

MINUTES

COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE AND HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH JOINT COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND PROSPERITY

Thursday 21 July 2016

Hosted by: North Warwickshire Borough Council

Present:

Cllr David Humphreys, Chair North Warwickshire Borough Council	Jerry Hutchinson North Warwickshire Borough Council
Steve Maxey North Warwickshire Borough Council	Martin Yardley CWLEP
Cllr Dennis Harvey Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council	Ian Powell Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council
Cllr Mike Hall Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council	Bill Blincoe CW Growth Hub
Cllr Heather Timms Rugby Borough Council	Adam Norburn Rugby Borough Council
Cllr Chris Saint Stratford-on-Avon District Council	Dave Webb Stratford-on-Avon District Council
Cllr Andrew Mobbs Warwick District Council	Chris Elliott Warwick District Council
Dave Barber Warwick District Council	Celestine Banks, Minute taker Rugby Borough Council

1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES

Cllr Humphreys welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies had been received from Cllr George Duggins and Martin Reeves (Coventry City Council), Steve Atkinson (Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council), Alan Franks (Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council), Cllr Mike Stokes (Rugby Borough Council), Cllr Izzi Seccombe and Monica Fogarty (Warwickshire County Council) and Jonathan Browning (CWLEP).

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING ON 17 MARCH 2016

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting and were signed by the Chair.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters to discuss outside of the agenda.

4. EMPLOYMENT LAND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (ELMOU)

– *Chris Elliott*

A report with appendices had been circulated with the agenda.

The report was prepared following the presentation at the last Joint Committee meeting and work on this has now been finalised. It sits alongside the Housing Memorandum of Understanding.

4.8.2 Includes a caveat for Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council as they are undertaking further assessment work which will be completed in the autumn.

4.7.5 The -26 total figure is correct, however, the figure for Rugby should read +53ha.

4.7.6 States “this imbalance is not considered significant”. All officers have a level of confidence with this as the ELMOU has to take account of geography and road structure and the distribution appears to work.

The Joint Committee unanimously agreed the recommendations in principle, to be taken back to Officers:

- a) Agree the Employment Land Memorandum of Understanding (ELMOU) set out in Appendix 1;
- b) Agree that each of the six Local Plan Authorities within Coventry and Warwickshire will seek to formally endorse the ELMOU by the end of October 2016; and
- c) Note the position update with regard to the Housing Memorandum of Understanding as set out in paragraphs 6.1 and 6.2 below.

5. MARKET SIGNALS AND MARKET INTELLIGENCE – *Bill Blincoe*

A report with appendices had been circulated with the agenda.

This follows the work of the ELMOU in which 3.6 states “In partnership with the CWLEP and WCC the local planning authorities commit to the on-going development of their evidence base and monitoring of market signals and intelligence to help manage and maintain appropriate employment land provisions across the sub-region.”

In June 2016, the Planning and Housing Working Group of the LEP recommended a pilot exercise initially. There is a duty on the LEPs to represent the voice of the business community and this would be an extension of that role.

Employment land data is available, but not systematically collected and not as sophisticated as housing data. The LEP proposes collecting information which already exists plus land values and compile this into an annual resource. This will require the co-operation of Joint Committee members and other partners such as the District Monitoring Group and the FSB. The resource could be used by all parties to defend the existing employment land allocation and would be useful for planning purposes in relation to supply, market behaviour etc as it will contain up-to-date information.

The LEP will utilise its own staff and the budget is, therefore, only internal.

A draft will be available for comment early 2017 for publication in March 2017.

At this stage, the LEP requests the co-operation of the Joint Committee.

Officers, please note that the Joint Committee agreed to the proposal for the LEP to lead and co-ordinate the inputs for the preparation of an annual report on employment land “Market intelligence and signals”.

6. SINGLE SPATIAL STRATEGY – *Steve Maxey*

A report with appendix had been circulated with the agenda.

At the Joint Committee meeting in March 2016, members agreed to the drawing up of a full brief, taking into account that the Committee signed up to this as part of the City Deal. The Turley business case sets out the reasons for moving forward with this; the building blocks are in place, the local development plans are all proceeding and there is a likelihood of reduced costs. Discussion followed.

Officers, please note that the Joint Committee resolved:

1. That Officers ensure that the Interim Spatial Strategy is progressed;
2. That the Joint Committee continues to review the business case for and review options towards a Single Spatial Strategy;
3. That Infrastructure Plans are included in Spatial Strategies for Coventry and Warwickshire; and
4. That Officers report progress at the November meeting of this Committee.

7. ANY OTHER MATTERS OF PUBLIC BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DECIDES TO TAKE AS A MATTER OF URGENCY

Concern was raised regarding lack of representation at this meeting from Coventry City Council and Warwickshire County Council.

8. MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC UNDER SECTION 100(A)(4) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Agreed that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 3 of Schedule 12a to the Act.

There were no members of the public present.

9. CWLEP BOARD MEETING ON 25 JULY 2016

The agenda and papers had been circulated prior to the meeting.

10. ANY OTHER MATTERS OF PRIVATE BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DECIDES TO TAKE AS A MATTER OF URGENCY

It was agreed that a standing item would be added under private business, relating to combined authorities.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 23 November 2016 at Stratford-on-Avon District Council's offices. Further details will be advised.

CHAIR

Date