



NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

**THE CITY OF NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY
COMMITTEE**

Date: Tuesday, 27 November 2018

Time: 1.30 pm

Place: Ground Floor Committee Room - Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham,
NG2 3NG

**Councillors are requested to attend the above meeting to transact the following
business**

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Constitutional Services Officer: Nancy Barnard, Governance Manager

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**THE CITY OF NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
ECONOMIC PROSPERITY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 9 MARCH 2018
AT 10.00 AM AT ASHFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL**

MEMBERS PRESENT

(A denotes absent)

Chairman – Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE – Nottinghamshire County Council

Mayor Kate Allsop – Mansfield District Council **A**
Councillor Roger Blaney – Newark and Sherwood District Council
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
Councillor Jo White – Bassetlaw District Council
Deputy Mayor Mick Barrow – Mansfield District Council (substitute for Mayor Kate Allsop)

OFFICERS PRESENT

Sara Allmond – Nottinghamshire County Council
Hayley Barsby – Chief Executive, Mansfield District Council
Ruth Hyde – Chief Executive, Broxtowe Borough Council
Kate Marriott – Rushcliffe Borough Council
Anthony May – Chief Executive, Nottinghamshire County Council
Robert Mitchell – Chief Executive, Ashfield District Council
Sanjiv Kohli – Deputy Chief Executive, Newark & Sherwood District Council
John Robinson – Chief Executive, Gedling Borough Council
James Schrodel – Nottingham City Council
Adrian Smith – Nottinghamshire County Council
Neil Taylor – Chief Executive, Bassetlaw District Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Mayor Kate Allsop. An apology was also received from Ian Curryer (Nottingham City Council).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2018, having been previously circulated, were agreed as a true and correct record and were confirmed and signed by the Chair of the meeting.

4. UPDATE ON 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 including information on the projects included in the programme. Each District and Borough Council provided an update on their projects. Updates were also provided on the pipeline projects.

During discussions the following point was raised:-

- The pipeline projects which were ready to progress would be costed to enable them to be included in the programme if required.

RESOLVED 2018/001

To note the overall progress of the N2 Town Centres Programme.

5. BUSINESS RATES POOL

Adrian Smith introduced the report which set out the current position regarding the Business Rates Pool.

During discussions the following points were raised:-

- At least one project no longer required the allocated funding
- The Committee was originally established as part of the pathway to devolution, the Committee needed to be repurposed to ensure that it continued to be of value.

RESOLVED 2018/002

- 1) That the Chief Officers would establish a working group to consider how to allocate the Pool going forward and report back to the Committee.
- 2) That the Chief Executive, Nottinghamshire County Council would lead on a review of the terms of reference of the Committee.

The meeting closed at 11.30 am

CHAIRMAN

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**CITY OF NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ECONOMIC
PROSPERITY COMMITTEE – 27 NOVEMBER 2018**

Subject:	Terms of Reference		
Presenting authority / representative):	Chris Henning, Corporate Director, Development & Growth, Nottingham City Council		
Report author and contact details:	Peter Davies-Bright, Economic Programmes Manager peter.davies-bright@nottinghamcity.gov.uk 0115 876 3413		
Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Subject to call-in
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Value of decision: Not applicable			<input type="checkbox"/> Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Capital
Authorities affected: All	Date of consultation with relevant authorities: 13-15 November 2018		
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/constituent authorities):			
<p>The original Terms of Reference (TOR) of the Economic Prosperity Committee (EPC) were adopted in February 2014 when the Committee was established.</p> <p>In August 2018, the TOR were reviewed by Nottinghamshire County, Nottingham City, Ashfield District and Rushcliffe Borough Councils. Proposed changes to the TOR have been drawn up to reflect wider changes in the operating environment since 2014, and to enable the EPC to discuss wider issues (and, where appropriate, align activity) that cut across local authority boundaries.</p>			
Exempt information:			
None			
Recommendation(s):			
1 To agree the proposed changes to the Terms of Reference, as outlined in this report.			

1 **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1.1 The proposed change to the Terms of Reference (TOR) would enable the EPC to discuss wider issues that cut across local authority boundaries and, where appropriate, align activity.

2 **BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)**

- 2.1 Senior officers from Nottinghamshire County, Nottingham City, Ashfield District and Rushcliffe Borough Councils met in August 2018 to discuss the future of the EPC, which had last met in March 2018. The officers recognised that the TOR needed to be updated to adapt to changes in the economic and political environment over the past four years and suggested the following changes to the TOR:

Purpose

- 2.2 The purpose of the EPC is currently:
‘To bring together local authority partners in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire in a robust, formally constituted arrangement which will drive future investment in growth and jobs in the City and County’.
- 2.3 It is proposed that this should be revised to:
‘To bring together local authorities in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire to agree and promote the key aspects of economic prosperity across the area, with a specific focus on shared priorities and securing investment.’

