

THE CITY OF NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY COMMITTEE

Friday, 09 March 2018 at 10:30

**Ashfield District Council, Urban Road, Kirkby-in-Ashfield,
NG17 8DA**

AGENDA

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| 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 Economic Prosperity Committee meeting held on 23 October 2017 | 3 - 6 |
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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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THE CITY OF NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 23 OCTOBER 2017 AT 2.00 PM AT NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MEMBERS PRESENT

(A denotes absent)

Chairman – Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE – Nottinghamshire County Council

Mayor Kate Allsop – Mansfield District Council

Councillor Roger Blaney – Newark and Sherwood District Council A

Councillor Cheryl Butler – Ashfield District Council

Councillor John Clarke – Gedling Borough Council

Councillor Richard Jackson – Broxtowe Borough Council

Councillor Simon Robinson – Rushcliffe Borough Council

Councillor Sam Webster – Nottingham City Council A

Councillor Jo White – Bassetlaw District Council

Councillor David Lloyd – Newark and Sherwood District Council (substitute for Councillor Roger Blaney)

OFFICERS PRESENT

Sara Allmond – Nottinghamshire County Council

David Armiger – Bassetlaw District Council

Hayley Barsby – Chief Executive, Mansfield District Council

Allen Graham – Chief Executive, Rushcliffe Borough Council

Ruth Hyde – Chief Executive, Broxtowe Borough Council

Anthony May – Chief Executive, Nottinghamshire County Council

Robert Mitchell – Chief Executive, Ashfield District Council

Andrew Muter – Chief Executive, Newark & Sherwood District Council

John Robinson – Chief Executive, Gedling Borough Council

Adrian Smith – Nottinghamshire County Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Roger Blaney and Councillor Sam Webster. An apology was also received from Ian Curryer (Nottingham City Council).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. NOMINATION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: 2017/009

That Councillor Cheryl Butler be appointed as Vice-Chairman to the Committee.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2017, having been previously circulated, were agreed as a true and correct record and were confirmed and signed by the Chair of the meeting.

5. THE N2 TOWN CENTRE PROGRAMME (LOCAL GROWTH FUND 3)

Adrian Smith introduced the report which set out the latest position regarding the N2 Town Centre Programme and proposed an assessment and decision-making process for the Committee's consideration.

During discussions the following points were raised:-

- The proposal was to try and keep the process as simple as possible whilst still being robust, so that the bids could be assessed and submitted as quickly as possible.
- The possibility of having more reserve projects ready if required was raised.
- The cost to administer the programme and how this would be funded was discussed.

RESOLVED 2017/010

- 1) That the list of projects comprising the N2 Town Centre Programme as set out in Appendix A of the report be endorsed.
- 2) That a process be developed for the appraisal of projects that is proportionate, efficient and consistent with the LEP Assurance Framework.
- 3) That authority to approve individual projects be delegated to the Chief Executive and S151 Officer of the accountable body, subject to appraisal, with monitoring and overall progress being reported to future meetings of this Committee.

6. MIDLANDS ENGINE VISION FOR GROWTH

Anthony May introduced the report which provided information on the Midlands Engine Vision for Growth which was the Midlands Engine response to the Government's Midlands Engine Strategy.

The document balanced the priorities of the East and West Midlands and set out five priority areas.

RESOLVED 2017/011

That the Committee endorses the Midlands Engine Vision for Growth.

7. HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE FUND – SUBMITTED BIDS FOR FORWARD FUNDING AND MARGINAL VIABILITY

Adrian Smith introduced the report which provided an update on the bids submitted to the Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF).

RESOLVED 2017/012

That the bids submitted to the Housing Infrastructure Fund be noted and further reports be brought to Committee to update on the outcomes of the bids and any actions arising, as required.

The meeting closed at 2.58 pm

CHAIRMAN

**Report to the City of
Nottingham and
Nottinghamshire Economic
Prosperity Committee**

9 March 2018

Agenda Item: 4

**REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY
COUNCIL**

**UPDATE ON N2 TOWN CENTRE PROGRAMME (LOCAL GROWTH FUND
3)**

Purpose of the Report

1. To update Committee on the “Unlocking Growth in N2 Town Centres” Programme.

Background

2. In July 2017, this Committee agreed its role and the process for the appraisal of projects that make up the “Unlocking Growth in N2 Town Centres” Programme to deliver a set of physical improvements within key town and local centres across Nottinghamshire, designed to stimulate economic growth.
3. This is the second update on the Programme to be received by this Committee and covers the period October 2017 to February 2018.
4. The Programme comprises of a series of individual projects. A key consideration for the Programme is the delivery of Jobs Created output, anticipated at 665. Currently there are 7 projects for which a target total of 612 jobs has been developed. The Programme’s flexible design means a number of projects can be brought forward as they become ready to deliver.
5. On 26th January, the D2N2 Infrastructure and Investment Board (IIB) agreed the following four conditions were to be put in place to provide reassurance of LAF compliance:
 - Each project will have to complete a business case that is LAF compliant as part of the funding agreement. Payment of funds will be subject to compliance of this condition

