

## Report of the Chief Executive

**PART 2 LOCAL PLAN – VIABILITY UPDATE**1. Purpose of report

To seek authority to set aside standing orders regarding procurement to allow Broxtowe to commission work on behalf of Broxtowe, Rushcliffe Borough (RBC) and Nottingham City (NCC) Councils.

2. Detail

Viability work was undertaken two years ago and was commissioned via the Greater Nottingham Joint Planning Advisory Board. The work now needs refreshing to ensure viability evidence is up to date at the point our Part 2 Local Plan is submitted which is due to take place after Jobs and Economy Committee in June.

The work was undertaken by David Lock Associates supported by the Nationwide CIL Service and it makes good planning and financial sense to use the same consultants again as it will save time, duplication of work and ultimately cost. The fee for Broxtowe is £10,000 which is comfortably within the procurement threshold of needing to get three tenders (£25,000). However, Broxtowe have been asked to commission the work on behalf of our neighbours at RBC and NCC and the total cost of this is £30,000 as it makes sense to have a single contract.

3. Financial implications

It is expected that to set aside the normal procurement arrangements will save money. A different consultant without the baseline work from 2 years ago is likely to cost more. In addition the work for BBC in isolation is £10,000 which does not need committee approval.

**Recommendation**

**The Committee is asked to RESOLVE that the normal procurement arrangements are set aside to allow Broxtowe to commission viability update work on our own behalf and on behalf of this Council's two neighbouring councils at a total cost of £30,000.**

Background papers

Nil