

THE CITY OF NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY COMMITTEE

Monday, 23 October 2017 at 14:00

**County Hall, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2
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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 Nomination of Vice-Chairman**
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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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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2017 AT 10.30AM AT NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

MEMBERS PRESENT

(A denotes absent)

Chairman – Councillor Alan Rhodes – Nottinghamshire County Council
Vice- Chairman – Councillor Neil Clarke MBE – Rushcliffe Borough Council **A**

Mayor Kate Allsop – Mansfield District Council
Councillor Roger Blaney – Newark and Sherwood District Council
Councillor Cheryl Butler – Ashfield District Council
Councillor John Clarke – Gedling Borough Council **A**
Councillor Jon Collins – Nottingham City Council
Councillor Richard Jackson – Broxtowe Borough Council
Councillor Jo White – Bassetlaw District Council

ALSO PRESENT

Councillor Sam Webster – Nottingham City Council

OFFICERS PRESENT

Lindsay Allen – D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership
Sara Allmond – Nottinghamshire County Council
Allen Graham – Chief Executive, Rushcliffe Borough Council
Simon Hall – D2N2 Growth Hub
Chris Henning – Nottingham City Council
Ruth Hyde – Chief Executive, Broxtowe Borough Council
Anthony May – Chief Executive, Nottinghamshire County Council
Nicola McCoy-Brown – Nottinghamshire County Council
Robert Mitchell – Chief Executive, Ashfield District Council
John Robinson – Chief Executive, Gedling Borough Council
James Schrodell – Nottingham City Council
Bev Smith – Chief Executive, Mansfield District Council
Neil Taylor – Chief Executive, Bassetlaw District Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor John Clarke and Councillor Neil Clarke MBE. Apologies were also received from Ian Curryer (Nottingham City Council), Andrew Muter (Newark and Sherwood District Council), David Ralph (D2N2 LEP) and Adrian Smith (Nottinghamshire County Council).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 January 2017, having been previously circulated, were agreed as a true and correct record and were confirmed and signed by the Chair of the meeting.

4. D2N2 SKILLS AND EMPLOYABILITY STRATEGY 2017-2020 – DRAFT AND FEEDBACK

Allen Graham introduced the report which set out the proposed strategy for endorsement by the Committee and proposed the next steps and actions for skills and employability.

Members raised concern regarding the relatively low outcome target. There was a need to push this area of work and take advantage of projects such as HS2.

RESOLVED 2017/005

- 1) That the Committee endorses the Skills and Employability Strategy 2017-2020
- 2) That the Committee supports the formation of a Regional Public Skills Levy Working Group to explore opportunities for joint working and maximising the returns from the introduction of the apprenticeship levy.
- 3) That it be agreed that the Chief Executive of Rushcliffe Borough Council will lead on a County and City review of existing programmes that are designed to improve employability skills
- 4) To confirm Councillor Cheryl Butler as the district skills champion
- 5) That the outcome of the Area Based Review be added to the future work programme

5. THE D2N2 GROWTH HUB

Simon Hall gave a presentation to members on the work of the Growth Hub and progress made since the last update. The funding for Nottinghamshire services was coming online. All opportunities to raise awareness of the Hub were used to ensure that as many organisations as possible were aware of their services.

The Hub currently predominately provided service to small businesses and it was planned to increase the number of larger organisations the service was provided to.

RESOLVED 2017/006

- 1) That the work of the Growth Hub and the continued collaboration with local authorities be endorsed.
- 2) That a further update on the D2N2 Growth Hub be brought to Committee in six months.

6. BUILDING OUR INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY: GREEN PAPER

Anthony May introduced the report which set out the proposals within the Government's green paper for members consideration.

Members raised concerns regarding the number of strategies, and a need to ensure that there was no overlap, with existing strategies used wherever possible, rather than creating additional ones. There was a need to ensure that there was a focus on a small number of key areas at a time to ensure that changes were achieved before moving on to other areas.

RESOLVED 2017/007

- 1) That authority to submit a shared response to the Government be delegated to the Chief Executives.
- 2) That future commissioning and resource allocation decisions made by the Committee would be made with reference to the Government's strategy.

7. WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED 2017/008

That the work programme be noted.

The meeting closed at 11.32 am

CHAIRMAN

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

Date 23rd October 2017

Agenda Item: 5

**REPORT OF ANTHONY MAY, CHIEF EXECUTIVE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
COUNTY COUNCIL**

THE N2 TOWN CENTRE PROGRAMME (LOCAL GROWTH FUND 3)

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the latest position on the N2 Town Centre Programme and to propose an assessment and decision-making process for the Committee's consideration.

Background

2. As the Committee will be aware, the N2 Town Centre (N2TC) Programme "Unlocking Growth in N2 Town Centres" was developed for inclusion within the Growth Deal 3 (GD3) submission by the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) to Government in 2016. The initial bid sought £12m to support package of projects designed to address challenging issues within and specific to a series of key town centres across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. This was agreed by the EPC in July 2016.
3. In July 2017, the Government awarded £62.9m to the D2N2 LEP. The overall LGF programme across D2N2 is 'over-programmed' with more bids than the available resource. The LEP Board has agreed that underspends or projects that don't deliver against forecast face resources being clawed back to reduce the overspend within the overarching LGF programme.
4. A revised total of £7.6m has been allocated to the N2 Town Centres programme to run over the period up to March 2021. The N2TC programme offers a degree of flexibility to bring forward projects from across the County. In order to offer the LEP the assurance that a pipeline of projects was available, an initial set of projects were agreed as the basis of the original bid.
5. This reports offers details of progress made since the announcement, offers details of the pipeline and proposes a decision-making process as delegated by this Committee.

Progress

6. Following a period of discussion and review of guidance from the LEP on its final Local Assurance Framework, the Committee will note:
 - At its Policy Committee meeting on the 13th September 2017, the County Council (NCC) agreed to be the accountable body (AB) for the Programme, undertaking programme management role.
 - Derbyshire CC as the LEP Accountable Body will hold the resources, with a draw down against approved projects by Nottinghamshire County Council, as the programme accountable body, when projects are approved.
 - The programme will be subject to an agreement between the two County Councils, with the applicants for individual town centre projects being subject to their own agreement with NCC as the accountable body.
 - Overall, the programme is required to meet the outputs of 560 jobs.
 - The LEP's Local Assurance Framework (LAF) will guide the requirements of the programme's AB and the expectations of the sponsors of individual projects.
 - To help ensure that bids are approved and that funds are drawn down and paid to lead applicants in a timely fashion, funding will be allocated from the Business Rates Pool to help administer the programme.
 - Early discussions have taken place with the LEP about presenting a business case for the programme's approval by its Infrastructure and Investment Board.

Moving Forward - Project Approvals

7. As the accountable body, Nottinghamshire County Council will be responsible for working with District and Borough partners to develop, submit and administer the programme. This includes preparing the business case and securing an agreement with LEP for the Programme's delivery.
8. In the original submission, 12 projects were endorsed locally seeking just over £7m of LGF resources. Of the original 12 projects, 5 projects now appear to be current, seeking £5.128m of LGF. A number of the original projects have been funded through other grant programmes. This leaves an unallocated balance of £2.497m. Appendix A sets out the updated full list of projects seeking resources from the LGF Town Centre Programme.
9. Projects seeking LGF resources directly from the LEP are required to go through the detailed Local Assurance Framework assessment. This is a robust test to ensure that projects are deliverable and to offer assurance that the public money invested in projects will achieve agreed outcomes.
10. In discharging the accountable body responsibilities, the County Council is committed to working with both the LEP and District/Borough Councils to agree a process of assessing, approving and monitoring projects. This process will need to be sufficiently robust to offer assurance to both the LEP (who will ultimately sign off the programme) and the County Council's s151 officer (who will sign off the grant awards). The process should not however be overly bureaucratic, lengthy or burdensome, nor should it place unnecessary requirements for the public bodies drawing down the resource to meet.

11. The process will draw on existing local good practice, including from our successful joint Growth Point programme and input from the LEP. The key outcomes are:
 - To ensure delivery of good quality outcomes for residents and businesses in Nottinghamshire
 - To ensure efficient and effective delivery of the programme, with timely approvals, allocations and administration of the grant.
12. It is proposed that the EPC delegate authority to the accountable body Chief Executive and s151 Officer to approve the process, in close consultation with N2 Chief Officers including the LEP Chief Executive.

