



Notes of meeting of Derby HMA Joint Advisory Board

30 January 2020

Amber Valley Borough Council Offices, Ripley

10.00 am – 12 noon

Chair – Councillor Ben Bellamy, Amber Valley Borough Council

Item 1 Welcome and introductions

Amber Valley Borough Council

Councillor Ben Bellamy (Cllr BB)
Derek Stafford, Assistant Director (Planning) (DS)

Derby City Council

Councillor Robin Wood (Cllr RW)
Paul Clarke, Chief Planning Officer (PC)
Andrew Waterhouse, Spatial Planning Group Manager (AW)

Derbyshire County Council

Councillor Tony King (Cllr TK)
Steve Buffery, Team Leader – Policy & Monitoring (SB)

South Derbyshire District Council

Councillor Andrew MacPherson (Cllr AM)
Karen Beavin, Planning Policy Team Leader (KB)
Kevin Exley, Planning Policy Officer (Sustainability) (KE)

Item 2 Apologies for absence

Councillor Matthew Holmes (Derby City Council)
Tony Sylvester, Head of Planning & Strategic Housing (South Derbyshire District Council)

Item 3 Appointment of Chair

Cllr BB agreed to chair the meeting.

Item 4 Notes from JAB meeting on 4 July 2019 and matters arising

- Statement of Common Ground (SCG) for Derby HMA

DS provided an update on progress since July 2019. Following the preparation of an initial draft SCG (agreed by JAB by email) in November 2019, positive feedback was received from the PAS advisor (Sue Turner) and officers have subsequently met with Sue on 24 January 2020. This meeting established the need for a further update to the draft SCG to reflect the current position in relation to plan preparation, commissioning of evidence and to ensure clarity and accuracy.

Agreed Action – HMA officers to prepare further update of draft SCG and then circulate to JAB members for agreement, either by exchange of email, or at the next JAB meeting.

- Derby HMA Growth Opportunities Study

AW provided an update on progress since July 2019. Following agreement by the JAB (by email), a tender brief was published in November 2019, with an invitation to submit by 20 December 2019. Following submission and assessment by HMA officers, consultants AECOM were appointed on 17 January 2020 and an inception meeting was held with HMA officers on 29 January 2020. The programme and timetable for the study will deliver a final report by the end of May 2020.

Agreed Action – HMA officers to provide an update for the JAB on progress with the Study at the next JAB meeting.

- Update on Derby HMA plan options

DS/KB/AW provided an update on progress since July 2019. DS advised that Amber Valley had resolved in November 2019 to prepare a new Local Plan for the Borough, for the period at least up to 2038 and had agreed an indicative programme and timescale through to adoption by March 2023, which has now been confirmed on 29 January 2020. KB advised that South Derbyshire had endorsed the option of each of the Derby HMA authorities preparing separate local plans, whilst developing joint Statements of Common Ground (SCG) as required. AW advised that Derby were currently preparing a Part 2 Local Plan (to 2028), but would need to review this in the light of the need to prepare a new Local Plan for Derby. The HMA officers emphasised the importance of continuing to seek alignment in their respective plan timescales.

Agreed Action – HMA officers to provide an update for the JAB on progress with plan preparation the next JAB meeting.

Item 5 Update on Statement of Common Ground for Derby HMA

Already covered at agenda item 4 under matters arising from 4 July 2019 JAB meeting.

Item 6 Update on Derby HMA Growth Opportunities Study

Already covered at agenda item 4 under matters arising from 4 July 2019 JAB meeting.

Item 7 Update on Derbyshire Strategic Planning Framework

SB provided an update on progress since July 2019. A report had recently been presented to the Derbyshire Chief Executives Group on 24 January 2019. This report referred to discussions that has taken place at meetings with relevant planning officers from authorities across Derby and Derbyshire, as well as internally with the key strategic service areas within the County Council. There has been unanimous support in principle from all authorities to work jointly and collaboratively to prepare the Framework, on a non-statutory basis. The D2 Joint Committee for Economic Prosperity has previously agreed to take responsibility for strategic oversight and governance in the development and delivery of the Framework and draft Terms of Reference are being prepared to meet this requirement. The Derbyshire Executives Group has endorsed progressing with further joint working to deliver the Framework, based on the process and principles set out in the report.

Agreed Action – SB to provide a further update on progress with the Strategic Planning Framework at the next JAB meeting.

Item 8 Erewash Core Strategy – Options For Growth

HMA officers advised that Erewash Borough Council had formally considered the above proposals at their Council meeting on 23 January 2020 and had resolved to publish the proposals for consultation for a 12 week period (up to 20 April 2020). PC advised that Derby had written to Erewash, prior to their Council meeting, expressing concerns regarding the process, but had received no response. Cllr BB advised that Amber Valley had also written to Erewash to express concerns and had also not received a response. It was agreed by the JAB that consideration be given to a joint response to the consultation, focusing on any concerns affecting the Derby HMA as a whole.

Agreed Action – HMA officers to draft joint response to consultation for consideration by JAB, prior to deadline for representations (20 April 2020)

Item 9 Update on options for next round of plan-making

Already covered at agenda item 4 under matters arising from 4 July 2019 JAB meeting.

Item 10 Proposed dates for JAB meetings in 2020-21

It was agreed by the JAB that meetings for 2020-21 should be arranged on approximately a quarterly basis. Amber Valley confirmed that they would be happy to continue to host the meetings.

Agreed Action – HMA officers to identify and circulate potential meeting dates to JAB members for April 2020, July 2020, October 2020 and January 2021.

Item 11 AOB

AW advised that Tony Sylvester will shortly be leaving South Derbyshire and that the JAB notes their thanks for his work in supporting the Derby HMA over many years and to wish him well for the future. This was endorsed by the JAB.

Date of next meeting

April 2020 – date and time to be agreed.