

THE CITY OF NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY COMMITTEE

Friday, 18 December 2015 at 09:30

**Mansfield District Council Civic Centre, Chesterfield Road
South, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, NG19 7BH**

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for Absence**
- 2 Declarations of Interests by Members and Officers:- (see note below)**
 - (a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests
 - (b) Private Interests (pecuniary and non-pecuniary)
- 3 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th November 2015 3 - 6**
- 4 Update on change of Secretariat**

Verbal update from Councillor Alan Rhodes, Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council
- 5 Combined Authority and devolution update**

Verbal update from Ian Curryer, Chief Executive Nottingham City Council
- 6 D2N2 European Structural and Investment Fund Update 7 - 12**
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Notes

- (a) Members of the public are welcome to attend to observe meetings of the Economic Prosperity. Please note that there is no opportunity for the public to speak at these meetings.
- (b) Declarations of Interests – Persons making a declaration of interest should have regard to their own Council's Code of Conduct and the Committee's Procedural Rules.

Members or Officers requiring clarification on whether to make a declaration of interest are invited to contact Sara Allmond (Tel. 0115 9773794) or a colleague in Democratic Services at Nottinghamshire County Council prior to the meeting.

- (c) Members of the public wishing to inspect 'Background Papers' referred to in the reports on the agenda or Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act should contact:-

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NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the meeting held at Old Council Chamber, Town Hall, Broxtowe Borough Council on 20 November 2015 from 9.40 - 12.00

Membership

Present

Councillor Alan Rhodes (Chair) (from item 6)
Councillor Neil Clarke MBE (Vice Chair)
Mayor Kate Allsop
Councillor Roger Blaney
Councillor Cheryl Butler
Councillor John Clarke
Councillor Richard Jackson
Councillor Jo White

Absent

Councillor Jon Collins

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Sara Allmond	- Democratic Services, Nottinghamshire County Council
Ian Curryer	- Chief Executive, Nottingham City Council
Allen Graham	- Chief Executive, Rushcliffe Borough Council
Ruth Hyde OBE	- Chief Executive, Broxtowe Borough Council
Anthony May	- Chief Executive, Nottinghamshire County Council
Robert Mitchell	- Chief Executive, Ashfield District Council
Andrew Muter	- Chief Executive, Newark and Sherwood District Council
John Robinson	- Chief Executive, Gedling Borough Council
James Schrodell	- Policy Officer, Nottingham City Council
Bev Smith	- Interim Chief Operating Officer, Mansfield District Council
Neil Taylor	- Chief Executive, Bassetlaw District Council
James Welbourn	- Governance Officer, Nottingham City Council

24 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Alan Rhodes as Chair as a result of Councillor Graham Chapman stepping down.

25 MEMBERSHIP CHANGE

The Committee noted that Councillor Jon Collins replaced Councillor Graham Chapman as the Nottingham City Council representative.

26 APOLOGIES

Councillor Jon Collins.

27 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

28 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 September were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

29 DEVOLUTION AND COMBINED AUTHORITY UPDATE

Ian Curryer, Chief Executive of Nottingham City Council updated the Committee on the proposed Combined Authority (CA), and the devolution deal. The following information was provided:

- (a) the second reading of the Cities and Local Government Devolution Bill is next week. At the moment, the D2N2 deal (Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire) is 'paused'. This is equally an issue in West Yorkshire. Officers have been assured that any pause will not impact on the final scale of the deal;
- (b) Paddy Tipping, Nottinghamshire's Police and Crime Commissioner has written to the Home Office expressing his support for devolution. Anne Western, Leader of Derbyshire County Council has been working with the Police and Crime Commissioner in Derbyshire. Replacing the existing Police and Crime Commissioners with a single Mayor would reduce the governance layers in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire;
- (c) more deals are now being created nationwide, which is helpful in terms of learning about their governance. The North East, Tees Valley and West Midlands deals are now available to view;
- (d) in devolution deals around the country, elected Mayors have different degrees of influences over voting arrangements. In the Sheffield City region, the Mayor must be on the majority side of a vote. The West Midlands have a slightly different alternative.

