

Report of the Chief Executive**TOTON SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT UPDATE****1. Purpose of Report**

To update Members regarding the progress of the Toton Supplementary Planning Document.

2. Background

The Masterplanning work for Toton which was jointly commissioned by Broxtowe Borough Council with Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) and Erewash Borough Council was always intended to result in the output of a detailed design document that could be adopted by Broxtowe Borough Council as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

Following the consultation exercise undertaken late last year it was expected that the SPD would be considered at this Committee. However, due to two important factors, it has been proposed that the SPD be refined and brought to the next Jobs and Economy Committee in June of 2021.

A Report of Engagement is appended to this paper, summarising the key issues raised and how they are being addressed through the Strategic Masterplan.

3. Financial implications

Continued work on the development of the Masterplan will be supported by Department for Transport (DfT) grant funding secured to develop plans for growth around Toton. The commission with Arup has been procured by Nottinghamshire County Council on behalf of project partners. National Model Design Code pilot, if awarded, is funded by a £50,000 grant from Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to NOTE the report.

Background papers

Nil

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2. Toton/Chetwynd SPD

The Masterplanning work for Toton, which was jointly commissioned by Broxtowe Borough Council with Nottinghamshire County Council and Erewash Borough Council was always intended to result in the output of a detailed design document that could be adopted by Broxtowe Borough Council as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). This is subject to members' decision on a separate report on this agenda.

Development in this area is closely linked to the potential HS2 station and is of major importance to the borough as a whole (and areas beyond). The SPD will build on policy 2 in the Core Strategy and policies 3.1 and 3.2 in the Part 2 Local Plan, and it will provide extensive guidance on the scale and form of development. It provides a link to the Development Corporation work being undertaken at both local and County levels.

Following the consultation exercise undertaken late last year it was expected that the feedback obtained would be incorporated into the SPD whereupon it would be considered at this Committee. If approved, it would have been issued for public consultation before an adoption date later envisaged to be later in the Spring of 2021.

However, due to two important factors, it has been proposed that the SPD be refined and brought to the next Jobs and Economy Committee in June of 2021. The reasons for this are: the forthcoming Nottinghamshire County Council elections; and the prospect of the Government's publication of the Integrated Rail Plan (IRP) that builds upon the National Infrastructure Commission's (NIC) report of 2020, which has been delayed since December of 2020 but is expected to be issued at some point after the Budget in March.

As part of preparing the Strategic Masterplan community engagement was undertaken in Autumn of 2020 in the form of a Virtual Exhibition Room. In advance of the Draft SPD being ready for consideration and issue, a Report of Engagement is appended to this paper, summarising the key issues raised and how they are being addressed through the Strategic Masterplan. It is expected that the Toton SPD will be able to be consulted upon in September and be adopted later in 2021.

3. National Model Design Code

The draft National Model Design Code (NMDC) provides detailed guidance on the production of design codes, guides and policies to promote successful design. In February of 2021 the MHCLG sought 10

local authorities as pilots to test the application of the NMDC via an Expression of Interest.

Broxtowe Borough Council submitted an Expression of Interest on 22nd of February 2021. This bid document built on the extensive work undertaken in the preparation of the Strategic Masterplan allowing the opportunity to create a detailed design code to apply to the Toton and Chetwynd areas. As well as the involvement of Arup, who have led the assembly of the Strategic Masterplan, support has been identified from Design:Midlands, who have knowledge of the sites from the Local Plan process and are able to support the design code process with community-based workshops, place appraisals, and the provision of specialist skills.

Each successful Design Code Pilot will receive a £50,000 grant from MHCLG to complete the design code. A response to the bid was due on week starting 1st of March. Successful bids would begin work in March, with final outputs issued within six months.

4. Summary

The SPD will be brought to the next Jobs and Economy Committee in June, consulted upon in September with a view to being adopted later in 2021. A Report of Engagement of the Strategic Masterplan is given in Appendix 1.