**Nottinghamshire County Council**

**Report to Economic Development Committee**

**1ˢᵗ December 2015**

**Agenda Item: 6**

## REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, PLACE

## EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL AND INVESTMENT FUND (ESIF) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

### Purpose of the Report

1. To seek approval to increase the economic development establishment by 0.5 FTE Band C post. This increase will be to deliver the county council's element of the 3 year D2N2 European Structural and Investment Funding (ESIF) Technical Assistance (TA) project.

2. The economic development team has a vacancy for half a Band C economic development officer post and has approval to match this post to European Regional Development Funding (ERDF). This means that ERDF will contribute 50% of the staff costs and Nottinghamshire County Council will contribute the other 50% from the current staffing budget to make 1 FTE post.

3. The report seeks approval to increase the economic development establishment by 0.5FTE for a three year period to enable the delivery of this project. The increase in the establishment is contingent on a successful outcome of the TA funding submission.

### Background

4. At Economic Development Committee on November 3ʳᵈ 2015, Members agreed to support the allocation of staff time for the 0.5 FTE Band C post as match funding for the D2N2 Technical Assistance project.

5. The purpose of Technical Assistance is to help ensure that projects funded by ESIF are designed, delivered, monitored and evaluated in compliance with European Commission and national funding regulations. From a local perspective, Technical Assistance has a key role in ensuring the delivery of the ESIF strategy across D2N2 by supporting applicants and potential applicants who are interested in accessing ESIF funds.

6. In order to provide an integrated TA support role across D2N2, Nottinghamshire County Council has submitted a proposal for TA from 2016 – 2018 [calendar years] inclusive. The increase in the establishment is contingent on a successful outcome of the TA funding submission.

**Reason(s) for Recommendations**

7. In order to deliver the ESIF TA project outcomes, the additional staffing capacity will be required. It is therefore requested that the establishment is increased by 0.5 FTE post.

**Statutory and Policy Implications**

This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described within the body of the report.

**Finance implications**

Financial implications were outlined in the report to the November meeting of Committee. There are no direct financial implications from increasing the establishment by 0.5 FTE as this additional capacity will be funded by the ERDF grant and the existing 0.5 FTE that the Council will provide as match is a vacant post on the establishment.

# RECOMMENDATIONS

8. It is recommended that Economic Development Committee:

    a. Approves the establishment of an additional 0.5 FTE Band C Economic Development Officer post in the economic development team, this will be until March 2019 to reflect the time limited nature of the ESIF Technical Assistance project.

    b. The approval is contingent on a successful outcome of the ESIF Technical Assistance funding submission.

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**Constitutional Comments [LM]**
The recommendations in the report fall within the terms of Reference of the Economic Development Committee.

**Financial Comments [SES 18.11.2015]**
The financial implications are set out in the report.

**HR Comments (MLH 17/11/2015)**

These are as set out in the body of the report

**Background Papers**
*European Structural and investment fund (ESIF) support for technical assistance bid*; report to Economic Development Committee, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015, approved.

**Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**
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