These votes will take place mainly when it comes to the subject of additional powers;

- (e) a 'one-size fits all' approach' could be disadvantageous for parts of the country that feature two-tier local government;
- (f) Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire have a very different make-up to other proposed CA deals, with 19 authorities within the D2N2 area. This is a much larger number of authorities than in any of the other proposed deals, as all the deals thus far relate to unitary areas;
- (g) the D2N2 CA could include a Cabinet containing all 19 constituent members, with a Mayor as Chair. One proposal could be an executive cabinet of 7 with

the Mayor as Chair, along with representatives from the two counties, 2 cities and two districts, although thinking needs to be hardened on this issue;

- (h) the D2N2 deal is currently one of 8 or 9 main deals. There are a host of proposed County Council details, but they are less advanced than the D2N2 proposal;
- (i) Government have suggested that a smaller cabinet might lead to smoother working, but this decision would lie with the constituent authorities themselves;
- (j) if the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) were to join it would make 21 members of the Combined Authority. In Sheffield, the LEP come along to meetings as an observer;
- (k) it is fundamental that powers are not transferred up the Mayor from Councils;
- (l) housing is an issue that is sensitive in a lot of districts, and should be bundled together with 'right to buy' as an issue that needs further negotiation with Government;
- (m) getting Leicestershire included in any deal is unlikely, as they are much further behind D2N2 authorities;
- (n) the case for the CA must be built publicly – the consensus within the D2N2 area is excellent, but the public need to be aware of this work. Major organisations within the region could help with this by outlining why a CA would be good for the area;
- (o) Chief Executives are due to meet on 30 November regarding the overlaps in area that the D2N2 authority will encounter, and how these overlaps can be dealt with;
- (p) any discussion with health in the area would be around how it can be improved, rather than a complete takeover as happened in Manchester. There must be recognition that health in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire is very complex.

RESOLVED to:

- (1) ask Chief officers to produce a report on progress over the devolution deal to come back to a future meeting of the Economic Prosperity Committee;**
- (2) circulate the latest 'refined deal' document to members.**

30 EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL AND INVESTMENT FUNDS EMPLOY LOCAL PROJECT

Allen Graham, Chief Executive of Rushcliffe Borough Council introduced a presentation on the European Structural and Investment Funds Employ Local Project, highlighting the following points:

- (a) Employ Local is a funding initiative to get people into the workplace whilst helping employers.
- (b) connecting with schools is being discussed so that careers advice can be delivered;
- (c) the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) would be a key partner in building an employment hub for the D2N2 region. This model would draw on the Nottingham City Council example;
- (d) the number of big businesses in the region are dwarfed by micro and small businesses. Big companies do not need the help of this fund, whereas Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SME's) do;
- (e) the area based review needs to go at the same pace as it's equivalent in Sheffield. If this is not possible, then a better understanding of each other's issues is required.

RESOLVED to note the presentation.

31 CHANGE OF MEETING DATE - MARCH 2016

RESOLVED to discuss whether the meeting in March 2016 is to be cancelled at the December meeting of the Committee.

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Agenda Item: 6

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, NOTTINGHAM
CITY COUNCIL****EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL AND INVESTMENT FUND (ESIF) TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE****Purpose of the Report**