- A Programme Board is established by the applicant with representation from the LEP to oversee delivery of the programme
 - A representative of the Programme Board attends and feeds back progress to the IIB officers group
 - Quarterly reports to the IIB in 2018/19 on delivery
6. Nottinghamshire County Council is the accountable body for this Programme and is working with each of the applicant District/Borough Councils to bring forward their respective business cases, ensuring they are all fully compliant with the D2N2 LEP's Local Assurance Framework (LAF). Independent consultants are being appointed to support the review of each business case in terms of its viability, value for money and impact. Each project has a different phasing over the lifetime of the Programme, but all resources must be spent by March 2021.
7. The 7 projects currently included in the Programme are as follows:

PROJECTS INCLUDED IN THE N2 TOWN CENTRE PROGRAMME					
Project Name	Applicant	Match Funding	LGF Contribution	Total Cost	Jobs
Kirkby Leisure Centre and Town Centre Re-development	Ashfield District Council	8,110,000	1,500,000	9,610,000	78
Reinvigorating Upper Bridge Street in Worksop	Bassetlaw District Council	1,800,000	1,800,000	3,600,000	158
Beeston Square Phase 2 Redevelopment	Broxtowe Borough Council	400,000	750,000	1,150,000	300
Arnold Market/Arnold Town Centre	Gedling Borough Council	1,100,020	1,250,000	2,235,020	32
Carlton Square	Gedling Borough Council	265,717	350,000	615,717	4
Mansfield Old Town Hall Redevelopment	Mansfield District Council	700,000	700,000	1,400,000	20
Newark Buttermarket Redevelopment	Newark & Sherwood District Council	650,000	650,000	1,300,000	20
TOTALS		13,025,737	7,000,000	20,025,737	612

8. Further projects exist in the pipeline and offer a healthy indication of demand, as illustrated in the table below. All the projects combined, equate to spend of

£10.7M of LGF resources i.e. over £3M more than is available at the present time and a total of 1,043 jobs created.

PIPELINE PROJECTS	
Stockwell Gate Mansfield	Mansfield District Council
Newark Gateway	Newark & Sherwood District Council
Bingham Town Centre	Rushcliffe Borough Council
Tudor Square West Bridgford	Rushcliffe Borough Council

Reasons for Recommendations

9. To provide information on the N2 Town Centres Programme, as part of the Economic Prosperity Committee's role in monitoring the overall progress of the Programme.

RECOMMENDATION/S

10. It is recommended that the Economic Prosperity Committee notes the overall progress of the N2 Town Centres Programme.

Anthony May

Chief Executive, Nottinghamshire County Council

For any enquiries about this report please contact:

Nicola M^cCoy-Brown, 0115 977 2580

Background Papers

- *The N2 Town Centre Programme (Local Growth Fund 3)* – report to the City of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Economic Prosperity Committee, published 23rd October 2017
- Original Submission to the D2N2 LEP
- “Unlocking Growth in N2 Town Centres” – a brochure developed supporting the original submission

**Report to the City of Nottingham
and Nottinghamshire Economic
Prosperity Committee)**

9th March 2018

Agenda Item: 5

**REPORT OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
(NFOA)**

BUSINESS RATES POOL

Purpose of the Report

1. To clarify the N2 balances
2. To update the monitoring of all approved projects

Background

3. The N2 Reserve

It was proposed that 100% of the surplus from 2016/17 should be returned to individual authorities this year only, at least 50% of which is to support economic development and business growth. Options need to be considered about treatment of future surpluses.

Contributions were:-

2013/14 - £392,000	100% of pool surplus
2014/15 - £1,504,434	50% of pool surplus
2015/16 - £1,057,354	50% of pool surplus
2016/17 - £1,506,617	50% of pool surplus now returned

Total £4,460,405

4. Proposals

In 2017/18, £1,506,617 from 2016/17 pool surplus has been returned to districts and the county, of which 50% is to be earmarked for supporting economic development and business growth in each District Council. A breakdown of this can be seen in below:

Authority	Share of N2 contribution £000
Ashfield	192
Bassetlaw	233
Broxtowe	17
Gedling	105
Mansfield	260
Newark & Sherwood	38
Rushcliffe	30
Notts CC	632
Sub TOTAL	1,507

The £1,506,617 was returned as follows:-

Leaving total contributions made at **£2,953,788**

5. All current programmed commitments under the EPC should be reviewed by all to determine whether projects are no longer progressing and if funding may be released. Regular reporting is requested.

