

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 24th August 2011, and the minutes of this meeting have not yet been published. The main items of business were consideration of the Draft National Planning Policy Framework, an update on the Growth Point Programme of Development, and the Local Sustainable Transport Fund, where it was agreed that JPAB would provide strategic advice and direction to the development and delivery of the programme. A verbal update will be given.
- 3 The meeting previous to this took place on 17th June 2011, and the minutes of this meeting 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 24th August, 2011.
Greater Nottingham Joint Planning Advisory Board papers 17th June, 2011.

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APPENDIX 1

PRESENT

Ashfield: Councillor G Maxwell;
Gedling: Councillor R Allan;
Nottingham City: Councillor J Urquhart (Chair);
Nottinghamshire County: Councillor R Butler;
Rushcliffe: Councillor D Bell

Officers in Attendance

Ashfield: Ms Christine Sarris;
Broxtowe: Mrs Ruth Hyde, Mr Steve Dance;
Derbyshire: Mrs Christine Massey;
Erewash: Mr Adam Reddish;
Gedling: Mr Peter Baguley, Ms Joanna Gray;
Growth Point: Mr Matt Gregory;
Nottingham City: Mr Grant Butterworth;
Nottinghamshire County: Mrs Sally Gill;
Rushcliffe: Mr Richard Mapletoft, Mr Paul Randle

Observers

DPDS: Mr Chris Lindley;
Environment Agency: Ms Naomi Wing;
HCA: Mr Mark Banister;
Nottingham City: Councillor Ian Malcolm;
Oxalis Planning: Mr John Holmes;
Peveril Securities: Mr James Smith

Apologies:

Broxtowe: Councillor Steve Barber;
Growth Point: Ms Dawn Alvey
Nottinghamshire City: Councillor Alan Clark

1. Welcome and Apologies

Cllr Urquhart (City) chaired the meeting in the absence of Broxtowe's Chair or Ashfield's appointed Vice Chair. She welcomed those attending and introductions were made for the benefit of new members to the Board.

2. Approval of Minutes of last meeting

Approved.

2.1 **Matters Arising**

None.

3. **Terms of Reference**

MG referred to the Terms of Reference which were set three years ago but were now due to be reviewed. The Terms of Reference were re-endorsed by Members of the Board and agreed to be ongoing.

It was resolved to APPROVE the report.

4. **Introduction to and review of the work of JPAB**

- 4.1 MG gave a presentation to highlight the work of the Board primarily for the benefit of new members but it also served to reinforce key focus areas for existing members.

A series of illustrations were shown of projects across the Greater Nottingham area which had funding allocations from Growth Point's £11m capital programme and £1m revenue programme. Evidence has shown that it has enabled savings and efficiencies to be made through joint policy working.

RB (County) - Asked for a copy of the presentation to show others as it would help to illustrate the work of the Board by giving them examples of results.

JU (City) - It has proved to be a useful exercise by recognising what is important in the conurbation where people live and work.

DB (Rushcliffe) - Requested a synopsis of the presentation for his fellow members who may be more sceptical.

MG - Agreed to circulate an electronic version to the Board including absent attendants.

It was resolved to NOTE the report.

5. **Aligned Core Strategies (and presentation)**

- 5.1 MG explained, for the benefit of new councillors, why Broxtowe, Erewash, Gedling and Nottingham City councils were revisiting the housing numbers as outlined in the Draft Housing Provision Position

Paper. These proposed housing figures will be included in the next draft version of the Aligned Core Strategies. The Government's new household projection figures has raised concerns amongst local authorities – the figures are higher than those proposed in the Option for Consultation report and are challenging to meet in terms of delivery. Officers from all of the HMA authorities had jointly commissioned work to review the housing projections looking at longer trends. Four scenarios had been prepared to inform future housing provision:

1. Natural change in the existing population;
2. In and out migration in balance;
3. No increase in jobs;
4. Continuing past house building rates.

The review of evidence to respond to new Government directions has led to delays in progressing publication of the Aligned Core Strategy. Need to ensure ACS policies and housing numbers are supported by appropriate evidence.

RBC and ADC figures and decisions will be announced in Autumn 2011

5.2 Timetable

The timetable for publication of the Aligned Core Strategy was approved.

JU (City) thought it was comprehensive and clear.

MB (HCA) was under the impression that funding was allocated for all six local authorities not just the four as part of the joint working.

MG explained that all authorities are continuing to maximise alignment across the whole range of policies not just housing. There may be opportunities for RBC to integrate more closely later in the year.

It was resolved to:

- 1. AGREE the content of the Aligned Core Strategies Housing Provision Position Statement;**
- 2. NOTE the intentions of Broxtowe, Erewash, Gedling and Nottingham City Councils to publish the HPPP as a basis for preparing the ACS and to consult on a revised Climate Change Policy and on locally distinct matters; and**
- 3. NOTE the approaches being taken in Ashfield District Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council to prepare housing provision figures for their areas.**

6. **Programme of Development**

MG referred to the latest position and review of expenditure as summarised in Appendices 1 and 2 of the report.

Offer letters have been issued for this current round of reserve projects as approved at the last JPAB meeting. Next round of grant claims will cover the period up until the end of June 2011.

GBC requested an extension of time until the end of July 2011 for their funding allocation for Gedling Colliery in order to allow developer representations via the HCA panel to be taken into account.

A satisfactory audit was prepared on Growth Point in May 2011 to be submitted to Leicester City Council as overall Accountable Body.

Both Derby and Nottingham HMAs were successful with their bids for Transition Funding. Each have been awarded £63,000 to help support work of the Board.

It was resolved to

1. **NOTE the capital and revenue updates; and**
2. **APPROVE a review deadline of July 2011 for the Gedling Colliery allocation.**

7. **Community Infrastructure Levy**

MG reported that each council will be responsible for introducing a Community Infrastructure Levy for new developments. CIL will largely replace S106 agreements/contributions - the scope of which will be reduced by April 2014. Future S106 contributions can still be charged but only where CIL is not being sought for the same infrastructure item. Councils will need to prepare a charging schedule for different types of development and locations informed by viability work and an Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

Newark & Sherwood were one of the CLG's 'front runners' for CIL. CLG has since invited further applications and GBC has submitted an Expression of Interest. An aligned approach to introducing CIL is recommended and therefore if GBC's bid is successful close partnership working will be important to secure alignment.

SG (County) - NCC has a wider issue with CLG regarding the absence of a mechanism to pass CIL contributions to other organisations eg for Highway and Education schemes.

RH (Broxtowe) - There are a number of amendments being made for affordable housing within CIL; will be interesting how it develops.

SD (Broxtowe) – Councils will need to consider basis for charging including implications of scale of development, footprint and density.

JU (City) - Makes sense to work jointly to achieve economies of scale.

It was resolved to NOTE the report.

8. **Any other Business**

The next meeting will be held at 2.00 pm on Wednesday 24 August 2011 at the Town Hall, Beeston.