Remit

- 2.4 The remit of the EPC is currently:

- a) *to act as a local public sector decision making body for strategic economic development, and to make recommendations to the D2N2 LEP on its investment and other priorities;*
- b) *to prioritise, commission and monitor both investment plans and all European Structural Investment Funds (SIF), and Single Local Growth Fund money that is available to Nottingham and Nottinghamshire via the D2N2 LEP and the EPC;*
- c) *to oversee the alignment of relevant local authority plans and ensure that they contribute to economic growth;*
- d) *to actively engage with a range of businesses in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire in relation to the EPC's decision making, and to engage with other stakeholders where appropriate;*
- e) *to consider and advise on the appropriateness and viability of alternative, successor economic governance arrangements;*
- f) *to ensure that potential benefits stemming from any overlaps with other LEPs are fully maximised.*

2.5 It is proposed that this should be changed to:

- a) *to act as the local public sector decision making body for strategic economic growth;*
- b) *to act as a conduit to other sub-regional and regional bodies such as the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership and the Midlands Engine;*
- c) *to oversee the alignment of relevant local authority plans for economic prosperity;*
- d) *to agree shared priorities and bids for funding to existing and new funding sources such as Local Growth Funds, European Funds (until the end of the Brexit transition period) and the Shared Prosperity Fund (at the end of the Brexit transition period);*
- e) *to monitor and evaluate projects and programmes of activity commissioned directly by the EPC;*
- f) *to agree, monitor and evaluate spending priorities for the Nottinghamshire Business Rates Pool. (Only those constituent authorities that are members of the Pool would participate in this);*
- g) *to communicate and, where unanimously agreed, to align activity across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire on a range of other key public priorities that affect citizens.*

2.6 The changes are largely designed to reflect changes in the operating environment (such as the Midlands Engine and the EU Referendum) since the EPC was established in 2014. The main substantive addition is 2.5(g) (above) which will enable discussion at future EPC meetings of issues that cut across local authority boundaries and to agree to align activity where this would benefit the local authorities and local citizens.

Quorum

2.7 To reduce the quorum from six to five.

Secretariat

2.8 The Secretary shall be from the same authority as the Chair, rather than held by Nottingham City Council.

Review

2.9 The TOR should be reviewed every two years to ensure they remain fit for purpose

2.10 A full copy of the revised TOR is attached at Appendix A.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To make no amendments to the TOR. This was rejected as the TOR would not be fit for current purpose, and this would limit the EPC's ability to discuss and take mutually action beneficial to address issues that concern the local authorities and local citizens.

4 FINANCE COLLEAGUE COMMENTS (INCLUDING IMPLICATIONS AND VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

- 4.1 None

5 LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT COLLEAGUE COMMENTS (INCLUDING RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES, AND LEGAL, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT AND PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS)

- 5.1 The EPC TOR state that the TOR 'can only be amended by resolution of each of the constituent authorities'. Should the EPC agree the recommendation in this report, all constituent local authorities will need to formally agree to the proposed amendments in accordance with their own constitutions for the amendment to take effect, as set out in the current TOR (17.1).

6 SOCIAL VALUE CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 The proposed changes to the Terms of Reference aim to improve the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of the citizens of Nottingham by facilitating discussions with neighbouring authorities and potentially aligning activity for the benefit of citizens.

7 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)

- 7.1 Has the equality impact of the proposals in this report been assessed?

No



An EIA is not required because the report does not contain any changes to policy.

Yes



8 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS RELIED UPON IN WRITING THIS REPORT (NOT INCLUDING PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS OR CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION)

- 8.1 The City of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Economic Prosperity Committee draft Terms of Reference (revised November 2018) – see Appendix A.

9 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN THIS REPORT

- 9.1 None

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The City of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Economic Prosperity Committee

CONSTITUTION 2018- 2020

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1. Purpose

- 1.1 To bring together local authorities in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire to agree and promote the key aspects of economic prosperity across the area, with a specific focus on shared priorities and securing investment.

2. Governance

- 2.1 The Economic Prosperity Committee ("EPC") will act as a Joint Committee under Section 9EB of the Local Government Act 2000 and pursuant to Regulation 11 of the Local Authorities (Arrangement for the Discharge of Functions) (England) Regulations 2012.
- 2.2 The EPC will comprise the local authorities within the Nottinghamshire area: Ashfield District Council, Bassetlaw District Council, Broxtowe Borough Council, Gedling Borough Council, Mansfield District Council, Newark and Sherwood District Council, Nottingham City Council, Nottinghamshire County Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council ("constituent authorities").
- 2.3 Political Proportionality rules will not apply to the EPC as so constituted.

