

minutes

Meeting	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Date	11 June 2013 (commencing at 2.00 pm)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

COUNCILLORS

Diana Meale (Chairman)
Roy Allan (Vice-Chairman)

Nicki Brooks
Ian Campbell
John Ogle
Michael Payne

Keith Walker
Gordon Wheeler
Jason Zadrozny

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

A Mr M Chivers – Alliance Boots
Ms M Ulyatt (Federation of Small Businesses)

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Keith Ford)	
Ben Fowler)	
Jayne Francis-Ward)	
Geoff George)	
Matt Lockley)	Policy, Planning and Corporate Services
Celia Morris)	Department
Mandy Ramm)	

CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

The appointment at the Annual Meeting of Council of Councillor Diana Meale and Councillor Roy Allan as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee respectively was noted.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

The membership of the Committee as detailed above was noted.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

RESOLVED 2013/013

That the report be noted.

MINUTES

RESOLVED 2013/014

The minutes of the last meeting held on 28 March 2013 were taken as read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Mr Mark Chivers.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Zadrozny declared a private, non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 9 – Introduction to the Council's Economic Development Service (in relation to the reference to investment in market towns) as a Board Member of the National Association of British Market Authorities (NABMA).

Councillor Diana Meale declared a private interest in agenda item 11 – Nottinghamshire Micro Loan Fund, as a Trustee of the Nottinghamshire Community Foundation.

STATE OF THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ECONOMY

Geoff George, Senior Economic Development Officer, gave a presentation which included the County's population and its characteristics; economic overview and performance; skills, qualifications and the labour market; and key issues for the future.

RESOLVED 2013/015

That the contents of the presentation be noted.

INTRODUCTION TO THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE GROWTH PLAN

Celia Morris, Group Manager, Policy, gave a presentation focussing on the three key themes of the Plan: competitive business growth; connectivity and aspiration and talent.

During discussions, Members requested a further presentation on apprenticeships and youth employment opportunities (including the Council's own approach to such issues).

RESOLVED 2013/016

That the contents of the presentation be noted.

INTRODUCTION TO THE COUNCIL'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICE

RESOLVED 2013/017

That the details of the report be noted.

INTEGRATED INNOVATION CENTRE CONTRACT PERFORMANCE REPORT

During discussions about the Worksop Turbine innovation centre, Members requested an interim report in six months' time.

RESOLVED 2013/018

- 1) That the report be noted.
- 2) That a further performance report on the Integrated Innovation Centre contract be brought back to the Committee in twelve months' time, with an interim report submitted in six months' time.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE MICRO LOAN FUND

During discussions about the re-use of the £20,000 allocation, Members suggested the following potential options:-

- use the money creatively to gain wider interest and publicity by offering it as awards to the three best job-creating small businesses in the County (not just new start-up businesses);
- seek match funding from each of the District and Borough Councils to set up an alternative micro fund which could be self-administered or administered by another agency such as a credit union;
- use the money to double the investment in the 'Wheels to Work' scheme.

RESOLVED 2013/019

1. That the cessation of the Nottinghamshire Micro Loan Fund project be noted.
2. That a further report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee with a proposal on future use of the funding.

WORK PROGRAMME

During discussions, Members requested that the Service Level Agreement with Experience Nottinghamshire be circulated as soon as possible, ahead of the update to the Committee meeting of 17 September 2013. Members requested that the Chief

Executive of Experience Nottinghamshire attend that meeting to respond to any questions.

RESOLVED 2013/020

That the work programme be noted.

The meeting closed at 3.35 pm.

CHAIRMAN