

THE CITY OF NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2017 AT 10.30AM AT NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

MEMBERS PRESENT

(A denotes absent)

Chairman – Councillor Alan Rhodes – Nottinghamshire County Council
Vice- Chairman – Councillor Neil Clarke MBE – Rushcliffe Borough Council **A**

Mayor Kate Allsop – Mansfield District Council
Councillor Roger Blaney – Newark and Sherwood District Council
Councillor Cheryl Butler – Ashfield District Council
Councillor John Clarke – Gedling Borough Council **A**
Councillor Jon Collins – Nottingham City Council
Councillor Richard Jackson – Broxtowe Borough Council
Councillor Jo White – Bassetlaw District Council

ALSO PRESENT

Councillor Sam Webster – Nottingham City Council

OFFICERS PRESENT

Lindsay Allen – D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership
Sara Allmond – Nottinghamshire County Council
Allen Graham – Chief Executive, Rushcliffe Borough Council
Simon Hall – D2N2 Growth Hub
Chris Henning – Nottingham City Council
Ruth Hyde – Chief Executive, Broxtowe Borough Council
Anthony May – Chief Executive, Nottinghamshire County Council
Nicola McCoy-Brown – Nottinghamshire County Council
Robert Mitchell – Chief Executive, Ashfield District Council
John Robinson – Chief Executive, Gedling Borough Council
James Schrodel – Nottingham City Council
Bev Smith – Chief Executive, Mansfield District Council
Neil Taylor – Chief Executive, Bassetlaw District Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor John Clarke and Councillor Neil Clarke MBE. Apologies were also received from Ian Curryer (Nottingham City Council), Andrew Muter (Newark and Sherwood District Council), David Ralph (D2N2 LEP) and Adrian Smith (Nottinghamshire County Council).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 January 2017, having been previously circulated, were agreed as a true and correct record and were confirmed and signed by the Chair of the meeting.

4. D2N2 SKILLS AND EMPLOYABILITY STRATEGY 2017-2020 – DRAFT AND FEEDBACK

Allen Graham introduced the report which set out the proposed strategy for endorsement by the Committee and proposed the next steps and actions for skills and employability.

Members raised concern regarding the relatively low outcome target. There was a need to push this area of work and take advantage of projects such as HS2.

RESOLVED 2017/005

- 1) That the Committee endorses the Skills and Employability Strategy 2017-2020
- 2) That the Committee supports the formation of a Regional Public Skills Levy Working Group to explore opportunities for joint working and maximising the returns from the introduction of the apprenticeship levy.
- 3) That it be agreed that the Chief Executive of Rushcliffe Borough Council will lead on a County and City review of existing programmes that are designed to improve employability skills
- 4) To confirm Councillor Cheryl Butler as the district skills champion
- 5) That the outcome of the Area Based Review be added to the future work programme

5. THE D2N2 GROWTH HUB

Simon Hall gave a presentation to members on the work of the Growth Hub and progress made since the last update. The funding for Nottinghamshire services was coming online. All opportunities to raise awareness of the Hub were used to ensure that as many organisations as possible were aware of their services.

The Hub currently predominately provided service to small businesses and it was planned to increase the number of larger organisations the service was provided to.

RESOLVED 2017/006

- 1) That the work of the Growth Hub and the continued collaboration with local authorities be endorsed.
- 2) That a further update on the D2N2 Growth Hub be brought to Committee in six months.

6. BUILDING OUR INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY: GREEN PAPER

Anthony May introduced the report which set out the proposals within the Government's green paper for members consideration.

Members raised concerns regarding the number of strategies, and a need to ensure that there was no overlap, with existing strategies used wherever possible, rather than creating additional ones. There was a need to ensure that there was a focus on a small number of key areas at a time to ensure that changes were achieved before moving on to other areas.

RESOLVED 2017/007

- 1) That authority to submit a shared response to the Government be delegated to the Chief Executives.
- 2) That future commissioning and resource allocation decisions made by the Committee would be made with reference to the Government's strategy.

7. WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED 2017/008

That the work programme be noted.

The meeting closed at 11.32 am

CHAIRMAN