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2.4 The EPC will be a legally constituted body with powers delegated to it by the constituent authorities in the following areas:

- a) to prioritise and make decisions on the use of the funding that the EPC may influence or control;
- b) to review future governance requirements and delivery arrangements and how these can be best achieved in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire;
- c) to have direct oversight of key economic growth focused projects and initiatives that the EPC has influence over the funding of or contributes to;
- d) to have strategic oversight of other key growth focused projects and initiatives in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.

The EPC will not hold funds or monies on behalf of the constituent authorities.

2.5 The EPC's work plan and the outcome of any wider review into alternative governance may require a change in the delegated powers and terms of reference of the EPC and any such change would require the approval of all the constituent authorities.

2.6 These terms of reference should be reviewed two years after their adoption or after any amendments.

3. Remit

3.1 The remit of the EPC will be:

- a) to act as the local public sector decision making body for strategic economic growth;
- b) to act as a conduit to other sub-regional and regional bodies such as the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership and the Midlands Engine;
- c) to oversee the alignment of relevant local authority plans for economic prosperity;
- d) to agree shared priorities and bids for funding to existing and new funding sources such as Local Growth Funds, European Funds (until the end of the Brexit transition period) and the Shared Prosperity Fund (at the end of the Brexit transition period);
- e) to monitor and evaluate projects and programmes of activity commissioned directly by the EPC;
- f) to agree, monitor and evaluate spending priorities for the Nottinghamshire Business Rates Pool. (Only those constituent authorities that are members of the Pool would participate in this);
- g) to communicate and, where unanimously agreed, to align activity across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire on a range of other key public priorities that affect citizens.

4. Membership

4.1 One member from each constituent authority (such member to be the Leader/Elected Mayor or other executive member or committee chair from each constituent authority) and for the purposes of these terms of reference this member

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will be known as the principal member.

- 4.2 Each constituent authority to have a named substitute member who must be an executive member where the authority operates executive governance arrangements. In those constituent authorities where governance is by committee, that alternate member shall be as per that authority's rules of substitution. All constituent authorities must provide no less than twenty four hours' notice to either the Chair or the Secretary where a substitute member will be attending in place of the principal member. Regardless of any such notification, where both the principal member and the substitute member attends a meeting of the EPC the principal member shall be deemed as representing their authority by the Chair or Vice Chair.
- 4.3 In the event of any voting member of the EPC ceasing to be a member of the constituent authority which appointed him/her, the relevant constituent authority shall as soon as reasonably practicable appoint another voting member in their place.
- 4.4 Where a member of the EPC ceases to be a Leader / Elected Mayor of the constituent authority which appointed him/her or ceases to be a member of the Executive or Committee Chair of the constituent authority which appointed him/her, he/she shall also cease to be a member of the EPC and the relevant constituent authority shall as soon as reasonably practicable appoint another voting member in their place.
- 4.5 Each constituent authority may remove its principal member or substitute member and appoint a different member or substitute as per that authority's rules of substitution, and by providing twenty-four hours' notice to the Chair or the Secretary. Co-options onto the Committee are not permitted.
- 4.6 Each constituent authority may individually terminate its membership of the EPC by providing twelve months written notice of its intent to leave the EPC to the Chair or the Secretary. At the end of these twelve months, but not before, the authority will be deemed to no longer be a member of the EPC.
- 4.7 Where an authority has previously terminated its membership of the EPC it may rejoin the EPC with immediate effect on the same terms as existed prior to its departure, where the EPC agrees to that authority rejoining via a majority vote.

5. Quorum

- 5.1 The quorum shall be 5 members. No business will be transacted at a meeting unless a quorum exists at the beginning of a meeting. If at the beginning of any meeting, the Chair or Secretary after counting the members present declares that a quorum is not present, the meeting shall stand adjourned.

6. Chair and Vice Chair

- 6.1 The Chair of the EPC will rotate annually between the principal member of the City of Nottingham and the principal member of Nottinghamshire County Council. The position of Vice Chair shall be filled by the principal member of one of the district/borough council members of the EPC and this role will rotate annually

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between district/borough councils. The Chair or in their absence the Vice Chair or in their absence the member of the EPC elected for this purpose, shall preside at any meeting of the EPC.

6.2 Appointments will be made in May of each year.

6.3 Where, at any meeting or part of a meeting of the EPC both the Chair and Vice Chair are either absent or unable to act as Chair or Vice Chair, the EPC shall elect one of the members of the EPC present at the meeting to preside for the balance of that meeting or part of the meeting, as appropriate. For the avoidance of doubt, the role of Chair and Vice Chair vests in the principal member concerned and in their absence the role of Chair or Vice Chair will not automatically fall to the relevant constituent authority's substitute member.

