the area.

4.3 Erewash Valley Trail

A presentation by Steve Fisher (BBC) covered the successful scheme of the Erewash Valley Trail. He expressed his appreciation to receive Growth Point funding for this worthwhile project.

Notts and Derbys Wildlife Trusts worked well together to improve habitats and to promote the scheme.

NHS expressed an interest from a healthy living angle. PCT together with local groups helped improve signage for greater identity and removed styles. The trail has enabled communities to be brought together.

More funding from 6Cs will go towards improvements along the Nutbrook Trail. The Erewash canal has been designated a local wildlife site.

4.4 Programme of Development Overveiw

DA gave a presentation on project progress with before and after photographs of completed projects. Good progress had been made with some delays due to budget cuts and delays in receiving funding. Clear savings from joint working on commissions had been achieved.

MR hoped that this good work could continue. He announced that it has been a pleasure to chair JPAB but he will be stepping down from council duties at the local elections in May 2011.

It was resolved to:

- 1. NOTE capital project progress;**
- 2. APPROVE the proposed capital allocations to reserve projects as set out in the report;**
- 3. Delegate authority to allocate any further underspends identified in the period up to 31 August 2011 to the Executive Steering Group, subject to the total underspend not exceeding £300,000**
- 4. ENDORSE the review date for Gedling Colliery as set out in the report.**

5. Any Other Business

5.1 HCA

MB (HCA) explained that during roles of HCA was being clarified but likely that HCA's remit would include housing, regeneration and the economy and include some roles previously undertaken by emda. Further information on remit and future engagement arrangements will be provided when available.

5.2 LEP

MR advised that district councils were not represented for Local Enterprise Partnerships.

GB (City) advised that current structure envisaged district issues to be integrated via the Core City and Leadership Boards. Themed groups are currently being established which may include transport, housing and planning.

5.3 Councillor Michael Rich

On behalf of the Board, Councillor Bell expressed his thanks to Councillor Michael Rich for his hard work in chairing the JPAB meetings and wished him well for the future.

MR acknowledged gratitude given by the Board.

6. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held in the Conference Room at 2.00 pm on Friday 17 June 2011 at Attenborough Nature Centre.