

Proposed Derby and Derbyshire Combined Authority

Consultation response from Nottinghamshire County Council

Nottinghamshire County Council is strongly supportive of the proposals published by the constituent councils in Derby and Derbyshire for a Combined Authority in the geographic county of Derbyshire. Nottinghamshire County Council has worked closely with Derbyshire County Council in recent months on the proposals for Combined Authorities in both areas and this has resulted in significant synergies in terms of the proposals and also the approach to governance issues in both areas.

Nottinghamshire County Council recognises that there are many overlapping and interdependent economies within the overall geography of Nottinghamshire and that many of our businesses and workers are reliant on supply chains, contracts and jobs in Derbyshire. We will therefore work closely with Derbyshire County Council and the new Derby and Derbyshire Combined Authority on issues that are cross-border, exploring how to deliver greater impact and economies of scale where possible. We have particular shared interests in the economic growth of districts along both sides of the M1 and A52 corridors and around the new HS2 East Midlands Hub and will ensure that we have effective governance and working practice in place to address these major opportunities. Similarly, we will lead a coherent approach and one that is consistent with the Derby and Derbyshire Combined Authority in terms of our relationships with the Sheffield City Region.

The inclusion of a Duty to Co-operate in the proposals for the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Combined Authority will give a clear footing for work with the Derby and Derbyshire Combined Authority. Nottinghamshire County Council recognises the importance of the relationship with Derby and Derbyshire and our relationships with the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership, which will need to function seamlessly and effectively if our Combined Authorities are to deliver their ambitions.