7. Voting

7.1 One member, one vote for each constituent authority.

7.2 All questions shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the members present, the Chair having the casting vote in addition to their vote as a member of the Committee. Voting at meetings shall be by show of hands.

7.3 On the requisition of any two Members, made before the vote is taken, the voting on any matter shall be recorded by the Secretary so as to show how each Member voted and there shall also be recorded the name of any Member present who abstained from voting.

8. Sub-Committees and Advisory Groups

8.1 The EPC may appoint sub-committees from its membership as required to enable it to execute its responsibilities effectively and may delegate tasks and powers to the sub-committee as it sees fit.

8.2 The EPC may set up advisory groups as required to enable it to execute its responsibilities effectively and may delegate tasks as it sees fit to these bodies, which may be formed of officers or members of the constituent authorities or such third parties as the EPC considers appropriate.

9. Hosting and Administration

9.1 The EPC will be hosted by the same authority as the Chair. The Director of Legal and Democratic Services from that authority shall be Secretary to the Committee ("the Secretary"). The Host Authority will also provide s151 and Monitoring Officer roles and legal advice to the EPC. The administrative costs of supporting the committee will be met equally by the constituent authorities, with each authority being responsible for receiving and paying any travel or subsistence claims from its own members.

9.2 The functions of the Secretary shall be:

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- a) to maintain a record of membership of the EPC and any sub-committees or advisory groups appointed;
- b) to publish and notify the proper officers of each constituent authority of any anticipated “key decisions” to be taken by the EPC to enable the requirements as to formal notice of key decisions as given under the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 to be met;
- c) to carry out such notification to and consultation with members of any appointing constituent authority as may be necessary to enable the EPC to take urgent “key decisions” in accordance with the requirements of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012;
- d) to summon meetings of the EPC or any sub-committees or advisory groups;
- e) to prepare and send out the agenda for meetings of the EPC or any sub-committees or advisory groups; in consultation with the Chair and the Vice Chair of the Committee (or sub-committee/ advisory group);
- f) to keep a record of the proceedings of the EPC or any sub-committees or advisory groups, including those in attendance, declarations of interests, and to publish the minutes;
- g) to take such administrative action as may be necessary to give effect to decisions of the EPC or any sub-committees or advisory groups;
- h) to perform such other functions as may be determined by the EPC from time to time.

10. Meetings

10.1 The EPC will meet no less than quarterly and meetings will be aligned where necessary with deadlines for decisions on resources and investment plans.

10.2 Meetings will be held at such times, dates and places as may be notified to the members of the EPC by the Secretary, being such time, place and location as the EPC shall from time to time resolve. Meeting papers will be circulated five clear working days in advance of any meeting. The Chair may choose to accept or reject urgent items that are tabled at any meeting.

10.3 Additional ad hoc meetings may be called by the Secretary, in consultation, where practicable, with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee, in response to receipt of a request in writing, which request sets out an urgent item of business within the functions of the EPC, addressed to the Secretary:

- (a) from and signed by two members of the EPC, or
- (b) from the Chief Executive of any of the constituent authorities.

10.4 Urgent, virtual meetings facilitated via teleconference, video conferencing or other remote working methodologies may be called by the Secretary, in consultation, where practicable, with the Chair and Vice Chair of the EPC, in response to receipt of a request in writing, which request sets out an urgent item of business within the functions of the EPC, addressed to the Secretary:

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- (a) from and signed by two members of the EPC; or
- (b) from the Chief Executive of any of the constituent authorities.

Any such virtual meeting must comply with the access to information provisions and enable public access to proceedings.

10.5 The Secretary shall settle the agenda for any meeting of the EPC after consulting, where practicable, the Chair or in their absence the Vice Chair; and shall incorporate in the agenda any items of business and any reports submitted by:

- (a) the Chief Executive of any of the constituent authorities;
- (b) the Chief Finance Officer to any of the constituent authorities;
- (c) the Monitoring Officer to any of the constituent authorities;
- (d) the officer responsible for economic development at any of the constituent authorities; or
- (e) any two Members of the EPC.

10.6 The EPC shall, unless the person presiding at the meeting or the EPC determines otherwise in respect of that meeting, conduct its business in accordance with the procedure rules set out in paragraph 13 below.

11. Access to Information

11.1 Meetings of the EPC will be held in public except where confidential or exempt information, as defined in the Local Government Act 1972, is being discussed.

11.2 These rules do not affect any more specific rights to information contained elsewhere under the law.

11.3 The Secretary will ensure that the relevant legislation relating to access to information is complied with. Each constituent authority is to co-operate with the Secretary in fulfilling any requirements.