Next Steps

13. Alongside the development of the process for signing off the individual projects. The LEP require the submission of a formal business case for the whole programme to be considered by the LEP Infrastructure Investment Board. Subject to EPC endorsement of the attached projects in Appendix A, a business case will be submitted for appraisal as soon as is practicable. Once approved, projects from District and Borough partners can be submitted for assessment.
14. Whilst all projects will need to go through the assessment process in order to satisfy due diligence, priority is given to the 5 projects (highlighted in the Appendix) that formed part of the initial LGF submission, unless they are withdrawn by their sponsoring authorities.

Reason(s) for Recommendations

15. For the efficient management and progression of the N2TC Programme and to enable District and Borough partners to submit projects in order to draw down the LGF resource through an efficient and robust approach.

Other Options Considered

16. The Committee may choose not to support the process and proposed decision-making process.

RECOMMENDATION/S

17. It is recommended that the Economic Prosperity Committee:
 - a) endorses the list of projects comprising the N2TC programme in Appendix A
 - b) agrees that a process is developed for the appraisal of projects that is proportionate, efficient and consistent with the LEP Assurance Framework
 - c) delegates to Chief Officer and s151 of the accountable body the responsibility to approve individual projects, subject to appraisal, with monitoring and overall progress being reported to future meetings of this Committee.

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Background Papers

- Original Submission to the D2N2 LEP
- “Unlocking Growth in N2 Town Centres” – a brochure developed supporting the original submission.

Appendix A - Longlisted N2TC Projects

Project Name	Description	LGF Sought	Total Costs
Arnold #	Development of the town centre and the market.	£1,250,000	£3,000,000
Beeston Square*	Redeveloping a brownfield site to address changes in shopping habits, regenerate an underutilized location and maximize the potential footfall from the introduction of the Tram route.	£350,000	£30,000,000
Bingham*	Improved connectivity across the rail line via new bridge over the railway, better integrating the town centre.	£765,000	£1,570,000
Carlton Square #	Redevelopment of the town centre for enhanced retail, commercial and housing offer.	£350,000	£1,100,000
Kirkby Leisure Centre	Construction of new Leisure centre, integrating it with the Kirby town centre and facilitating the re-development of the old site for housing.	£1,500,000	£9,000,000
Mansfield Old Town Hall*	Conversion of this grade II* listed building into office accommodation for the town centre.	£607,139	£1,839,816
Newark Gateway project (Town Centre) Phase 1	A full Masterplan exercise is being undertaken for the development of the site adjacent to the new Council Offices and Phase 1 will see the installation of infrastructure, utilities and site preparation.	£900,000	£1,800,000
Newark Central (Buttermarket)	A corridor between the newly opened National Civil War Centre and Newark Castle. With the changing role of Town Centres, and the need to ensure the Town Centre remains a vibrant cultural centre, an internal reconfiguration of the Buttermarket is required.	£650,000	£1,300,000
Stockwell Gate (Mansfield)	Redevelopment of the former bus station site, a highly prominent gateway site into central Mansfield, with strong links to the town centre, the transport interchange and the Four Seasons shopping centre. The project comprises hotel, associated leisure and retail uses creating @40,000sqft of new commercial floorspace together with public realm.	£500,000	£9,000,000
Tudor Square, West Bridgford*	Improve the offer in West Bridgford with the extension of the work carried out on Central Avenue across Tudor Square. The proposal involves the creation of 'shared space' with appropriate improvements to	£1,600,000	£3,100,000

	landscaping, reduce the width of the roads, remove barriers and increase the open space.		
Workshop*	Increase and bring back into use over 2,000sqm of retail, office and restaurant floor space, increase and improve the public realm and pedestrian friendly areas from Bridge Street through to Victoria Square and create a new entrance to the main retail car park.	£1,806,000	£3,612,000
Total projects from initial submission to Government		£5,128,139	£40,121,816
Total		£10,278,139	£65,321,816

*Previously agreed as part of the initial LGF Programme submitted to the LEP and Government.