1. To update the Economic Prosperity Committee (EPC) on progress on European Structural Investment Funds.

Background

2. European Structural Investment Funds (ESIF) are a significant source of funding for economic development and social inclusion activity. The national Operational Programme, which sets out the basis on which funds can be used, has now been agreed with the European Commission, and local authorities (and others) have started the process of bidding for funds under this programme. This report sets out a summary of progress on:
 - a) The ESIF programme as a whole (being co-ordinated locally by D2N2 LEP)
 - b) The Sustainable Urban Development Strategy for Nottingham Urban Area (being co-ordinated locally by Nottingham City Council in collaboration with Nottinghamshire County Council and Urban Area Districts)
3. Since the formal agreement of the ERDF, ESF and EAFRD Operational Programmes, the D2N2 ESIF Committee is now in its 'operational' phase of translating its ESIF Strategy to delivery.

i. ESIF Funding Committed to date*ERDF (PAs 1, 2, 3 & 4)*

- To date, the D2N2 ESIF Committee has invited full applications for over £50m of ESIF Funding under a number of different themes of the D2N2 ESIF Strategy. D2N2 launched an ambitious programme of 'early' calls for ERDF projects in March 2015. The D2N2 ESIF Committee considered Expressions of Interest in July 2015, and advised CLG to invite applicants to submit bids with a value of £20m+ for innovation projects, £20m+ for SME Competitiveness projects and £4m+ for Low Carbon projects. A number of projects were advised that they need to improve their bids or work together to widen benefits across D2N2 and reduce duplication

- Full applications were received by 5th November and are currently undergoing appraisal by CLG officers with a target date of being report to the ESIF Committee in March 2016 with contracting and delivery to follow thereafter.
- A further call for focused on ICT revenue / business support projects, opened in July and closed in September. The Committee has invited a LEP wide bid with a value of £3.8m to submit a full application.

Youth Employment Initiative (PA8)

- D2N2 has also invited 5 projects to come forward with full applications under the Youth Employment Initiative in Nottingham which will be considered by the ESIF Committee in January 2016.

Building Better Opportunities (PA9)

- D2N2 has advised that 4 projects receive development funding from the Big Lottery Fund to develop full applications to the D2N2 Building Better Opportunities (BBO) programme to deliver a co-ordinated programme of social inclusion support across the D2N2 area. 'BBO' will deliver £15m+ of programmes over a 3 year period from Spring 2016.

ii. D2N2 ESIF Future Calls Programme and Committee Meetings

- Now that the ESF Operational Programme has now been signed off the emphasis of next round of calls will be on invitation applications and commissioning activity to deliver a comprehensive programme of social inclusion, employment and skills activity to help people move closer to, in to and up within the labour market.
- The D2N2 ESIF Committee will meet monthly for the next 6 months to ensure that delivery can proceed at pace
- D2N2 is still looking to finalise the operation of 'matched at source' ESF delivery through the Skills Funding Agency and the Department for Work and Pensions.
- SFA have stated that they can't now 'match fund' 3 year delivery programmes but can only deliver 2 year programmes – due to their 'match' funding being devolved through devolution deals. D2N2 have provisionally allocated over £19m to a 3 year programme of delivery through the SFA.
- The ESIF Committee has currently 'paused' its SFA opt-in to consider options for how the identified comprehensive programme of activity can be most effectively delivered. Should the Committee decide to proceed with the SFA, tenders will be invited in February 2016.

iii. Review of ESIF Strategy

- In September Government invited LEP Area Committees to revise their ESIF Strategies to reflect the changes to the Operational Programmes that have been agreed since May 2014, when the LEP ESIF Strategies were last submitted to Government.
- The D2N2 ESIF Committee endorsed an approach to technical updating of the strategy, sticking as closely as possible to the integrity of the existing draft, but with the 5% of funding formerly allocated to the now

ineligible 'Sustainable Transport' objective re-profiled as 4% to SME Competitiveness and 1% to Innovation.

