

minutes

Meeting	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Date	23 February 2016 (commencing at 2.00 pm)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with `A`

COUNCILLORS

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

	John Knight		John Ogle
	Michael Payne		Jacky Williams
A	Keith Walker	A	John Wilmott
	Gordon Wheeler		
A	Alan Rhodes (Ex-Officio)		

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

A	Mr M Chivers – (Alliance Boots)
	Ms N Gasson - (Federation of Small Businesses)

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Anthony May	- Chief Executive
Phil Berrill	- Place Department
Tim Gregory	- Place Department
James Mann	- Place Department
Nicola McCoy-Brown	- Place Department
Mandy Ramm	- Place Department
Oliver Whitaker	- Place Department
Martin Gately	- Resources Department

CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

The following changes of membership for this meeting were noted: Councillor Jacky Williams replaced Councillor Stan Heptinstall for this meeting only.

MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on 19 January 2016 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Councillor John Wilmott, Councillor Keith Walker and Mark Chivers.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S VISIT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM TO CHINA AND MALAYSIA

Anthony May, Chief Executive introduced the report on his visit to China and Malaysia.

RESOLVED: 2016/007

That the generosity of the University of Nottingham in inviting the County Council to participate in their "On Location" visit to China and Malaysia be recognised; and that the Chair of the Economic Development Committee writes to the University of Nottingham to thank them accordingly.

INWARD INVESTMENT ACTIVITY 2015-16

James Mann made a short presentation on the Invest in Nottingham service. He explained that the service was driven by the needs of the client, not focussed on geography or promoting particular sites or initiatives. The nature of the enquiries from clients vary greatly in scope. That in order to deliver meaningful proposals to the clients the team must manage relationships with a number of public and private parties, including:

- Commercial Agents
- Recruitment Agencies
- Business Support Agencies
- Funding Bodies
- Business Networks (e.g. Nottingham Means Business, Nottingham Manufacturing Network)
- Universities

Mr Mann also detailed two case studies – Verus Precision, an Irish company specialising in metrology which took up residence in the William Lee Building on Nottingham Science Park after receiving advice from the Invest in Nottingham Team in September 2015, and a large Spanish food manufacturer which moved to Worksop after signing a lease in September 2015, and due to commence production in February 2016.

RESOLVED: 2016/008

That the report be noted.

BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Oliver Whitaker introduced the report on Business Engagement Activities.

RESOLVED: 2016/009

That:

- a) The report be noted
- b) The proposals outlined in Appendix B of the report be agreed; in particular proposals which
 - 1) Seek to strengthen the role and purpose of the Nottinghamshire Business Engagement Group in supporting micro and small business growth, and;
 - 2) Align the existing key account management process with the further development of the Council's work with the D2N2 Growth Hub.

THE D2N2 GROWTH HUB

Geoff George introduced the report on the D2N2 Growth Hub.

RESOLVED: 2016/0010

That:

- a) The establishment of the two full-time posts within the Economic Development Team of Business Support Co-ordinator at Band B and Business Advisor at Band C (both subject to job evaluation) on 3 year fixed term contracts, subject to an in line with European funding obligations be approved;
- b) Should the European Funding not become available, the establishment of the Business Advisor post at Band C (subject to job evaluation) on a 3 year fixed term contract be approved.

CREATIVE INDUSTRIES SECTOR REPORT

Kevin Bartlett introduced the report on the Creative Industries Sector.

RESOLVED: 2016/0011

That:

- a) Officers advancing discussions with both the D2N2 Creative and Digital Consortium (which is subject to a successful ERDF application) to ensure the Creative Greenhouse membership benefits from a range of business and entrepreneurship support offering and with Vision West Notts College to develop a sustainable business model be approved;

- b) Up to £5000 be allocated from the Economic Development 2016/17 budget to support the network's transition to a new operating model and supporting planned events.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LEADER PROGRAMMES – STATUS UPDATE

Mandy Ramm introduced the report on the Nottinghamshire Leader Programmes.

RESOLVED 2016/0012

That the report be noted.

BROADBAND PETITION – ASKHAM

Nicola McCoy-Brown introduced the report on the broadband petition from Askham.

RESOLVED 2016/0013

That:

- a) Receipt of the petition be noted
- b) A response be sent to the petitioners as set out in paragraphs 6-10 of the report.

WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED 2016/0014

That the work programme be noted.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

That the public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that the discussions are likely to involve disclosure of exempt information described in paragraph 3 of the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

EXEMPT ITEM

EXEMPT MINUTE OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 JANUARY 2016

RESOLVED 2016/0015

The minute was agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair .

The meeting closed at 15:40 pm

CHAIR