#Referenced previously as reserve projects to the original submission.

Report to the City of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Economic Prosperity Committee

23rd October 2017

Agenda Item: 6

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MIDLANDS ENGINE VISION FOR GROWTH

Purpose of the Report

1. This report seeks Economic Prosperity Committee endorsement of the Midlands Engine Vision for Growth.

Background

2. Earlier this year, the Government published its Midlands Engine Strategy. In recent months the Supervisory Board of the Engine has been considering its response to the Strategy.
3. At the request of the Chair of the Midlands Engine (and with consent from the Leader of the Council) the County Council's Chief Executive has been coordinating this work. This work has been wide-ranging and has involved partners from the affected sectors (local government, Local Enterprise Partnership, Higher Education and Further Education and the private sector).
4. This response has culminated in the publication of the Midlands Engine Vision for Growth. This document, along with an accompanying letter from the Chair of the Midlands Engine (Sir John Peace), has been delivered to the Prime Minister's Office with a copy of the same to the Right Honourable Sajid Javid, MP and the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

Midlands Engine Vision for Growth – Priorities

5. The Partnership's core purpose is to create a Midlands Engine that powers the UK economy and competes on the world stage. The Midlands strategic location, strong sense of identity and reputation as the beating heart of the national economy will ensure the UK's future as a global economic power.
6. The Partnership's ambition is to close the Gross Value Added (GVA – the measure of goods and services produced in an economy) gap to match or exceed the national average and add £54 billion to the Midlands and UK economies by 2030.

7. The vision sets out five priority areas, which will be supported by the development of detailed work plans to accelerate growth and collaboration and leverage match funding across the region. These five packages - shaping the ambition for the Midlands of 2030 - each involve a mixture of immediate and longer-term investment and initiatives, the cumulative impact of which will be a step change in productivity and international competitiveness:

Five main ways to achieve growth, increase prosperity and improve quality of life for all Midlanders	
1	CONNECT THE MIDLANDS: Maximise new technologies to deliver radical transformation of Midlands connectivity
2	INVEST IN STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE: Invest in the most sustainable and advanced technology to deliver the infrastructure to meet future business and residential needs
3	GROW INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INVESTMENT: Grow trade and investment in new markets to create jobs in global economy
4	INCREASE INNOVATION AND ENTERPRISE: Create an environment where the Midland's strengths (identified by the Science and Innovation Audit) can be maximised to benefit the whole region and support successful business growth
5	SHAPE GREAT PLACES: Promote the Midlands as a great place to live, visit, learn and work

8. As a first step, the £4million announced by Government in March 2017 will be used to provide core capacity for the Engine and develop projects.
9. On Tuesday 19 September, the Vision for Growth report was submitted to the Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. A written response from the Secretary of State is expected imminently.
10. Pending this response from Government, a revised governance structure is being implemented across the Midlands Engine. This revised structure will enable implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Vision for Growth. Specifically, work is underway to develop detailed business cases for projects under each of the five work packages. In addition, there is likely to be separate strands of activity to develop the approach to skills and the economic observatory.
11. The County Council's Chief Executive has agreed to oversee this initial implementation phase, pending the recruitment of a Midlands Engine Chief Executive. It is anticipated that an appointment will be made in the next few weeks.

Reason(s) for Recommendations

12. To provide information on the Midlands Engine Vision for Growth in response to the Government's strategy which expresses the intent to maximise their return on investment for the benefit not just of the Midlands, but the whole of the UK.

RECOMMENDATION/S

13. It is recommended that the Economic Prosperity Committee endorses the Midlands Engine Vision for Growth.

Anthony May

Chief Executive, Nottinghamshire County Council

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Background Papers

- The Midlands Engine Vision for Growth is available online here:
<https://www.midlandsengine.org/wp-content/uploads/Midlands-Engine-Vision-for-Growth.pdf>
- The Midlands Engine Strategy is available online here:
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/598295/Midlands_Engine_Strategy.pdf

Report to the City of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Economic Prosperity Committee

23rd October 2017

Agenda Item: 7

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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