- However, due to the national ERDF Operational Programme not reflecting the collective wishes of LEP areas, LEPs have now been issued with pro-rata funding allocations that vary from their preferred local allocation. In D2N2 this means a reduction in innovation funding and a large increase in Low Carbon funding. This has some implications for innovation bids received in our early calls but will more significantly constrain activity in the 2018-2020 period. D2N2, like other LEPs, will work with the Managing Authorities to secure a fairer funding settlement in the second half of the programme.
- There is a further challenge in that the D2N2 ESIF notional allocation is approximately €250m. The Sterling value of the programme will be adjusted twice a year. In May 2014 the Sterling value of the programme was £214.3m. In September CLG indicated that the value of the ESF and ERDF programmes was now £173.2m – an approximate 20% reduction. This will change during the course of the programme and board remain committed to an approach to employ ESIF for projects of impact and scale at the earliest opportunity.

iv. Financial Instrument

- D2N2 is working with other East Midlands LEPs and West Midlands LEPs to develop proposals for a Midlands-wide 'Fund of Funds' to support enhanced access to finance for SMEs.
- At the end of November a draft Investment Strategy was submitted to the European Investment Fund for negotiation.
- This is a key part of the 'Midlands Engine for Growth' approach.

v. Technical Assistance Programme

- The D2N2 Secretariat, local authorities and other partners have submitted bids for ESF and ERDF 'Technical Assistance' funding to create a partnership to support the development of high quality applications to the ESIF programme. Depending on final approvals, it is hoped to offer this service from the New Year.

vi. Sustainable Urban Development (SUD) Strategy

- Following consultation with the local authorities within the SUD programme area (a Steering Group comprising Nottingham City, Ashfield, Broxtowe, Gedling, Rushcliffe as well as Nottinghamshire County Council) a draft SUD Strategy was submitted to the Managing Authority in November.
- The SUD strategy will provide funding for a range of activities which support productivity improvement across priority sectors through issuing calls in a way that promotes a joined up, programmatic approach, to provide:
 - Capital investment in buildings
 - Revenue funding for: Business support (including start-up); Training; Events and marketing; Grants and loans; Network management

- All Core Cities (including Nottingham) have been asked to revise SUD strategies mainly to reflect revision of their LEP ESIF strategies under which they sit. The main change requested on the Nottingham SUD is to focus on fewer Priority Axes (themes) as it was considered to be spread too thinly over four themes. Submission of revised strategies is due by mid-December.
- Governance and formal responsibilities will then need to be agreed and the Managing Authority foresees first calls in April 2016. Officers on the SUD Steering Group have proposed a) using the ESIF Programme Board as a mechanism for making recommendations on successful bids to the managing authorities b) that the Steering Group provides advice to that Programme Board in a way which avoids potential conflicts of interest between local authorities as bidders for funds and as advisors
- When making or encouraging bids to come forward, all local authorities will need to recognise that match funding (usually of 50% of project cost) needs to be found

Reason(s) for Recommendations

4. This update is presented to the EPC now in order to ensure that Members are aware of current status as the programme is about to enter its operational phase. In accordance with the UK Operational Plan, recommendations to the Managing Authority are made by the ESIF Programme Board, which has representation from members of the EPC.

Statutory and Policy Implications

5. 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

6. The ESIF programme from 2014-2020 is worth some £173.2m to the D2N2 area (subject to revisions due to factors such as exchange rate fluctuations) – which then has to be matched by local funding sources. Financial implications for the constituent members of the N2 EPC will be dependent on the projects which are submitted in response to each of the calls and their accountability for grant funding within these.

RECOMMENDATIONS

7. That the EPC:
 - a) Notes the current status of EU funding bids and work underway to secure these funds

- b) Notes the Sustainable Urban Development strategy for the Nottingham Urban area which will be submitted to DCLG for negotiation.

