

Report of the Chief Executive

MEMBER INVOLVEMENT IN PLANNING POLICY DOCUMENTS

1. Purpose of report

To advise Members of current and proposed opportunities for their involvement in the production of planning policy documents.

2. Background

At the meeting on 25 March 2021 Members resolved that “a task and finish group be established, consisting of five members and politically balanced, to direct planning policy in the early stages of the Local Plan Part 1 preparation”. Following subsequent discussions, it is now intended that the task and finish group should address all aspects of planning policy work.

The existing Joint Planning Advisory Board (JPAB) is the main means by which members direct the production of the Local Plan Part 1 (the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan, which will replace the current Aligned Core Strategies).

Further information about the proposed task and finish group and JPAB is included in appendix 1. The draft pro forma for the Task and Finish Group Meetings (TFG) can be found at appendix 2.

3. Financial implications

Other than the commitment of time by members and officers, there are no direct financial implications from the measures referred to in this report.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to note the report and RESOLVE that when appropriate, decide on membership and frequency of meetings for the task and finish group be approved.

Background papers:

Nil

APPENDIX 1**Opportunities for member involvement****Task and Finish Group (TFG)**

The TFG can be the main forum for discussion of planning policy issues between officers and members. It can potentially deal with all policy-related issues, including the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan (GNSP), subsequently the review of the Broxtowe Part 2 Local Plan (P2LP), Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs), Neighbourhood Plans, Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA), housing delivery issues, etc.

They could be based around a 'proforma' which would provide updates on a regular set of issues. A provisional draft of such a 'proforma' is included as Appendix 2. (The details are given as examples only, as the contents would vary from meeting to meeting.)

The March Committee resolution was that the TFG would involve five members and would reflect the political make-up of the Council. The number of members might be adjusted; however, a relatively small group is likely to facilitate constructive discussions.

Drafts of documents such as SPDs could be brought to meetings of the TFG. At the March meeting, members resolved that the first two priorities for SPDs, which it is anticipated could be adopted within approximately 12 months, would be Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) and Toton/Chetwynd, with the next priorities being climate change / carbon emissions, green infrastructure and air quality. Any changes to such priorities might perhaps be considered by the TFG prior to consideration by the full J&E Committee.

Joint Planning Advisory Board (JPAB)

The JPAB remains the principal means for members to directly influence the production and contents of the GNSP (i.e. the review of the Core Strategies). Meetings take place approximately quarterly, with the next meetings scheduled for 29 June, 28 September and 14 December 2021. In addition, informal members' 'workshops' are held in order to discuss particular issues, such as housing requirements, in more detail. Details about JPAB, together with full information about the GNSP (consultation documents, background reports, etc) are available at gnplan.org.uk.

It is intended that key aspects of the GNSP will relate to climate change / carbon reduction and Blue and Green Infrastructure (BGI). JPAB enables members to influence the details of these aspects of the GNSP.

Jobs and Economy Committee

The Committee will have the continued opportunity to consider all aspects of the Council's work on planning policy-related issues.

APPENDIX 2

Draft 'pro forma' for TFG meetings

 Broxtowe Borough COUNCIL	Broxtowe Borough Council Planning Policy Briefing	Date	May 2021
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Part 1 – Strategic Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Issues arising at Greater Nottingham meetings (where relevant)</i> - <i>Chapters being prepared</i> - <i>Updates on Broxtowe chapters</i> 	Emerging Evidence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Implications of DC Decisions</i> - <i>Implications of Appeal Decisions</i> - <i>Emerging Studies – e.g. Employment Land Study</i> - <i>Summary of evidence from other Councils</i>
Large /Allocated Sites Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>SHLAA + 5-year Annual Figure</i> - <i>Housing Decisions of note</i> 	
Major Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Toton</i> - <i>Dev Corp</i> - <i>Chetwynd Barracks Pre-App</i> - <i>Erewash Riverside</i> - <i>Potential location to discuss emerging projects such as Panettoni?</i> 	Policy Documents <p><i>SPD development key issues</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>HIMOS</i> - <i>Toton – draft document being reviewed</i> - <i>Sustainability</i> - <i>Design</i> - <i>Gypsy and Traveller</i>
Neighbourhood Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>NP update as required</i> - <i>e.g. Awsworth</i> - <i>Bramcote</i> - <i>Chetwynd – SEA required</i> - <i>etc</i> 	Housing Supply <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>SHLAA update is produced annually</i> - <i>Possible to give 5-year housing supply running total, or is this only calculated on an irregular basis?</i>
Key Meeting Dates and Decisions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>JPAB</i> - <i>Greater Nottingham decisions forthcoming</i> - <i>Committees</i> - <i>Upcoming Consultations</i> - <i>Upcoming J&E decisions</i> 	