

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT**

**MINUTES of the meeting held at Loxley House on 20 SEPTEMBER 2013 from  
10.06 am to 10.57 am**

**Nottinghamshire County Council**

- ✓ Councillor Jim Creamer (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor Kevin Greaves
- ✓ Councillor Stan Heptinstall  
Councillor Richard Jackson
- ✓ Councillor Steve Calvert (substitute for Councillor Kevin Greaves)

**Nottingham City Council**

- ✓ Councillor Alan Clark
- ✓ Councillor Ian Malcolm  
Councillor Toby Neal
- ✓ Councillor Jane Urquhart (Chair)
- ✓ Indicates present at meeting

**Colleagues, partners and others in attendance**

Jim Bamford	- Rail Officer	)	
Sally Gill	- Group Manager, Policy	)	Nottinghamshire County Council
Kevin Sharman	- Team Manager, Transport	)	
	Planning and Programme	)	
	Development	)	
Chris Carter	- Transport Strategy Manager	)	Nottingham City Council
Matt Gregory	- Growth Point Planning and	)	
	Planning Policy Manager	)	
Martyn Gould	- Nottingham Express Transit		

**1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

**RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Jane Urquhart as Chair of this Committee for this municipal year (2013/14).**

**2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR**

**RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Jim Creamer as Vice-Chair of this Committee for this municipal year (2013/14).**

**3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Kevin Greaves

#### **4 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

None

#### **5 MINUTES**

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2013 as a correct record and they were signed by the Chair.

#### **6 GREATER NOTTINGHAM JOINT PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE**

Matt Gregory, Growth Point Planning and Planning Policy Manager, Nottingham City Council, introduced the report of the Joint Officer Steering Group updating the Committee on the work of the Joint Planning Advisory Board (JPAB) on the Greater Nottingham Core Strategies considered at its meeting on 21 May 2013.

Matt informed the Committee that the JPAB will be reviewing its Terms of Reference and role and will be holding a workshop in the autumn to discuss the way forward. He provided the following information in response to questions and comments from the Committee:

- (a) the Planning Inspector has set aside 2 weeks for the public inquiry, but if there are groups that wish to speak at the inquiry then they should let her know as it may affect the time set aside. 2 weeks is the standard timeframe for an inquiry but this is a complex case;
- (b) the schedule for the inquiry is draft and the Inspector has the discretion to change it. When she reviews the statements she can decide that more time is needed to discuss all the elements.

**RESOLVED to note the report.**

#### **7 WASTE CORE STRATEGY UPDATE**

Sally Gill, Group Manager, Policy, Nottinghamshire County Council, introduced the report of the Joint Officer Steering Group updating the Committee on the progress of the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Waste Core Strategy. It is expected that a draft report of an independent examination of the Strategy will be published on 27 September 2013.

**RESOLVED to note the report.**

#### **8 TRANSPORT ISSUES UPDATE**

Chris Carter, Transport Strategy Manager, Nottingham City Council, introduced the report of the Joint Officer Steering Group updating the Committee on the key transport issues for the Greater Nottingham area.

The Committee made the following comments:

- (a) there are frequent changes to regimes for funding for transport infrastructure which makes it difficult to plan. Certainty of funding is needed to plan for schemes;

- (b) issues with queuing at the Silverdale roundabout will be looked at again when the work to widen the A453 is completed;
- (c) both Councils need to work together to ensure that the County are aware of 20mph zones introduced in the City adjacent to County boundaries so that they can investigate whether there is any possible work the County can do to complement them.

**RESOLVED to**

- (1) **note the report;**
- (2) **request Chris Carter, Transport Strategy Manager, Nottingham City Council, and Kevin Sharman, Team Manager, Transport Planning and Programme Development, Nottinghamshire County Council, to draft correspondence to the Department for Transport regarding the difficulties encountered by the authorities caused by the frequent changes to the funding regime for transport infrastructure.**

**9 RAIL ISSUES UPDATE**

Jim Bamford, Rail Officer, Nottinghamshire County Council, introduced the report of the Joint Officer Steering Group updating the Committee on the key rail issues in and into Greater Nottingham and rail services across the local authorities' boundaries.

The Committee made the following comments:

- (a) everyone involved in the arrangements around the station closure did an excellent job. The outcome of the arrangements was worth all of the planning, and it is important to make sure that the experience gained is used for other projects;
- (b) in the draft response to the consultation on High Speed 2 it is important to challenge some of the presumptions they have made to ensure that the City remains well connected and that the service from the City is not reduced once the new station opens at Toton;
- (c) the tram extension will improve trade and footfall in the areas which will be served by it. The extension has also provided the opportunity to do some town centre refurbishment in Beeston.

**RESOLVED to note the report.**

**10 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED to meet at 10.00 am on the following Fridays:**

**13 December 2013  
21 March 2014**