

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT**

**MINUTES of the meeting held at County Hall on 6 March 2020 from  
10.30 am to 11:42 am**

**Nottinghamshire County Council**

- ✓ Councillor Jim Creamer
- ✓ Councillor Phil Rostance
- ✓ Councillor Kevin Rostance
- ✓ Councillor Gordon Wheeler (Chair)

**Nottingham City Council**

- ✓ Councillor Michael Edwards
- ✓ Councillor Sally Longford
- ✓ Councillor Adele Williams
- ✓ Councillor Linda Woodings
  
- ✓ Indicates present at meeting

**Colleagues, partners and others in attendance**

**Nottinghamshire County Council**

Martin Gately	- Democratic Services
Sally Gill	- Group Manager Planning
Suzanne Osborne-James	- Principal Planning Officer
Stephen Pointer	- Team Manager, Planning Policy
Kevin Sharman	- Team Manager, Transport
Nina Wilson	- Principal Planning Officer

**Nottingham City Council**

Chris Carter	- Development and Growth
Peter McAnespie	- Local Plans and Partnership Manager

**1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 6 DECEMBER 2019**

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2019 as a correct record, and they were signed by the Chairman.

## **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Kevin Rostance replaced Councillor Eric Kerry for this meeting only.

## **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

None.

## **4. PRESENTATION – UPDATE FROM EAST MIDLANDS RAIL**

The representative from East Midlands Rail was unable to attend, so the presentation was postponed to a future meeting.

## **5. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE MINERALS LOCAL PLAN AND NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE WASTE LOCAL PLAN**

Sally Gill, Group Manager, Planning Policy, introduced the report and explained that the submission [on the minerals local plan?] had been made to the planning inspector towards the end of January. Nicholas Palmer has been appointed as the inspector and the consultation commences 28 April. The Waste Local Plan consultation on issues and options started on 28 February and concludes on 9 April. Mrs Gill encouraged Members to ask communities and colleagues to participate. Councillor Wheeler requested that Members be provided with the link to the consultation document.

In response to questions from Members, Mrs Gill indicated there were no plans for shale gas development in the county. There is a moratorium due to the Lancashire earth tremor issues, although it is not known at this stage if this will be permanent.

### **RESOLVED 2020/001**

That:

- 1) the report be noted.

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

Matt Gregory, [check job title] introduced the report and stated that Hucknall was still to prepare a local plan. Consultants will be attending the next meeting of the Joint Planning Advisory Board where the draft plan will be fed back to them.

Growth options are an important part of the consultation, which will take place in April/May. Previously, it had always been envisaged that Erewash would be

part of the Greater Nottingham consultation. However, they have gone earlier without meaningful engagement with partners. This could pre-empt and undermine strategy, especially around HS2. Although they have published earlier than the rest of the partnership, it would be beneficial to realign at the next stage of plan making.

The June JPAB meeting will be used as a Members' workshop in order to try to identify a potential way forward.

In response to questions from Members, Mr Gregory indicated that the methodology for the gypsy and traveller needs assessment will come from specialist consultants who understand how the communities work. There are probably fewer than 5000 gypsies and travellers living within the city boundary, and the Roma living in in Sneinton live in houses rather than travel.

In response to comments from Members regarding the construction of large amounts of student accommodation in the City, and particularly in the North Meadows, Mr Gregory said that the drive for rapid expansion had come from the universities. The universities only plan two or three years ahead, and further expansion is anticipated.

Mr Gregory added that HS2 will need to be prepared for even though it is recognised that it will not take place until the latter part of the plan period.

In response to further comments from Members, Mr Gregory indicated that the Ratcliffe-on-Soar power station was due to close in 2025. Further updates would be provided to the committee on possible future use for the site e.g. energy or incinerator.

## **RESOLVED 2020/002**

That the report be noted.

## **7. TRANSPORT UPDATE**

Chris Carter, Development and Growth Manager at the City Council and Kevin Sharman, Team Manager, Transport at the County Council introduced the report. Members heard that the programme to retrofit bus exhausts was proceeding well with 150 double deckers now having been fitted. Members also heard that there was also support for Hackney Carriage drivers to covert to Ultra Low Emission Vehicles (ULEVS), with 100 taxis currently compliant.

In addition, the Northern Rail franchise which includes the route from Nottingham to Leeds was brought under government control from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020.

Regarding bus links from Rushcliffe villages to East Midlands Airport, officers are continuing to work with employers to improve connections, and are

currently looking at demand responsive services as well bidding for rural bus funds.

In response to comments from Members regarding the very severe congestion caused by the Clifton Bridge closure, Mr Sharman said that a lot of the traffic is not local traffic and is therefore not necessarily solvable by tram networks. Options are being carefully considered that will allow a move forward on modal shift. Members were keen that any future closures did not cause similar problems. Discussions regarding joint lobbying of Highways England should take place after the meeting.

In relation to the extremely long commutes still being experienced by people in the Hucknall area due to road works in Bulwell, Mr Carter explained that funding needed to be secured for the Hucknall Park and Ride expansion bid. Members requested a presentation on the ideas to alleviate traffic in and around the city, and the Chairman suggested that Councillor Rostance address the Hucknall congestion issue in detail with officers outside the meeting.

Members also referenced the supplementary planning document on air quality within the City and the requirement for net zero carbon emissions by 2028. Everything possible will be done to meet this, including the possible introduction of an anti-idling policy (e.g. for rail crossings and outside schools). This was likely to take two to three years to effectively introduce.

### **RESOLVED 2020/003**

That:

- 1) The report noted.

### **8. WORK PROGRAMME**

The following items were suggested for inclusion in the future work programme:

- The deferred presentation from East Midlands Rail
- Supplementary planning documents e.g. on bio-diversity
- Anything from the budget on local transport issues
- Corporate update on development (September 2020)

### **9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 5 June 2020 – Loxley House**

The meeting closed at 11:42 am

**CHAIRMAN**

Jt Strategic Planning & Transport