11.4 Any Freedom of Information or Subject Access Requests received by the EPC should be directed to the relevant constituent authority(s) for that authority to deal with in the usual way, taking account of the relevant legislation. Where the request relates to information held by two or more constituent authorities, they will liaise with each other before replying to the request.

12. Attendance at meetings

12.1 The Chair may invite any person, whether a member or officer of one of the constituent authorities or a third party, to attend the meeting and speak on any matter before the EPC.

12.2 Third parties may be invited to attend the EPC on a standing basis following a unanimous vote of those present and voting.

12.3 Where agenda items require independent experts or speakers, the Officer or

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authority proposing the agenda item should indicate this to the Secretary and provide the Secretary with details of who is required to attend and in what capacity. The participation of independent experts or speakers in EPC meetings will be subject to the discretion of the Chair.

13. Procedure Rules

13.1 Attendance

13.1.1 At every meeting, it shall be the responsibility of each member to enter their name on an attendance record provided by the Secretary from which attendance at the meeting will be recorded.

13.2 Order of Business

13.2.1 Subject to paragraph 13.2.2, the order of business at each meeting of the EPC will be:

- i. Apologies for absence
- ii. Declarations of interests
- iii. Approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the last meeting
- iv. Matters set out in the agenda for the meeting which will clearly indicate which are key decisions and which are not
- v. Matters on the agenda for the meeting which, in the opinion of the Secretary are likely to be considered in the absence of the press and public

13.2.2 The person presiding at the meeting may vary the order of business at the meeting.

13.3 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

13.3.1 If a Member is aware that he/she has a disclosable pecuniary interest in any matter to be considered at the meeting, the Member must withdraw from the room where the meeting considering the business is being held:

- (a) in the case where paragraph 13.3.2 below applies, immediately after making representations, answering questions or giving evidence;
- (b) in any other case, wherever it becomes apparent that the business is being considered at that meeting;
- (c) unless the Member has obtained a dispensation from their own authority's Standards Committee or Monitoring Officer. Such dispensation to be notified to the Secretary prior to the commencement of the meeting.

13.3.2 Where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest in any business of the EPC, the Member may attend the meeting (or a sub-committee or advisory group of the committee) but only for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the business, provided that the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose, whether under a statutory right or otherwise.

13.4 Minutes

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13.4.1 There will be no discussion or motion made in respect of the minutes other than except as to their accuracy. If no such question is raised or if it is raised then as soon as it has been disposed of, the Chair shall sign the minutes.

13.5 Rules of Debate

13.5.1 Respect for the Chair

A Member wishing to speak shall address the Chair and direct their comments to the question being discussed. The Chair shall decide the order in which to take representations from members wishing to speak and shall decide all questions of order. Their ruling upon all such questions or upon matters arising in debate shall be final and shall not be open to discussion.

13.5.2 Motions / Amendments

A motion or amendment shall not be discussed unless it has been proposed and seconded. When a motion is under debate no other motion shall be moved except the following:

- i. To amend the motion
- ii. To adjourn the meeting
- iii. To adjourn the debate or consideration of the item
- iv. To proceed to the next business
- v. That the question now be put
- vi. That a member be not further heard or do leave the meeting
- vii. To exclude the press and public under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972

13.6 Conduct of Members

13.6.1 Members of the EPC will be subject to their own authority's Code of Conduct.

14. Application to Sub-Committees

14.1 The procedure rules and also the Access to Information provisions set out at paragraph 11 shall apply to meetings of any sub-committees of the EPC.

15. Scrutiny of decisions

15.1 Each constituent authority which operates executive arrangements will be able to scrutinise the decisions of the EPC in accordance with that constituent authority's overview and scrutiny arrangements.

16. Winding up of the EPC

16.1 The EPC may be wound up immediately by a unanimous vote of all constituent authorities.

17. Amendment of this Constitution

17.1 This Constitution can only be amended by resolution of each of the constituent authorities.

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Agenda Item 6

**CITY OF NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ECONOMIC
PROSPERITY COMMITTEE – 27 NOVEMBER 2018**

Subject:	The N2 Town Centre Programme		
Presenting authority / representative):	Report of Corporate Director Place, Nottinghamshire County Council		
Report author and contact details:	Nicola M ^c Coy-Brown, Growth and Economic Development, Nottinghamshire County Council, 0115 977 2580		
Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Subject to call-in
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Value of decision:	Not applicable		<input type="checkbox"/> Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Capital
Authorities affected:	All, except Nottingham City		Date of consultation with relevant authorities: 13-15 November 2018
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/constituent authorities):			
To offer the Committee an update on progress with the N2 Town Centre (N2TC) Programme and specifically, to consider options to support the further development of the Programme, given remaining available resources and to note the Government's announcement of a Future High Street Fund and to consider its potential for supporting further projects.			
Exempt information: None			
Recommendation(s):			
1 To note the progress made to date on the delivery of the N2 Town Centre Programme			
2 To seek approval to a further call for town centre projects to maximise the available remaining funding and to meet the outstanding job outputs			
3 To note the forthcoming Future High Street Fund and subject to a review of the criteria, to consider how best to maximise its impact within the City and County			

