

16th September 2014**Agenda Item: 4****REPORT OF THE GROUP MANAGER, CORPORATE STRATEGY
D2N2 PRIORITIES AND GROWTH DEAL****Purpose of the Report**

1. To update Members on the D2N2 Strategic Economic Plan and Growth Deal.

Information and advice

2. At its meetings in May and July, Committee considered reports on the D2N2 Strategic Economic Plan and the Growth Deal, announced by the Government on 7th July. Members requested that the Chief Executive of the D2N2 LEP, David Ralph, be invited to the next Committee to present an update on D2N2 priorities and on the outcome of the Growth Deal process.
3. Since the July Committee meeting, the County Council has been working closely with D2N2 and Government departments (principally transport and business, innovation and skills) on the schemes that have funds committed to them in 2015-16. For Nottinghamshire, these are the superfast broadband programme, Newark Southern Relief Road and Harworth-Bircotes access. Funds for the Rolls Royce, Hucknall scheme are earmarked for 2016-17.
4. Members have previously expressed interest in the Growth Deal process. There will be the opportunity to discuss this with David Ralph during the Committee meeting.
5. Members may also wish to reflect on the D2N2 Annual Conference which was held on 18th July at Medicity on the Enterprise Zone site in Beeston.

Reason(s) for Recommendations

6. At its July meeting, Committee agreed to invite David Ralph, Chief Executive of the D2N2 LEP, to its next meeting.

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 NHS Constitution (Public Health only), 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.

Financial implications

8. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

9. It is recommended that Committee notes this report as an introduction to the presentation from David Ralph.

Report of the Group Manager, Corporate Strategy, Celia Morris

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Constitutional Comments

This report is for noting only.

Financial Comments

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Background Papers

Growth Deal Guidance issued July 2013.

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/224776/13-1056-growth-deals-initial-guidance-for-local-enterprise-partnerships.pdf

Report to Economic Development Committee, 19 November 2013 – Development of the D2N2 EU Funding Strategy 2014-20

Report to Full Council, 16 January 2014 – Establishment of the City of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Economic Prosperity Committee

D2N2 Strategic Economic Plan

http://www.d2n2lep.org/write/Documents/D2N2_SEP_March_31st.pdf

Report to Economic Development Committee, 6 May 2014 – D2N2 Strategic Economic Plan and implications for Nottinghamshire

Report to Economic Development Committee, 1 July 2014 – update on D2N2 Strategic Economic Plan and Local Growth Deal

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

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