Chris Henning

Director, Economic Development, Nottingham City Council

For any enquiries about this report please contact:

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Background Papers

D2N2 EU Structural and Investment Fund Strategy 2014 - 2020

<http://www.d2n2lep.org/EUFunding/Key-Documents>

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All



18th December 2015

Agenda Item: 7

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

D2N2 ESIF PROGRAMME: DIGITAL BUSINESS SUPPORT PROGRAMME

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to:
 - a. Inform Committee about the funding application for digital business support activities that was submitted under the European Structural and Investment Fund's (ESIF) Information and Communications Technology theme;
 - b. Seek Committee's support towards this initiative and consideration of match funding opportunities

Background

2. The D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) released a July 2015 call under European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) Priority Axis 2 – enhancing access to, and use and quality of, information communication and technology (ICT), which invites bids that focus on Investment Priority 2b – developing ICT products and services, e-commerce, and enhancing demand for ICT.
3. Nottinghamshire County Council led on the successful submission of an outline funding bid in partnership with the other D2N2 upper tier councils, East Midlands Chamber and the Creative Quarter Company. This partnership has now been invited to submit a full funding application by 29th March 2016, although it is preferred by the Managing Authority (Dept. for Communities and Local Government) that the bid is submitted as soon as possible.
4. The funding bid, known as the D2N2 Digital Business Growth Programme, will provide SMEs with the knowledge, tools and ability to use and exploit ICT to maximise wealth generation and will see approximately £7.58 million of funding

invested into the D2N2 area economy between 2016 and 2018.¹ See Appendix 1 for more information about the programme.

5. The maximum ERDF Contribution Rate is 50% of the total eligible project costs with the remaining 50% or more coming from other eligible sources. Match funding is a prerequisite for receiving ESIF funding. The submission of a full application requires sources and values of match funding to be indicatively secured, which must be confirmed (excluding business recipient contributions) prior to the issuing of any Funding Agreement.
6. Nottinghamshire County Council would like to ensure that as much activity as possible is delivered to support businesses within N2. Therefore, we are looking to create a funding package which will enable us to deliver all the planned activities highlighted in the outline funding bid. To do this, the following funding is required:

Total Funding Package	Amount	Investment ratio
Partner Contributions	£1.54m	50%
SME Grant Match at 50%	£2.25m	
ERDF Funding	£3.79m	50%
PROGRAMME TOTAL	£7.58m	100%

7. Every effort is currently being made to secure the match funding package of £1.54m from partners. A minimum of £500,000 match funding is required to support activities across N2.
8. We are therefore asking the Economic Prosperity Committee and its constituent councils to support this bid and to consider making a match funding contribution which will enable your organisation to directly support your businesses through a large ERDF funded programme. Both the City and County Councils have already confirmed their indicative support for the programme and for substantial match funding contributions. Any contributions from partners will enable enhanced delivery in Nottinghamshire. If the full funding bid is successful, provision would need to be made in future budgets for this activity as it would be a three-year programme.
9. ESIF will match local resources on a £ for £ basis. Therefore, if a commitment to the £1.54m partner match funding contributions cannot be secured, the amount of ESIF funding available will decrease accordingly. Subsequently, the programme would need to be scaled down and by default restrict the number of SMEs benefitting from this programme.

¹ The £7.58m is the total value submitted through the outline funding bid. This value is dependent upon achieving the full match funding contribution and is therefore subject to change in the full application.

Strategic benefits

10. Infrastructure alone will not deliver sustainable economic growth but SMEs taking advantage of enhanced digital connectivity will support growth and increased productivity. The pace of development and change in new technology can mean that the benefits of adopting a specific technology / ICT are not yet fully understood by SMEs. This knowledge gap largely arises from users not being able to identify the return on their investment, with limited experience of the benefits that new digital connectivity or technologies can generate.
11. Without a comprehensive programme of support for SMEs, which helps to translate ICT and technological capabilities relating to superfast broadband and other technologies into commercial opportunities or different ways of working, the full potential benefits of infrastructure investment in achieving a step change in the N2 economy are unlikely to be realised.