1 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 This report is largely for information but seeks approval for a further call for projects given remaining resources and a shortfall in expected outputs. The government's announcement of a new fund potentially offers an opportunity to explore further partnership activity in support of our town centres.

2 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 The "Unlocking Growth in N2 Town Centres" Programme is a formally approved £7.625m initiative, supported by the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership's (LEP) Local Growth Fund (LGF). It is designed to deliver a set of physical / capital improvements within key town and local centres across the N2 EPC area, designed to stimulate economic growth. Each individual project is the subject of a full and independent business case assessment, taking the form of a submission which follows the D2N2 LEP's published Local Assurance Framework.
- 2.2 Nottinghamshire County Council acts as the accountable body for the programme and facilitates the process of bringing forward projects for consideration and ultimately determines approvals in liaison with the wider N2TC partners and the D2N2 LEP. At its meeting of 23rd October 2017, this Committee noted the background to the Programme and delegated the responsibility to approve individual projects to the County Council's Chief Officer and Section 151 Officer, subject to the partners' consideration (via a

now established Project Board meeting) with monitoring and overall progress being reported to future meetings of this Committee. The key items to report may be summarised as follows:

Project Progress

- 2.3 Nottinghamshire County Council has facilitated the approval of the Programme's overall Business Case and its governance arrangements and supported the applicants with further requirements including the template agreements and expectations regarding project progress.
- 2.4 Genecon, the appointed consultant is working closely with the Council and each of the individual project sponsors (in brackets below) to bring forward the respective initial projects in line with the due process. The partners have held their first Project Board meeting and the latest position may be summarised as follows:

Kirkby (Ashfield DC)	Awaiting full business case
Worksop (Bassetlaw DC)	Awaiting full business case, subject of revised design
Beeston (Broxtowe BC)	Full business case submitted, currently under assessment
Arnold (Gedling BC)	Pre-Compliance Agreement agreed, funding awarded, subject to full business case
Carlton Square (Gedling BC)	Awaiting full business case, subject of revised design
Mansfield Old Town Hall (Mansfield DC)	Award agreed
Newark Buttermarket (Newark & Sherwood DC)	Awaiting full business case

- 2.5 The programme has a reasonable degree of in-year flexibility and close liaison is being maintained with the D2N2 LEP and LGF accountable body, Derbyshire County Council to ensure the overall programme meets its targets and expectations. It will be noted that some projects are subject to revised designs or timetable slippages and this may result in a re-profiling of spend with the LEP within the wider programme timescale to March 2021.

Project Call

- 2.6 Assuming the above projects secure approval following a full business case and with the set indicative ceiling of LGF per project, there remains £625,000 unallocated. This was the subject of consideration with the partners at the Project Board and it is proposed that a fresh call for projects be made. This will follow the same approach adopted when pulling together the original longlist of projects, seeking a project or projects which create over 50 jobs, being a figure outstanding at the present time, assuming the existing projects meet their stated targets.
- 2.7 The Committee will recall that an allocation of £500,000 was made towards Nottinghamshire projects via the Business Rates pooling arrangements. Netting off the element previously agreed to support town centre-related Pre-Development projects, this leaves c.£310,000 and it is further proposed that this element be included within a call, bringing forward a total of £935,000 for capital town centre projects in Nottinghamshire.