Purpose of the Report

1. This report updates the Economic Prosperity Committee on the submitted bids to the Housing Infrastructure Fund.

Information and Advice

2. The Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) is a government capital grant programme of up to £2.3 billion to support physical infrastructure to deliver more land for housing. The fund has two types of funding :
 - a. Marginal Viability Funding – to support infrastructure for marginal viability schemes (to support the final or missing piece of infrastructure funding). Bids can be made by single and lower tier authorities for up to £10m.
 - b. Forward Funding - to support a small number of strategic and high impact infrastructure schemes, funding can also be used for pump priming to allow further investment. Bids up to £250m can be made.
3. The funding is available over four years from 2017/18 to 2020/21. All funding must be committed by March 2021. Higher levels of funding may be available for exceptional bids. The split between the two funding streams will depend on the bids received but it is anticipated that the majority of the funding will go to Forward Funding proposals. Not all of the funding may be allocated so there could be other funding rounds with revised criteria. Authorities can submit multiple bids which will need to be ranked in order of priority. Joint working across authorities and with the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) is encouraged and joint bids are welcomed.
4. Bid proposals must take a strategic approach with strong local leadership and joint working to achieve higher levels of housing growth in local areas. They must require grant funding to deliver physical infrastructure and provide strong evidence that the infrastructure is necessary to unlock new homes and cannot be funded through another route. Bids must also demonstrate value for money. On the basis of an economic appraisal following the Green Book.
5. Business cases for the Marginal Viability Funding were invited by the 28 September. The two stages process for Forward Funding involves the submission

of expressions of interest by 28 September and if successful, the submission of full business cases in spring 2018.

Forward Funding Proposal

6. A joint bid for Forward Funding focussed on HS2 and garden villages which involves upper and lower tier authorities across Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire has been submitted. There has been widespread support from key stakeholders, including the D2N2 LEP for a joint bid, with Nottinghamshire leading and coordinating the application. The HS2 Growth Strategy was the starting point for the bid preparation work.

Marginal Viability Proposals

7. In addition the Forward Funding Expression of Interest a number of bids have been submitted for Marginal Viability funding, details are set out below.

Local Authority	Site	Dwellings	Project
Ashfield District	Various Hucknall and Sutton - in – Ashfield	1500 +	Infrastructure projects which will help accelerate the delivery of Local Plan housing proposals in Hucknall and Sutton - in –Ashfield
Bassetlaw	Harworth Colliery	1500 but assisting 3000 in settlement	Distributor route through site to improve access, permeability and relationship with existing town. Funding to advance provision of primary school site
Broxtowe Borough	HS2 Toton		Not submitting MV bid but supporting the D2N2 HS2 Growth Strategy bid
Gedling Borough	Rolleston Drive	60	Site remediation to ensure site viability
Mansfield	Sheepbridge Lane	150	Access and site remediation to ensure site is viable for development
	Former Mansfield Brewery site	200	Access and site remediation to ensure site is viable for development
Newark and Sherwood District	Newark South	3000	Newark Southern Relief Road – will advance early completion and accelerate housing delivery
	Thoresby Colliery	1500	Improvements to Ollerton Roundabout to ensure adequate access to principal road
Rushcliffe Borough	Clifton South/West	3000	Road infrastructure associated with opening up the Clifton South site

Reason(s) for Recommendations

8. To provide information on the bids which have been submitted to the Government for funding from the Housing Infrastructure Fund. Midlands Engine Vision for Growth in response to the Government's strategy which expresses the intent to maximise their return on investment for the benefit not just of the Midlands, but the whole of the UK.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Economic Prosperity Committee notes the bids which have been submitted to the Housing Infrastructure Fund and invites further reports on the outcomes of the bids and any actions arising.

Anthony May

Chief Executive, Nottinghamshire County Council

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Background Papers

The HS2 growth Strategy is available here:

[http://www.emcouncils.gov.uk/write/East_Midlands_HS2_Growth_Strategy -
September_2017.pdf](http://www.emcouncils.gov.uk/write/East_Midlands_HS2_Growth_Strategy_-_September_2017.pdf)

Or

<http://www.d2n2lep.org/News/thousands-of-jobs-and-almost-4billion-for-economy-detailed-in-hs2-strategy>