Outputs / Outcomes

12. If full match funding is acquired, the D2N2 Digital Business Growth Programme will deliver the following core outputs:

- 870 businesses receiving support
- 100 new (start-up) businesses supported
- 450 businesses to introduce new to the firm products via an ICT grant
- 180 businesses benefitting from 1:1 ICT and digital skills advice and support
- 360 full-day strategic 'action-planning' workshops
- 96 'awareness-raising' technology based seminars, hackathons and demonstrators
- A Digital Conference & Expo

13. The main indicative outcomes of the Programme are that participating businesses:

- Are empowered and enabled to exploit the commercial opportunities being generated by the rollout of the commercial and government-led Next Generation Access (NGA) broadband programmes being rolled out across the D2N2 LEP area;
- Implement, adopt and exploit digital technologies to deliver smart, sustainable and inclusive growth;
- Know the advantages in using ICT and fibre broadband and have the skills, knowledge and support mechanisms to overcome barriers;
- Develop deep, long-term business relationships with D2N2 Growth Hub;
- Invest more in their ICT knowledge, equipment and skills, so to stimulate economic growth, improve economic competitiveness and productivity, especially across rural areas, create jobs and adopt new products and services into their business; and
- Work collaboratively to access, explore and share best practice about the latest cutting edge technologies.

Other options considered

14. The County Council could choose not to submit a full application to the ESIF ICT call. However, (a) this would not be in line with overall objectives to maximise the use of digital infrastructure to stimulate economic growth, which is a key priority for the Council's Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire programme (b) if the County Council did not lead a consortium bid, the opportunity to secure significant European funds for N2 could be lost. For these reasons, the do nothing option has therefore been discounted.

Reasons for recommendation(s)

15. The submission of a full funding application to the Managing Authority for ERDF funds requires the County Council to be able to evidence that match funding commitments are in place. ESIF will match local resources on a £ for £ basis. Therefore, if a commitment to the £1.54m partner match funding contributions cannot be secured, the amount of ESIF funding available will decrease accordingly.

Statutory and Policy implications

16. 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 in the body of the report.

Financial implications

17. The outline bid for ESIF was submitted on the basis of a £7.58 million programme being delivered across D2N2 over the 2016, 2017 and 2018 calendar years. Match funding of 50% will need to be indicatively secured before the final application is submitted and confirmed before the County Council can enter into any financial agreement with the Managing Authority. Match funding resources have been indicatively confirmed from each of the upper tier authorities, the Chamber of Commerce and the Creative Quarter Company. The final amount of match funding secured will dictate how much ESIF resource will be invested in the area.

RECOMMENDATIONS

18. It is recommended that:

- a) The Economic Prosperity Committee notes the contents of this report;
- b) The Economic Prosperity Committee confirms its support for the initiative and associated bid for ESIF funds;
- c) Constituent councils consider whether they are able to offer any financial support to the programme

Anthony May

Chief Executive, Nottinghamshire County Council

For any enquiries about this report please contact: Oliver Whittaker, 0115 977 2330

Background Papers and Published Reports

Additional proposals for Economic Development budget 2015-16, report to Economic Development Committee, 7th July 2015, published.

European Structural Investment Fund: ERDF ICT Funding Call, report to Economic Development Committee, 8th September 2015, approved.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All

Appendix 1

The D2N2 Digital Business Growth Programme will deliver a bespoke, structured business support programme, intensively supporting small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) including social enterprises with real growth aspirations, to explore and introduce new and emerging ICT products and services into their business. Accessed through the D2N2 Growth Hub, this 3 year programme will be delivered across the D2N2 area through interactive seminars, demonstrators, 'action planning' workshops, and '1:1' technical advice and skills sessions with a grants scheme enabling growth plan implementation. The partners are currently developing the programme specification in more depth in preparation for the full application submission.

