

Report of the Chief Executive**UPDATE ON THE BROXTOWE LOCAL PLAN****1. Purpose of report**

To update members regarding Parts 1 and 2 of the Broxtowe Local Plan.

2. Background

The Broxtowe Local Plan consists of two parts. The Part 1 Local Plan, also called the Core Strategy, covers the 'Greater Nottingham' area, including Nottingham City and Gedling Borough. It sets out overall housing requirements and strategic policies, including large-scale site allocations. The Part 2 Local Plan solely covers Broxtowe and it sets out smaller-scale site allocations and more detailed, locally-based development management policies.

More information, together with details of the proposed review of these documents, is given in the Appendix.

3. Financial implications

Continued work on Part 1 and Part 2 of the Local Plan unavoidably involves substantial expenditure, including paying for examinations, commissioning evidence, and staff resources.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to NOTE the report.

Background papers

Nil

APPENDIX

Part 1 Local Plan

The Part 1 Local Plan (the Core Strategy) was adopted in September 2014 and the plan period runs to 2028. It is now being reviewed, with the review being overseen by the Joint Planning Advisory Board (JPAB), consisting of members from the Greater Nottingham authorities, including Ashfield, Broxtowe, Erewash, Gedling, Nottingham City and Rushcliffe. The new version of the Core Strategy will be called the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan and its plan period will run to 2038.

An 'Issues and Options' / 'Growth Options' consultation took place last year. Due to a technical issue at the City Council a small number of responses were not received; the consultation was therefore recently re-opened, with the consultation period finishing on 24th March. Anticipated next stages in the review of the Core Strategy are:

- Summer 2021: Preferred Options consultation;
- Winter 2021/22: Pre-submission ('Publication') consultation;
- Summer 2022: Submission to the Secretary of State (start of the Examination);
- Late 2022 (provisional date): Adoption.

Decisions about the contents of the Part 1 Plan will be taken both by members of JPAB and by members of each individual authority. Some of the crucial decisions will be about the overall number of dwellings that should be planned for and about how those dwellings should be distributed throughout Greater Nottingham. Initial discussions about these and other issues took place at a members' 'workshop' in February, chaired by a representative of the Planning Advisory Service (PAS). A further members' 'workshop' is likely to take place in May (after the County elections). Members' decisions about the housing numbers and distribution will then feed in to the 'Preferred Options' version of the Plan which, as mentioned above, is likely to be produced in the summer of this year.

Part 2 Local Plan

The Part 2 Local Plan, whose plan period also runs to 2028, allocates sites for development and has 24 development management policies. These include a substantial policy on 'Place-making, Design and Amenity', which addresses issues including 'Building for Life' (details of which are included in an appendix), ecologically sensitive design, public transport, residential amenity and the design of domestic extensions. The Plan also contains policies on issues such as Green Infrastructure Assets, Biodiversity Assets and Landscape (the latter supplemented by an extensive appendix).

Work on the review of the Part 2 Local Plan would be expected to start around the time that the new Part 1 Plan is adopted, i.e. late 2022 or early 2023. A

detailed programme cannot be set out at this point, given uncertainties regarding the precise timescales for the Part 1 Plan, however the likely stages would be:

- An 'Issues and Options' consultation;
- A 'Preferred Options' consultation and/or a series of 'workshops' to discuss matters with stakeholders (the latter approach was taken with the preparation of the current Part 2 Plan);
- Pre-submission ('Publication') consultation;
- Submission to the Secretary of State;
- Examination hearings;
- Adoption.

A separate report on this agenda refers to potential Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs). The government's Planning Practice Guidance and court cases indicate that some subjects are not appropriate for SPDs and should instead be dealt with in Local Plans. These include space standards and housing mix. These subjects could potentially be included in the review of the Part 2 Local Plan. Other issues, such as perhaps 'Building for a Healthy Life', could also be included in the review.

Other policy-related work

The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI), which sets out the Council's approach to public involvement in the determination of planning applications and the preparation of policy documents, is currently under review. It is anticipated that consultation will take place shortly, to be followed by adoption.

As discussed in a separate report on this agenda (and as mentioned above), a number of Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) are likely to be produced, in order to provide more detailed advice or guidance on Local Plan policies.

In addition to work, in liaison with the Greater Nottingham authorities, on the Strategic Plan (as mentioned above), other ongoing work includes:

- Neighbourhood Plans: detailed advice to, and work on behalf of, several Neighbourhood Forums and Town and Parish Councils (Awsorth, Bramcote, Brinsley, Chetwynd, Cossall, Eastwood, Greasley, Kimberley and Stapleford);
- Developments at Chetwynd/Toton, relating to the potential HS2 station and involving liaison with the County Council, the Neighbourhood Forum, the emerging Development Corporation and others;
- Housing Delivery, including the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA), Housing Delivery Test (HDT) and monitoring.