

## Report of the Executive Director

**CLIMATE CHANGE AND GREEN FUTURES PROGRAMME STRAND  
12 UPDATE – CORE PLANNING**1. Purpose of report

To provide members with an update on the progress of the Core Planning project strand in the Climate Change and Green Futures programme. Core Planning is strand 12 of the Climate Change and Green Futures programme.

2. Background

Following the adoption of the Climate Change and Green Futures programme in September 2020, this is the third in a series of update reports coming to the Environment and Climate Change Committee. The update reports will expand on the progress of key strategic actions within the relevant strand.

3. Financial implications

There are no additional financial implications relating to this project strand at this stage. Further reports will be brought to Committee in due course, should the financial position change.

**Recommendation**

**The Committee is asked to NOTE the report.**

Background papers

Nil

**APPENDIX**Strand Update:Toton and Chetwynd Strategic Site:

As part of the ongoing work with the East Midlands Development Corporation a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for the future development of the allocated sites in Toton and Chetwynd is shortly due to go out for its second round of consultation. Whilst this document covers several issues such as housing delivery, employment uses, innovation hubs and additional transport links, it also embraces the need for change with regard to the Environment. A large wildlife buffer is included within the SPD which will act as a wildlife corridor and enable opportunity for future tree planting. Throughout the SPD there are references to blue and green infrastructure and the connectivity in and out of existing wildlife corridors (such as the Erewash trail) and the need to embrace sustainable living and reduce the dependency on the car are key themes throughout.

Strategic Plan Update:

The Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan (or the Part 1 Local Plan), in a similar vein to the currently adopted Core Strategy, is a planning policy document covering four Councils in Nottinghamshire (Broxtowe, Gedling, Rushcliffe and the City). In order to ensure 'joined up' planning, a strategic approach to issues such as employment and housing delivery is fundamental to the future planning of our County. A focal point of this document will be policies on energy efficiency and climate change and these will be included in the emerging Part 1 Local Plan. This has several rounds of consultation to go through before becoming a formal planning document in late 2022 or early 2023.

As part of the Aligned Core review and 'growth options' consultation, these responses will form part of the 'preferred options' stage. This preferred options stage of the Part 1 Local Plan will include specific policies related to Climate Change. It is the intention across the partner authorities to ensure that Green issues are central to the Strategic Plan and that the plan is essentially a 'Green Plan'.

Councillor working groups have recently been established which will feed into the process for formulating planning policy documents. This should ensure that Climate Change and Environmental factors play a more prominent part in working documents. Also, more critically, this should lead to the creation of enforceable planning policies to back up development proposals moving forward, though this will take time to come to fruition.

The Jobs and Economy Committee resolved in March 2021 that a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) on 'Climate change / carbon emissions and Green Infrastructure' will be prepared, once work on two other SPDs is complete.