

Report of the Chief Executive

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

1. Purpose of report

To update members on progress with the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan.

2. Background

The Greater Nottingham Aligned Core Strategies for Greater Nottingham, including Broxtowe, were adopted in 2014. The Strategies, which will now be called the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan, are currently being reviewed. Details are given in the appendix.

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.

<u>Recommendation</u>

The Committee is asked to NOTE the report.

Background papers

Nil

APPENDIX**Details of the review of the Aligned Core Strategies**

Work on the review of the Aligned Core Strategies is overseen by the Joint Planning Advisory Board (JPAB), which consists of elected members from all the Greater Nottingham authorities. Decisions regarding the review are made both by JPAB and by each individual authority. In Broxtowe's case, this involves the Jobs & Economy Committee and/or (depending on the stage in the process) the full Council.

Consultation on the 'Growth Options' ('Issues and Options') document took place last year and again earlier this year. Around 5,000 comments were received in response to the consultation, of which around 1,000 related to Broxtowe. About half of all comments were from local residents. Broxtowe residents, among other things, emphasised the importance of the Green Belt, the natural environment and Blue and Green Infrastructure in the borough. They also referred to the importance of issues relating to climate change. Landowners, developers and agents promoted various sites in the borough as potential options for development. The responses to the consultation will be carefully considered by officers and members as the review continues.

A 'Preferred Options' version of the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan is now being prepared. It is intended that this will be out for consultation later this year or early next year. Broxtowe's members are currently involved in discussions, with members of the other Greater Nottingham authorities, about the potential contents of the 'Preferred Options' version. This includes the amount of housing that should be planned for and the distribution of that housing around Greater Nottingham.

After considering responses to the consultation on the 'Preferred Options', a 'Publication' version of the Strategic Plan will be prepared next year. This will be the subject of further consultation and then submitted to the government. There will then be an examination chaired by a government inspector before final decisions are made.

Following the Jobs and Economy Committee meeting of 10 June 2021, membership of the new Task and Finish Group was established and the first meeting of the Group took place on 27 July 2021. Members of the Group decided that, in order to assist in their consideration of the potential contents of the 'Preferred Options' version of the Strategic Plan, further consultation meetings should be held within Broxtowe.

As a result, officers have now held online meetings with Town and Parish Councils and Neighbourhood Forums throughout the borough, as well as with the Beeston and District Civic Society. The meetings were centred around local priorities and what the organisations would like to be included in the Strategic Plan. A summary of the main points raised at these meetings has been passed to members of the Task and Finish Group, so that the current

views of these local organisations can be taken into account by members as they oversee the preparation of the Strategic Plan.

Further consultation specific to Broxtowe may be taking place shortly. This is likely to involve the distribution of leaflets to all residents in the borough with questions relating to the Strategic Plan and other issues.

At the time of writing, major uncertainties remain about HS2 and the government's reform of the planning system, and decisions on these issues may impact on the future preparation of the Strategic Plan.