



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION 24 SEPTEMBER 2007

Report of the Assistant Director - Development

3 Cities and 3 Counties New Growth Point Programme of Development

RECOMMENDATION

1. The Commission is asked to consider the draft Programme of Development and offer any comments prior to its finalisation for submission to the Department of Communities and Local Government.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 The New Growth Points initiative was launched by Government last year. Local authorities proposing increased rates of new housing development were invited to apply for Growth Point status. The Government indicated that successful authorities would be eligible for additional funding for infrastructure projects helping to support housing delivery.
- 2.2 Working in partnership, the Three Cities and Three Counties (the '6 Cs') prepared and submitted a joint bid for the Nottingham, Leicester and Derby Housing Market Areas (HMAs), as defined in the draft East Midlands Regional Plan. The bid was based on the scale and distribution of housing proposed in the draft Regional Plan for the period up to 2026. The Government accepted the bid in October 2006 and awarded some pilot funding, including £3.6m for the Cathedral Green public realm improvements.
- 2.3 The Derby HMA covers the whole of Derby City, South Derbyshire and Amber Valley. The draft Regional Plan states that this area should provide an additional net 1770 homes a year over the period 2001 – 2026. Of this, 980 a year will be needed in and around Derby itself, including extensions of the urban area into the neighbouring districts. These figures could increase when the Government approves the final version of the Regional Plan in 2008.
- 2.4 The Government has now asked Growth Point areas to submit a 'Programme of Development' by 1 October 2007. This is intended to provide a strategic view of the actions needed to deliver the level of housing envisaged. The Programme must set out the planning strategy to be followed, highlighting key housing sites and the need for new sites to be identified, in the form of a year by year 'housing trajectory'. The Programme should consider the associated infrastructure requirements and indicate what projects are scheduled or needed. It should demonstrate how additional growth point related funding for such projects over the period 2008/11 could be used to support housing delivery.

- 2.5 A draft 3 Cities/3 Counties Programme was submitted to Government in August and has been subject to targeted consultation. The deadline for the finalised Programme is 1 October, so Cabinet will be asked on 2 October 2007 to endorse the action of the Leader and Chief Executive in agreeing to submission of the Programme on that date.
- 2.6 The Programme consists of an overarching '6Cs' section with more detailed appendices covering Green Infrastructure and each HMA. The Derby HMA section has been prepared through joint working with Derbyshire County Council and South Derbyshire and Amber Valley District. Copies of the draft versions of these documents have been placed for reference in the Members' Rooms. Appendix 2 summarises the infrastructure projects for 2008/11, as identified in the draft Derby HMA submission, which could benefit from growth point funding subject to resources being allocated.
- 2.7 The finalised Programme of Development will be assessed by Government and this will be the basis for a block funding allocation to be announced in December. Projects will not be approved on an individual basis and it will be the responsibility of growth point authorities and partnerships to allocate funding locally following agreed priorities. The 6 Cs Programme envisages that delivery will be coordinated through Programme Management Boards operating at both sub regional and HMA level.

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Background papers:	3 cities and 3 Counties Growth Point Bid
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IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. Submission of the Programme of Development may lead to a block funding allocation for spending on a range of capital and revenue projects to support housing development along the lines indicated in Appendix 2.

Legal

2. The New Growth Point is not a statutory designation and the Programme of Development is not a statutory document. The overall levels of new housing for the authorities in the Derby HMA will be finalised through the Government's decision on the review of the East Midlands Regional Plan which will be made in 2008. Additional sites for housing development to meet needs up until 2026 in line with the Regional Plan will be identified through the Local Development Framework.

Personnel

3. Delivery of the Programme of Development will place additional demands on staff resources. The Programme therefore includes an element of proposed funding to provide increased capacity, including a programme coordinator and planning and transport posts for each HMA.

Equalities Impact

4. Increased housing delivery should entail a proportionate increase in the amount of affordable housing and housing to meet special needs.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

5. The Programme of Development has the potential to support most Corporate Objectives, particularly:
 - Making us proud of our neighbourhoods
 - Creating a 21st Century City Centre
 - Leading Derby towards a better environment.

Appendix 2

**Derby HMA Growth Point Draft Programme of Development
Proposed Medium Term Infrastructure Projects 2008/09 – 10/11**

Ref. No	Project Description	Priority Level	Growth Point Contribution Proposed Spend Profile			Total Growth Point Contribution Sought
Capital Projects			08/09	09/10	10/11	
a. Green Infrastructure/Parks						
1	Bass's Recreation Ground Enhancement	2	£60,000	£620,000		£680,000
2	City Park, Moorway Lane	1	£150,000	£850,000	£1,160,000	£2,160,000
3	Mickleover District Park	3	£50,000	£300,000	£113,000	£463,000
4	Osmaston Park Improvements	2	£500,000	£100,000		£600,000
5	Derwent Riverside Development Project	1 (overall but some elements lower priority)	£470,000	£1,130,000	£1,330,000	£2,930,000
Green Infrastructure Subtotal			£1,230,000	£3,000,000	£2,603,000	£6,833,000
b. City Centre						
6	Castleward Infrastructure – Derby Cityscape	1	£2,000,000	£2,000,000	£859,000	£4,859,000
7	North Riverside Infrastructure – Derby Cityscape	1		£1,810,000		£1,810,000
8	Market Place/assembly Rooms	2	£1,140,000	£500,000	£930,000	£2,570,000
9	City Centre Public Realm – Short term Programme	1	£3,272,000	£610,000		£3,882,000
10	City Centre Affordable Housing Support	1	£500,000	£500,000	£500,000	£1,500,000

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		08/09	09/10	10/11	
Community Legal Advice Centre	3	£700,000			£700,000
City Centre Sub Total		£7,612,000	£5,420,000	£2,289,000	£15,321,000
c. Transport					
Connecting Derby	1				
London Road Bridge	1				
Boulton Moor Park Ride	1		£1,000,000	£1,500,000	£2,500,000
Alvaston Bypass Extension Bus Priority Scheme	2			£2,000,000	£2,000,000
City Hospital Park & Ride	2		£500,000	£2,000,000	£2,500,000
Rykneld Road pedestrian and Cycle Link	3		£300,000		£300,000
Transport Sub Total			£1,800,000	£5,500,000	7,300,000
d. Other Capital Projects					
Allenton library	3			£520,000	£520,000
Public Art	3	£100,000	£100,000	£100,000	£300,000
Cinderhill Affordable Housing	1		£266,700	£266,700	£533,400
Other Capital Projects Sub Total		£100,000	£366,700	£886,700	£1,353,400
e. Revenue Projects					
Water Cycle Studies	1	£150,000			£150,000
Derby HMA programme Coordinator	1	£50,000	£50,000	£50,000	£150,000
Travel Planning Coordination	1	£100,000	£100,000	£100,000	£300,000

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24	Strategic Development Options Studies	1	£500,000			£500,000
25	Nightingale Works Marble Hall	3	£100,000			£100,000
Revenue Projects Sub Total			£900,000	£150,000	£150,000	£1,200,000
OVERALL TOTAL			£9,842,000	£10,736,700	£11,428,700	£32,007,400