Meeting JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT

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GREATER NOTTINGHAM JOINT PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE

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

Background

- The last meetings of JPAB were held on 20th October and 14th December 2011. The minutes of the October meeting are to be considered on 14th December and are therefore not available for inclusion in this report. On the 20th October the main item of business was consideration of guidance from the Planning Inspectorate on soundness issues associated with the preparation of Aligned Core Strategies and an update from Rushcliffe Borough Council on housing provision. A verbal update will be provided.
- The meeting previous to the above took place on 24th August 2011, and the minutes of this meeting are attached (Appendix 1).

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 20th October, 2011.

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Appendix 1

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MINUTES OF THE GREATER NOTTINGHAM JOINT PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD (JPAB) HELD ON 24 AUGUST 2011 AT BROXTOWE BOROUGH COUCIL

PRESENT

Broxtowe: Councillor S D Barber (Chair);

Erewash: Councillor G Smith; **Gedling:** Councillor R Allan; **Rushcliffe:** Councillor D Bell;

Officers in Attendance

Ashfield: Lisa Bell;

Broxtowe: Steve Dance Erewash: Steve Birkinshaw; Gedling: Alison Gibson;

Growth Point: Dawn Alvey, Matthew Grant, Matt Gregory;

Nottingham City: Chris Carter; Nottinghamshire County: Sally Gill;

Rushcliffe: Richard Mapletoft;

Observers

Environment Agency: Naomi Doughty;

HCA: Mark Banister;

Nottingham City: Councillor I Malcolm;

Apologies

Ashfield: Trevor Watson; Broxtowe: Ruth Hyde; Derbyshire: Chris Massey; Erewash: Yvonne Wright; Gedling: Peter Baguley;

Nottinghamshire City: Grant Butterworth, Councillor A Clark, Councillor J

Urguhart:

Nottinghamshire County: Councillor R Butler;

Rushcliffe: Paul Randle:

1. Welcome and Apologies

Councillor Steve Barber, Chair, welcomed those attending and introductions were made for the benefit of new members to the board.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. <u>Minutes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising</u>

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2011 were approved. There were no matters arising.

4. Aligned Core Strategies (ACS)

The board were updated on progress with the ACS including progress with the Housing Provision Paper and Climate Change consultations. The board noted the report and it was considered imperative that the timetable as reported be adhered to. MG confirmed that the ACS would have regard to the draft National Planning Policy Framework. A critical friend meeting with the Planning Inspector is planned for early October.

Cllr Smith queried when the infrastructure paper would be available. DA would circulate this paper to board members when it had reached an appropriate state. The report will need to include conclusions of the transport modelling work currently underway.

It was resolved to **NOTE** progress on the ACS.

5. **Programme of Development**

The board were informed of the latest position regarding the programme of development. Grant claims up to 31 June 2011 had been received and were being progressed. Broxtowe Borough Council had previously agreed to recycle a proportion of S106 monies back into the Growth Point fund.

It was noted that the Executive Steering Group had approved a capital allocation of £278,000 for the Attenborough/Beeston Marina reserve project. It was commented that this was hoped to enhance cycle provision in the area.

It was resolved to:

- 1. **NOTE** the action of the Executive Steering Group in approving an allocation of £278,000 to the Attenborough to Beeson Marina Reserve Project;
- 2. **SAFEGUARD** the allocation of £250,000 for Gelding Colliery pending further viability work;

- 3. Subject to approval by Nottingham City Council as responsible body **APPROVE** the extension of the Growth Point Planning Manager and the Commissioning and Delivery Manager by 12 months;
- 4. **ENDORSE** the partnership health check.

6. <u>Draft National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)</u>

The board received a presentation from Matt Gregory and were given a report highlighting the relevant strategic planning issues in the recently released draft NPPF which impact on the work of the JPAB and ACS.

It was commented that this increased the need for plans to be robust in particular to ensure the protection of the green belt. A concern was raised that, as the Broxtowe Local Plan was due for completion at the end of this year, the authority may be vulnerable and clarification was sought on this issue. It was suggested that confirmation be sought on the weight to be given to emerging draft plans by the Planning Inspectorate. It was noted that draft plans are expected to be given considerable weight by a planning inspector. Cllr Barber commented that councils need to maintain momentum to meet the current timescale for adoption.

Mark Bannister (HCA) commented that NPPF placed increased importance on joint working such as that progressed by this Board.

Rushcliffe Borough Council had been carrying out local consultations and would submit a paper to the next meeting of the JPAB indicating their plans. This was expected to follow the aforementioned timescales.

Consultation responses were to be given by each authority however it was considered the JPAB should submit a joint response to strategic issues. This would be formulated via e-mail and signed by the Chair before submission.

It was resolved to **NOTE** the report and formulate a joint consultation response via e-mail, to be signed by the Chair for submission to the Department of Communities and Local Government

7. <u>Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF)</u>

The board received a presentation from Chris Carter and were given a report highlighting the progress of the Nottingham Urban Area LSTF bid and proposed governance arrangements to involve the bid partners and the JPAB in the delivery of the key component bid programme. Cllr Barber - supported the concept of multipurpose smart cards. Cllr Smith – queried LEP involvement. CC confirmed LEP would be endorsing future bids but would not have a direct role. Cllr Bell – requested clarification on the proposed use of social networking. CC – very

relevant for younger age groups and community groups. MB queried bid timeline and progress of other councils. CC – complex and phased bidding structure – other bid outcomes not yet clear.

Following approval of the governance arrangements, CC and DA would work on defining the roles and responsibilities of each tier and report Terms of Reference to the Board.

It was resolved to:

- 1. **NOTE** the report;
- 2. **RECEIVE** a future report setting out the Terms of Reference and detailing the Board's role in providing strategic advice and direction in the development and delivery of the LSTF programme;
- 3. **RECEIVE** quarterly update reports on progression of the Key Component programme.

8. Any other business

The next meeting will be held at 2.00pm on 20 October 2011 at the Town Hall, Beeston.