

City Of Nottingham And Nottinghamshire Economic Prosperity Committee
6 March 2020

Subject:	Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan (Core Strategy Reviews)	
Presenting authority / representative):	Nottingham City Council Chris Henning, Corporate Director, Development & Growth	
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Key Decision <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Subject to call-in <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Value of decision: £0	<input type="checkbox"/> Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Capital	
Authorities affected: Ashfield, Broxtowe, Gedling, Nottingham City, Rushcliffe	Date of consultation with relevant authorities: N/A	
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/constituent authorities):		
<p>A new Strategic Plan is to be prepared to replace the existing Core Strategies (Part 1 Local Plans) covering Greater Nottingham. This will set the housing provision (based on housing need) and employment land requirements for the area up to 2038. The first stage will be the publication of a 'Growth Options' document for consultation.</p> <p>Greater Nottingham, includes the Borough of Erewash in Derbyshire, which covers Long Eaton and Ilkeston. Erewash were expected to be party to the same process, but instead have decided to publish their own 'Growth Option' which presents a preferred quantum and distribution of housing development for the Borough.</p>		
Exempt information: None		
Recommendation(s):		
That the EPC note this report		

1 Reasons for recommendations

1.1 The preparation of a Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan will have direct relevance to achieving the aims and objectives of the EPC.

2 Background (including outcomes of consultation)

Strategic Planning Policies

2.1 Every council has a statutory duty to prepare and keep up to date a Local Plan covering its area. Local Plans must include strategic planning policies, and to ensure cross-boundary matters are taken into account, the preparation of strategic policies is subject to the Duty to Cooperate.

2.2 Strategic policies are currently included in the Core Strategies (Part 1 Local Plans) of the Greater Nottingham authorities (Broxtowe, Erewash, Gedling, Nottingham City and Rushcliffe Councils). Government policy, set out in the National Planning Policy Framework, is for Local Plans to be kept under review, at least on a five year cycle. The Core Strategies were adopted in 2014.

- 2.3 Preparation of a new Strategic Plan for Greater Nottingham to 2038 has commenced, and as the first formal stage, a 'Growth Option' consultation is to be published in the spring. Crucially, Strategic Plans set the quantum and distribution of housing and employment development expected over the Plan period, and the consultation will seek views on whether there are reasons to depart from the Government's standard methodology for assessing housing need, the appropriate amount of employment land required. It will also include a range of other matters, such as the infrastructure requirements to support growth, the policy approach to the Green Belt, and a range of environmental matters such as climate change, biodiversity, flood risk, and the historic environment.

Position in Erewash Borough

- 2.4 A draft Statement of Common Ground anticipated that all the Councils would consult on a single 'Options for Growth' document, informed by a consultants study into growth options, due to report at the beginning of March.
- 2.5 However, Erewash BC are consulting on a separate "Options for Growth" document covering their Borough only. There has been no formal discussion with other Greater Nottingham Councils in preparing or undertaking this consultation. Erewash's document presents a single preferred option, proposing sufficient sites to meet the housing needs of the Borough based on the government's current Standard Methodology.

Next Steps

- 2.6 Following consultation on the Greater Nottingham Growth Options Consultation in the Spring, a draft Strategic Plan is to be prepared for further consultation in January 2021.
- 2.7 It is hoped that Erewash will seek to 're-align' their strategy with the wider Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan at this stage of plan making. However, there is a risk that their approach will pre-empt and potentially prevent a strategic approach being taken across the housing market area. For instance, it may be desirable for there to be a different level of housing growth in Erewash due to increased anticipated housing growth overall, or to capitalise on the prospect of HS2, or to respond to environmental constraints.
- 2.8 The participating Councils will respond to Erewash's consultation indicating the risks to both Strategic Plans in taking a separate approach.

3 Other options considered in making recommendations

- 3.1 None – the Strategic Plan will be part of each Council's Local Plan, the preparation of which is a statutory requirement.

4 Financial implications (including value for money/vat)

- 4.1 None

5 Legal and procurement colleague comments (including risk management issues, and legal, crime and disorder act and procurement implications)

- 5.1 None

6 Social value considerations

6.1 None

7 Equality impact assessment (eia)

Has the equality impact been assessed?

- (a) not needed (report does not contain proposals for new or changing policies, services or functions, financial decisions or decisions about implementation of policies development outside the Council) ✓
- (b) No
- (c) Yes – Equality Impact Assessment attached

An EIA is not required because the report does not contain any changes to policy.

8 List of background papers relied upon in writing this report (not including published documents or confidential or exempt information)

8.1 None

9 Published documents referred to in this report

National Planning Policy Framework, February 2019
Erewash Borough Council Options for Growth, January 2020