The Programme aims to support growth within N2 by:

- Creating demand from businesses to take advantage of the commercial opportunities being generated by the rollout of the Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire (BBfN) Next Generation Access (NGA) broadband programme, which aims to supply a fibre network capable of delivering superfast speeds to 98% of Nottinghamshire's premises by 2018;
- Improving businesses knowledge and awareness about the benefits of fibre broadband and associated technologies and the role they play in achieving economic and business growth;
- Working closely with the D2N2 Growth Hub to develop deep, long-term business relationships between the D2N2 Growth Hub, D2N2 businesses and other support agencies to deliver sustainable economic growth, respond to emerging business challenges and develop collaborative growth opportunities;
- Raising levels of ICT investment (knowledge, equipment and skills) across D2N2 by working with businesses to break down barriers, encourage the adoption of ICT products and services and showcase a return on investment;
- Building capacity across D2N2's businesses by utilising expert knowledge and end-user experience to implement innovative, growth orientated methodologies to increase the use of broadband and other emerging technologies to develop and implement diverse products and services;
- Providing a platform for businesses to access, explore and share best practice about the latest cutting edge technology;
- Expanding digital skills and usage of ICT applications to improve economic competitiveness and productivity, especially across rural areas, through utilising and exploiting ICT products, services and expertise.

18 December 2015

Agenda Item: 8

REPORT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL WORK PROGRAMME

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the Committee's work programme for 2016.

Information and Advice

2. The Economic Prosperity Committee maintains a rolling work programme which assists the management of the Committee's agenda, the scheduling of business and forward planning. The work programme will be updated and reviewed at each Committee meeting. Any member of the Committee is able to suggest items for possible inclusion.
3. The attached work programme has been drafted in consultation with the Chairman and includes items which can be anticipated at the present time. Other items will be added to the programme as they are identified.
4. The work programme already includes a number of reports on items suggested by the Committee.

Other Options Considered

5. None.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

6. To assist the Committee in preparing its work programme.

Statutory and Policy Implications

7. 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 below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the Committee's work programme be noted, and consideration be given to any changes which the Committee wishes to make.

Anthony May
Chief Executive, Nottinghamshire County Council

For any enquiries about this report please contact: Sara Allmond (0115) 977 3794

Background Papers

None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All

CITY OF NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY COMMITTEE - WORK PROGRAMME

<u>Report Title</u>	<u>Brief summary of agenda item</u>	<u>For Decision or Information?</u>	<u>Lead Officer</u>	<u>Report Author</u>
19 February 2016				
N2 EPC spending plan	To seek approval for the N2 EPC spending plan and for the N2 contribution to the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Combined Authority	Decision	Andrew Muter	Andrew Muter
<i>Local Growth Fund 3</i>	<i>Pending Government confirmation of process / D2N2 process requirements etc</i>	<i>Decision?</i>		
Marketing Nottingham and Nottinghamshire – update	To update Committee on progress with the new place marketing organisation, Marketing Nottingham and Nottinghamshire	Information	Chris Henning	Chris Henning
Nottinghamshire Business Investment Zones (NBIZ)	To consider the work undertaken on development opportunities in Nottinghamshire under the 'NBIZ' programme and its future use	Decision?	Matt Lockley	Geoff George
Devolution and Combined Authority update	Standing item	Information	Ian Curryer	Ian Curryer
Xx March 2016				
ESIF update				
Local Growth Fund update				
Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire – update	To update Committee on the BBfN programme and to inform Committee of the outcome of recent negotiations with BT and BDUK	Information	Matt Lockley	TBC
Devolution and Combined Authority update	Standing item	Information	Ian Curryer	Ian Curryer
Xx April 2016				
Skills and Employment update				

<u>Report Title</u>	<u>Brief summary of agenda item</u>	<u>For Decision or Information?</u>	<u>Lead Officer</u>	<u>Report Author</u>
N2 Growth Strategy	To consider and sign off the proposed N2 Growth Strategy	Decision	Matt Lockley / Chris Henning	Matt Lockley / Chris Henning
Devolution and Combined Authority update	Standing item	Information	Ian Curryer	Ian Curryer

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