Total commitments, as approved by the Economic Prosperity Committee, are detailed in Appendix A.

6. Nicola McCoy-Brown (NCC) is the budget holder for the N2 reserve. The EPC agrees the allocation of funds and the Economic Development Team manage the payment process, monitor the schemes and have reported progress to the EPC. Details in Appendix B.

Recommendations

7. To note the amounts returned to each contributing local authority.
8. To review projects listed in Appendix A to return any allocations no longer required
9. To consider proposals to use the remaining balances for economic development purposes

For any enquiries about this Note please contact: Laura.McCreedy@nottsc.gov.uk.

Appendix A: N2 Business Rates Pool – ED Team Prepared for EPC report

Item		Amount approved	Meeting/Date Approved	Comment	Updated Value Spend and Commitment
A	Devolution / Combined Authority Development	£135,000	Feb-16	On hold. Potential use in the development of the joint committee. Subject to a City contribution, being outside of the Pool arrangements.	£135,000
B	Timewise	£30,000	Chief Executives Forum	Flexible hiring and working practices	£30,000
C	Nottinghamshire Pre Fund Development (NPDF)	£1,000,000	May 2016/Jan 2017	Allocated	£1,153,960
D	Town Centre Programme Support	£500,000	May 2016/Jan 2017	The N2TC programme is now progressing and these resources are being utilised in support of the programme's development and delivery	£346,040
E	One Public Estate	£30,000	May-16	To explore the business case for a joint development company	£30,000
F	Reserve for future allocation	£327,000	May-16	While approved at that time, it may be re-allocated	£327,000
G	Innovation Centres	£300,000	Sep-16	£75k per centre	£300,000
H				Balance unallocated	£631,788
TOTAL APPROVED COMMITMENTS		£2,322,000		REVISED VALUES	£2,953,788

Appendix B

Projects Approved – brief descriptions, manager, approval, allocated, spend

Devolution/Combined Authority

Approved EPC Feb 2016

£135,000

On hold

Responsible Officer: Adrian Smith

Timewise

Approved at the Chief Executives Forum

Flexible hiring and working practises – Ashfield District

Allocated £30,000 spent **£24,000 to date**

Balance £30000 will be spent

Responsible Officer: Nicola McCoy-Brown/Rob Mitchell -Ashfield

Pre development Fund

Approved EPC May 2016 and updated Jan 2017

£1m fully allocated

Topped up £1.5K from town centre allocation

Schemes listed-

Ashfield	£156,750
Bassetlaw	£134,800
Broxtowe	£140,000
Gedling	£130,000
Mansfield	£102,000
N&S	£125,000
NCC	£134,960
Rushcliffe	£101,000
Joint	£129,450

Total **£1,153,960**

There are also 4 reserve projects

The following table confirms the spend as at the end of February 2018 in accordance with the original allocations.

LA	Allocation	Total Being Processed	Total Reimbursed to Date	To be Claimed
Ashfield	£186,750	£0	£41,750.00	£145,000.00
Bassetlaw	£164,800	£95,680	£0	£69,120.00
Broxtowe	£140,000	£70,000	£0	£140,000.00
Gedling	£150,000	£0	£23,956.80	£126,043.20
Mansfield	£102,000	£34,802	£0	£102,000.00
N&S	£125,000	£0	£0	£125,000.00
NCC	£184,410	£0	£0	£184,410.00
Rushcliffe	£101,000	£0	£27,005.25	£73,994.75
Total	£1,153,960	£200,482	£92,712.05	£965,567.95

All projects are due to be completed and claims made by 6th July 2018 apart from Broxtowe BC; their final claim for one project will be made by 6th January 2019.
Responsible Officers: Geoff George and Oliver Whitaker

Innovation Centres

Approved by EPC Sept 2016
£300,000 which is 4 centres x £75,000 each.

Turbine innovation centre – NCC - *Contribution to turbine innovation centre works*
Business lounge and Improvements to meeting room facilities complete, all funds spent

Retford enterprise Centre Phase 2 – BDC - *Contribution to the Retford enterprise centre phase 2*. Completed in November and is 40% let. No claims made yet

Mansfield I-centre – MDC - *The Upgrade and replacement of skylights and ventilation system, roof drainage and internal refurbishment and upgrade at the Mansfield i- Centre*. Works still outstanding, as the works relate to roof drainage and roof leaking milder weather is required before the works can be completed. This is expected to be done in the spring. No claims made yet

Newark Beacon – NSDC - *Internal Space re-configuration, internal Upgrades and car parking Adjustments at Newark Beacon Innovation Centre*. Office re-configuration complete, other works still outstanding. No claims made yet.

Responsible Officer: Phil Berrill

Balance uncommitted

Original EPC approval value £327,000
Additional Business rates pool contributions £631,788 as yet not approved by EPC.