Future High Streets Fund

- 2.8 On 29th October, the government published a Policy Paper which trailed a forthcoming Fund, the prospectus for which will be made available later this year. The policy paper signals the creation of a £675m national fund, of which £55m will be for heritage related support. The paper references the importance of strong local leadership in regenerating and reconfiguring town centres and proposes a new High Streets Task Force (launched early 2019) to offer support to local areas and co-fund initiatives.
- 2.9 Proposals will need to set out the overall vision and specific improvements / project(s) to contribute to the vision. The private sector will be integral in developing proposals, with submissions to be assessed supporting those where value for money, a clear business case (deliverability, strategic fit to objectives of the fund and ability to co-fund bids where appropriate) can be demonstrated. The Fund will contribute up to £25m to projects per local area.
- 2.10 The partners involved in the N2TC programme made a powerful case in securing support for this initiative and are well-versed in the issues and dynamics relating to town centres and high streets in the N2 area, including early conversation with the authors of the Grimsey review, facilitated via the partners and Nottingham Trent University and their involvement in the National Retail Research Knowledge Exchange Centre. On the publication of the prospectus, it is proposed that the N2 EPC and the N2TC programme partners consider how best to respond to the opportunities available. Depending on timing and criteria, it may be possible to draw additional resources into the N2TC programme and / or its individual projects. The above referenced call for projects will support both the N2TC programme but the longlisting of projects may also support a possible Future High Streets Fund submission.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Progress on the already approved N2TC programme is for noting. The Committee may decide not to make a call for projects but this will leave the programme vulnerable to an underspend and an inability to achieve its targets in the longer term. The forthcoming High Streets Fund looks to offer an opportunity to bring further resources to the N2 area and depending on the precise criteria, the experience and insight available across the partners through the N2TC programme should prove valuable in facilitating a credible submission.

4 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN THIS REPORT

- 4.1 The Future High Streets Fund Policy Paper is available here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/future-high-streets-fund/future-high-street-fund>
- 4.2 The Grimsey Review is available here: <http://www.vanishinghighstreet.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/GrimseyReview2.pdf>

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**CITY OF NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY
COMMITTEE – 27 NOVEMBER 2018**

Subject:	Update on Standing Items		
Presenting authority / representative):	Chris Henning, Corporate Director, Development & Growth, Nottingham City Council		
Report author and contact details:	Peter Davies-Bright, Economic Programmes Manager peter.davies-bright@nottinghamcity.gov.uk 0115 876 3413		
Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Subject to call-in	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Value of decision:	Not applicable		<input type="checkbox"/> Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Capital
Authorities affected:	All		Date of consultation with relevant authorities: 13-15 November 2018
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/constituent authorities):			
<p>This report summarises recent developments on a range of issues of key interest to the Committee, namely:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Midlands Engine 2. Midlands Connect 3. HS2 4. D2N2 LEP 5. Derby-Nottingham Metro Strategy 6. Nottinghamshire County Council's Place Departmental Strategy 7. D2N2 Charge Point Network 8. Air Quality 			
Exempt information: None			
Recommendation(s):			
1 To note the updates on standing items as set out in Appendix A.			

1 **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1.1 The issues of outlined are of interest to the Economic Prosperity Committee and are presented for information. No decisions are required.

2 **BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)**

- 2.1 Updates on the standing items are included at Appendix A.

3 **OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 n/a

4 **FINANCE COLLEAGUE COMMENTS (INCLUDING IMPLICATIONS AND VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)**

4.1 None

5 LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT COLLEAGUE COMMENTS (INCLUDING RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES, AND LEGAL, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT AND PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS)

5.1 None

6 SOCIAL VALUE CONSIDERATIONS

6.1 None

7 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)

7.1 Has the equality impact of the proposals in this report been assessed?

No

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An EIA is not required because the report does not contain any changes to policy.

Yes

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8 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS RELIED UPON IN WRITING THIS REPORT (NOT INCLUDING PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS OR CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION)

8.1 None

9 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN THIS REPORT

9.1 None

Appendix A – Update on Standing Items

This report to the City of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Economic Prosperity Committee sets out concise updates on the following subjects:

1. Midlands Engine
2. Midlands Connect
3. HS2
4. D2N2 LEP
5. Derby-Nottingham Metro Strategy
6. Nottinghamshire County Council's Place Departmental Strategy
7. D2N2 Charge Point Network
8. Air Quality

1. Midlands Engine

The Midlands Engine priorities were set out in the Vision for Growth report, published in September 2017. Since the publication of Vision for Growth, the Midlands Engine has been working to progress these priorities, with a focus on:

- Connecting the Midlands
- Investing in strategic infrastructure
- Growing international trade and investment
- Increasing innovation and enterprise
- Shaping great places

Theme groups within the Midlands Engine are aligned to these priorities, with an additional theme group focused on skills. There is additional work underway in respect of 5G, establishing an Economic Observatory, the Midlands Engine Investment Fund and the establishment of the national element of the Defence and National Rehabilitation Centre (DNRC). Increasingly, the Midlands Engine is being used by Government as a conduit for the dispersal of funds such as for ESOL and for tackling mental health at work.

