

minutes

Meeting	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Date	6 January 2015 (commencing at 2.00 pm)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with `A`

COUNCILLORS

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

John Knight
John Wilmott
Keith Longdon
Philip Owen

Michael Payne
John Ogle

A Alan Rhodes (Ex-Officio)

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

A Mr M Chivers – (Alliance Boots)

A Ms N Gasson - (Federation of Small Businesses)

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Celia Morris	- Policy, Planning and Corporate Services
Matt Lockley	- Policy, Planning and Corporate Services
Fiona Anderson	- Policy Planning and Corporate Services
Hilary Porter	- Policy Planning and Corporate Services
Mandy Ramm	- Policy Planning and Corporate Services
Martin Gately	- Policy, Planning and Corporate Services

OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

None.

OTHER ATTENDEES

Rachel Panther	- Business Support Director, Oxford Innovation
Dr Naomi Mills	- Chiropractor, Chiromarket
John Yarham	- Chief Executive, Futures

CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

The following changes of membership for this meeting were noted: Councillor Philip Owen replaced Councillor Gordon Wheeler for this meeting only. Councillor Keith Longdon replaced Councillor Jason Zadrozny for this meeting only.

MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on 9 December 2014 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Mark Chivers and Natalie Gasson.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

EVALUATION OF THE SPARK NOTTINGHAMSHIRE BUSINESS SUPPORT PROGRAMME

Members received an initial presentation from Rachel Panther, Business Support Director at Oxford Innovation. Ms Panther indicated that in addition to the £20k or funding from the County Council there had also been £38k of private sector funding. The website launched in January and there was also a marketing campaign. This was a business idea competition and a prize was provided for the winners. The winners receive intensive strategic support and access to growth accelerator funding.

Ms Panther gave updates on the finalists: DISE, an App developer for societies and businesses, Miashy – a small family run restaurant in Retford with great potential, and Veintrain – a medical procedures training company with a three year growth plan. They are moving from Lincoln to West Bridgford and have already created two jobs with two more anticipated within a calendar year.

Dr Naomi Mills, a chiropractor and Spark Business Support Programme finalist presented information regarding her business idea – The ChiroMarket – which offers marketing tools and resources tailored to chiropractic businesses.

RESOLVED 2015/001

That the report be noted.

N2 SKILLS AND EMPLOYMENT BOARD

RESOLVED 2015/002

That the work and priorities of the N2 Skills and Employment Board be noted.

SUPPORTING YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

RESOLVED 2015/003

- 1) That the report be noted
- 2) That the flexible use of the £30,000 allocated for pre-apprenticeship funding with delegated approval for the menu of options described in point 12 of the report.

KEY ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT – ANNUAL REVIEW

RESOLVED 2015/004

- 1) That the report and recommendations for further work in developing the KAM approach be noted.
- 2) That a further report on progress with key account relationships be received in January 2016

RESPONSE SUBMITTED UNDER URGENCY PROCEDURE CONSULTATION RESPONSE – THE D2N2 LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP GROWTH HUB STRATEGY

RESOLVED 2015/005

That the contents of the report and the response to the consultation be noted

EXPERIENCE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE – LETTER OF SUPPORT

RESOLVED 2015/006

That the use of urgency procedure to authorise the Council's letter of support for Experience Nottinghamshire be noted.

WORK PROGRAMME

Broadband - Members requested further details on the financial outlay to BT for the delivery of each phase of Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire against the projected programme.

RESOLVED 2015/007

That the work programme be noted.

The meeting closed at 15:23 pm

CHAIR