

**EXECUTIVE BOARD – 22 APRIL 2014**

<b>Subject:</b>	City Centre Time and Place Plan		
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<b>Portfolio Holder(s):</b>	Councillor Jane Urquhart, Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transportation Councillor Nick McDonald, Portfolio Holder for Jobs and Growth		
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<b>Key Decision</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>Subject to call-in</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Reasons:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Expenditure <input type="checkbox"/> Income <input type="checkbox"/> Savings of £1,000,000 or more taking account of the overall impact of the decision			<input type="checkbox"/> Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Capital
Significant impact on communities living or working in two or more wards in the City			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Total value of the decision:</b> Nil			
<b>Wards affected:</b> All		<b>Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s):</b> 13 February 2013	
<b>Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:</b>			
Cutting unemployment by a quarter			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cut crime and anti-social behaviour			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ensure more school leavers get a job, training or further education than any other City			<input type="checkbox"/>
Your neighbourhood as clean as the City Centre			<input type="checkbox"/>
Help keep your energy bills down			<input type="checkbox"/>
Good access to public transport			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham has a good mix of housing			<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham is a good place to do business, invest and create jobs			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham offers a wide range of leisure activities, parks and sporting events			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Support early intervention activities			<input type="checkbox"/>
Deliver effective, value for money services to our citizens			<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):</b>			
<p>The City Centre Time and Place Plan (T&amp;PP) brings together an update of policies in the City Centre with the aim of providing a framework for creating a successful shopping, employment, leisure and residential area. It works in concert with the Retail Strategy recently approved by the Business Improvement District (BID) and relevant parts will be included in the emerging Nottingham Local Plan.</p> <p>Recent consultation has shown that key issues in the T&amp;PP are proposals relating to changed traffic, including bus, movements and also those relating to licensed premises.</p>			
<b>Exempt information:</b>			
None			
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>			
<b>1</b> To approve the final draft of the City Centre T&PP for publication.			
<b>2</b> To note the consultation responses and actions taken in regard to them, detailed in Appendix 1.			
<b>3</b> To note that detailed proposals on the key items raised in consultation (traffic, including buses, and premises licensing) will be discussed further with interested parties including the BID, Chamber of Commerce and bus operators.			

## **1 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1.1 To have a framework for considering proposals and projects in the City Centre, that can be linked and taken account of in relevant statutory and non-statutory plans and policies such as the emerging Nottingham Local Plan and the Licensing Policy.
- 1.2 The Plan has taken into account significant consultation responses.
- 1.3 Further detailed work needs to be done on the traffic and licensing issues highlighted by several consultees, although some will be resolved in the current review of the City Centre Saturation Zone. The T&PP acts as an inspirational framework document but does not include details of individual projects.

## **2 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)**

- 2.1 The T&PP is intended to provide a framework for developing the City Centre to meet the City Council's objectives of encouraging growth and providing facilities for residents and visitors. It complements the Retail Strategy which contains specific measures to reduce the number of vacant shops and improve the shopping offer. The T&PP covers the spatial and time elements of the City Centre strategy.
- 2.2 The vision for the T&PP is for a safe, healthy and vital centre, embracing new ideas, and building on the creativity of our residents, universities, employers and business people. We will also make best use of our assets – principally connectivity, in the form of a compact walk-able and cycle-able centre with excellent public transport and car parking; people, bringing creativeness, innovation and cultural advance; and history, with a series of important people and events reflected in an array of outstanding buildings and places. The key to success will be to work with the rhythm and grain of the City Centre, building on existing character and potential with better management and selective elements of change including, where possible, use of technology.
- 2.3 The T&PP sets out the concepts of quarters surrounding a reduced retail core. It builds on the original Creative Quarter concept to also identify the Castle, Canal and Royal quarters, each with its own distinctive characteristics. The proposed Retail Core includes both the Broadmarsh and Victoria centres and helps to provide the context for their refurbishment and the improvement of the streets and areas around them.
- 2.4 It also includes the Southern Gateway redevelopment area and associated road and public realm proposals stretching from the station to the Castle. It introduces the idea of a family friendly area around the Old Market Square and Upper Parliament Street, where late night stand-up bars and clubs will be resisted where possible. It also proposes that the Canal Quarter, around Carrington Street, the canal and Canal Street, should be designated as an area where late night activities might be acceptable if properly designed and managed. Both these initiatives, around premises licensing and changes to existing roads including some pedestrianisation proposals, have proved controversial.
- 2.5 The plan has already been discussed with various stakeholders and was the subject of a successful business launch at the Council House. A three-month

general consultation period has resulted in 36 responses, some quite detailed and covering many areas. Initial actions as a result of these responses are shown in Appendix 1.

2.6 However many of the consultation responses refer to the detail of proposals that have not yet been worked up. Therefore there is the need for more discussion and engagement, as further details are known.

2.7 The T&PP has been changed to cover many of the responses received detailed in Appendix 1, but certain points were not agreed because they challenged what are considered to be key concepts, such as providing new public realm or developing City Centre quarters with distinct characteristics linked to appropriate premises licensing.

### **3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS**

3.1 Not implementing the T&PP was rejected as it would prevent the establishment of the proposed framework for considering the City Centre and the associated policies and proposals being made public.

### **4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)**

4.1 There are no immediate financial implications although some of the individual regeneration or public realm projects mentioned will have financial implications which will be assessed at the appropriate time.

### **5 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES (INCLUDING LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS)**

5.1 Following advice from the Crime and Drugs Partnership, a Section 17 assessment will be considered.

### **6 SOCIAL VALUE CONSIDERATIONS**

6.1 The plan includes policies and proposals to improve the shopping and leisure experience in the City Centre for everyone, particularly those who sometimes have a perception of not being catered for (e.g. families and older people).

### **7 REGARD TO THE NHS CONSTITUTION**

7.1 No direct impacts

### **8 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

Due regard should be given to the equality implications identified in any attached EIA.

**9 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS RELIED UPON IN WRITING THIS REPORT (NOT INCLUDING PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS OR CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION)**

9.1 None

**10 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN THIS REPORT**

Retail Strategy

<http://www.investinnottingham.com/websitefiles/Retail%20Strategy%20Nottingham.pdf>

Nottingham Local Plan

<http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/Localplan>

**11 OTHER COLLEAGUES WHO HAVE PROVIDED INPUT**

11.1 None