

Report of the Chief Executive

UPDATE REPORT ON PROGRESS ON THE REVIEW OF THE GREATER NOTTINGHAM ALIGNED CORE STRATEGIES1. Background

The original Core Strategy was adopted by all Councils in Greater Nottingham during 2014 and in February the following year this was recognised by the East Midlands Royal Town Planning Institute as the 'Plan of the Year'. This was in recognition of the excellent joint working arrangements over a complex geography and significant constraints including a tightly drawn Green Belt boundary.

2. Detail

Government policy in the National Planning Policy Framework is that Local Plans (including Core Strategies) need to be reviewed every five years and this process is now underway. Work has been commissioned which has confirmed that Greater Nottingham remains a functional housing market area and a review has also recently been concluded into all Greater Nottingham Council's Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessments and found them to be prepared in a robust manner.

Over the coming months the key pieces of additional work will be a 'growth options study' to look at options over how development needs may be accommodated over the area, and a housing market assessment looking at a number of characteristics of the area including the need for different types and tenure of homes, and the existence of any clusters of different types of accommodation (such as HMOs). These pieces of work are anticipated to be concluded in Autumn 2019.

The next steps are to use these pieces of background evidence to consult on 'Issues and Options' with the draft plan due to be prepared during 2020 (including decisions on the amount and distribution of housing and other growth). The draft plan would then be examined and hopefully adopted by the end of 2021.

3. Financial considerations.

The work done up to this point has been funded via the 'growth point' budget to which Broxtowe contributes £8,000 a year. As the work increases there will be additional financial requirements and by working collaboratively the overall cost to Broxtowe is likely to be similar to our Part 2 Local Plan budget of £80,000. Working independently is anticipated to cost between 2 and 3 times more than this. There is presently no provision in the 2019/20 general fund revenues budgets for these costs. Once cost estimates become available Finance and Resources Committee will be incorporate this into the budget accordingly.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to NOTE the progress on the Core Strategy Review.

Background Papers

Nil