

# **THE CITY OF NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY COMMITTEE**

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MAY 2016 AT 9.30AM AT ASHFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

(A denotes absent)

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Chairman – Councillor Alan Rhodes – Nottinghamshire County Council

Vice- Chairman – Councillor Neil Clarke MBE – Rushcliffe Borough Council

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

Councillor Jon Collins – Nottingham City Council

Councillor Richard Jackson – Broxtowe Borough Council

Councillor Jo White – Bassetlaw District Council

### **OFFICERS PRESENT**

Sara Allmond – Nottinghamshire County Council

Chris Henning – Nottingham City Council

Ruth Hyde – Chief Executive, Broxtowe Borough Council

Matt Lockley – Nottinghamshire County Council

K. J. Marriott – Rushcliffe Borough Council

Anthony May – Chief Executive, Nottinghamshire County Council

Robert Mitchell – Chief Executive, Ashfield District Council

David Ralph – Chief Executive, D2N2 LEP

John Robinson – Chief Executive, Gedling Borough Council

James Schrodel – Nottingham City Council

Bev Smith – Managing Director, Mansfield District Council

Neil Taylor – Chief Executive, Bassetlaw District Council

Stuart Turner, Nottinghamshire County Council

Geoff George – Nottinghamshire County Council

Rod Griffith - ARUP

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Allen Graham and Andrew Muter.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

### **3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016, having been previously circulated, were agreed as a true and correct record and were confirmed and signed by the Chair of the meeting.

#### **4. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE BUSINESS INVESTMENT ZONES – EMPLOYMENT LAND REVIEW**

Geoff George, Nottinghamshire County Council and Rod Griffith, ARUP introduced the report and gave a presentation on the conclusions of a review of employment sites in Nottinghamshire undertaken for the Nottinghamshire Business Investment Zones (NBIZ) initiative.

The review looked at 30 high level sites, how viable they were and what barriers if any there were to development. The primary focus was on employment, how many jobs could be created through the development of the sites.

A number of sites could be progressed without much intervention needed. Some sites would need input to make them viable whilst other sites might not be what the market was looking for at the moment. What resources to access and which types of sites to focus on was also discussed.

#### **RESOLVED 2016/009**

That the report be noted.

#### **5. N2 GROWTH STRATEGY**

Chris Henning, Nottingham City Council and Matt Lockley, Nottinghamshire County Council introduced the report which presented a draft strategy pulling together a number of strategies and policies into a single comprehensive strategy.

The focus of the outcomes of the strategy would be on productivity. Realistic priorities and delivery mechanisms would be set.

The next steps for the strategy as set out in the report were highlighted.

#### **RESOLVED 2016/010**

- 1) That the draft strategy be noted;
- 2) That delegated authority be granted to the N2 Chief Executives to finalise the strategy, subject to the successful conclusion of a business and stakeholder consultation process.

#### **6. N2 BUSINESS RATE POOL**

Anthony May introduced the report which set out proposals to utilise the N2 Business Rates Pool to fund specific activity relating to place marketing and a mechanism by which feasibility and business case development could be supported.

Following discussions it was determined that a detailed business case would be required before any funding could be allocated to Marketing Nottingham and Nottinghamshire and this would be prepared.

#### **RESOLVED 2016/011**

- 1) That the parameters be agreed for investing up to £1million of the Business Rates Pool in feasibility studies and business case development as outlined at paragraph 7 of the report;
- 2) That an allocation of £500,000 be made to support the 'Unlocking Growth in N2 town centres' initiative;
- 3) That an allocation of up to £30,000 be made to enable the drawing up of a business case for a joint development company to support the work of One Public Estate and the anticipated Joint Assets Board;
- 4) That the remaining unallocated funds be retained as a reserve.

## **7. DEVOLUTION AND COMBINED AUTHORITY**

Withdrawn from the agenda.

## **8. WORK PROGRAMME**

**RESOLVED 2016/012**

That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 10.38am

**CHAIRMAN**