

29 April 2014**Agenda Item: 5****REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR FOR ACCESS
AND PUBLIC PROTECTION****D2N2 LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP'S BETTER BUSINESS FOR ALL
PROGRAMME****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to request the County Council's approval to support the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership's (LEP) Better Business for All Programme. D2N2 is the Local Enterprise Partnership for Nottinghamshire, Nottingham, Derbyshire and Derby.

Information and Advice

2. The Better Business for All (BBfA) programme has been successful in the two pathfinder LEPs, Leicester and Leicestershire and Greater Birmingham and Solihull in addressing the national priority of reducing the burdens on business to aid economic recovery, and D2N2 LEP are one of the 12 Champion LEPs rolling out the BBfA programme.
3. BBfA is a local partnership between businesses and regulatory services in D2N2 to promote growth. Through developing a new relationship between regulatory services and businesses, BBfA aims to reduce both real, and perceived, regulatory barriers to business growth.
4. A partnership charter has been developed to establish the principles on which the partnership will work. The charter has been agreed by local authorities, national regulators and the business community within the D2N2 LEP. The partners are committed to working together to provide a regulatory environment that promotes success in business whilst continuing to provide public protection. The charter sets out roles and responsibilities for both regulators and the businesses community to achieve this aim. A copy of the Pledge of Support and the Partnership Charter are attached as annexes to this report.

Other Options Considered

5. None – without supporting the Better Business for All Programme then the aims of the partnership may not be achieved.

Reason/s for Recommendations

- The BBfA programme has been successful in the two pathfinders LEPs
- Partners within the D2N2 LEP are committed to working together in the BBfA programme.

Statutory and Policy Implications

6. 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

7. There are no financial implications to this report

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That approval is given to sign the Partnership Charter and Pledge of Support for the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership Better Business for All Programme.
- 2) That an update report be submitted to the Committee in November 2014 to update Members on progress with the programme.

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Constitutional Comments (LM 16/04/14)

8. The Community Safety Committee has delegated authority within the Constitution to approve the recommendations in the report

Financial Comments (KAS 14/04/14)

9. There are no financial implications contained within the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

- None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All