In recent weeks, there have been some major announcements either directly related to the Engine or within the region, including:

- A new, locally-led development body for the area around Toton's development, with £2m of funding for the Midlands Engine to develop the body;
- The Midlands Engine has been assured that its constituent parts would receive a share of the £30m of funding allocated to the *Be The Business* campaign;
- The Midlands Engine was put at the centre of a Government commitment to work on future infrastructure plans as part of the Spending Review;
- Up to £70m will be allocated to build the national element of the DNRC in Nottinghamshire;
- Derby, Nottingham, Leicester and Stoke-on-Trent have all been short-listed for a share of the £440m Transforming Cities Fund with further £71.5m of additional money going to the WMCA as part of a second phase of the fund;
- A Midlands digital asset map, with £1.5m to develop this new initiative to map the region's major assets, linked to the new Economic Observatory.

The Midlands Engine has also been busy developing a pipeline of investable projects, with business cases in train for a large scale internationalisation strategy, a cutting edge space facility at Leicester, a medical technology innovation accelerator in Birmingham, Leicester and Nottingham, a ceramics park in

Staffordshire and a future food facility in Lincolnshire. Discussions are ongoing with Treasury about these projects.

The Midlands Engine has also organised trade and investment missions in India and China, and taken a full delegation to Cannes for MIPIM 2018.

Moving forward, the Government has announced its intentions to refresh the Midlands Engine Strategy in 2019.

2. Midlands Connect

The Midlands Connect Annual Report *Our Routes to Growth* (available [here](#) on the Midlands Connect website) was launched in July and sets out the main Midlands Connect workstreams, including:

- Midland Rail Hub
- Midlands Motorway Hub
- A46 Growth Corridor
- Accelerating the East Midlands Hub at Toton
- Major Road Network
- A5 Growth Corridor

The initial A46 Study Report has now been published describing the economic impact and role of the A46 corridor from the Severn to the Humber Estuary, and sets out proposals for further work on:

- Options to improve the connectivity to the Humber Ports north of Lincoln;
- Options to support growth around Leicester;
- Further evidence to support the delivery of the A46 Newark northern Bypass.

Any detailed schemes emerging from this work will then need to be taken through the Road Investment Strategy process by Highways England, and be subject to public consultation in the normal way.

Work is also progressing on proposals to establish a statutory sub-national transport body for the Midlands.

3. HS2

The East Midlands HS2 Growth Strategy was published at the end of September 2017 and the press launch took place on 3rd October 2017. The Strategy sets out proposals to use HS2 to deliver an additional 74,000 jobs and £4bn of GVA by 2043. It covers the HS2 Hub Station at Toton, proposals for classic compatible services at Chesterfield and an Infrastructure Maintenance Depot at Staveley. The full document is available on the East Midlands Councils' website ([click here](#)).

The Strategic Board last met on 23rd July 2018 chaired by Cllr Jon Collins. The Board agreed the details of a revised governance structure, including the establishment of an Executive Board to better co-ordinate delivery activity, and a Skills and Supply Chain Board.

The new governance structure is now being implemented. The new HS2 Executive Board chaired by Cllr Jon Collins met for the first time on 15th October 2018. The revamped Hub Station Delivery Board chaired by Cllr Kay Cutts met on 8th October 2018. The Mitigation Board chaired by Cllr Simon Spencer has been established and the Chesterfield & Staveley Delivery Board chaired by Cllr Trish Gilby has been meeting regularly for some time. The establishment of a Skills & Supply Chain Board remains outstanding but is the subject of discussion with the new leadership at D2N2.

Since the EMC AGM in July 2018 there have been a number of further developments:

- The Government has confirmed additional funding of up to £1.8m over two years to support the development of the Toton proposition, in particular transport connectivity, land assembly and delivery capacity;
- The Government has confirmed that Sir Terry Morgan, until recently Chair of Crossrail, will take over as Chair of HS2 Ltd from early October 2018, succeeding Sir David Higgins;
- The MHCLG Secretary of State and Midlands Engine 'Champion' James Brokenshire MP visited the site at Toton with Cllr Jon Collins, Cllr Kay Cutts, Cllr Richard Jackson, Sir John Peace and Stuart Young in early August 2018;
- The Government has indicated that the submission of the Phase 2b Hybrid Bill to Parliament will be delayed from late 2019 to mid-2020 to accommodate further work on connectivity with the existing rail network. Whilst the construction target of 2033 is unaffected, it will mean that Hybrid Bill Royal Assent will take place after the next General Election;
- Despite the Hybrid Bill delay, the consultation on the draft Environmental Statement opened in October 2018 and will close in December.

Whilst the delay to the Hybrid Bill submission is understandable and in some ways helpful, it sends a negative public message about the project at a time of national political uncertainty, particularly following recent announcements about the 12 month delay to Crossrail.

Although the Eastern leg of HS2 from Birmingham connecting with the East Coast Main Line south of York via the East Midlands and Leeds has the best economic case of any part of the proposed network, it is the last part to be built and therefore most vulnerable to decisions made by a future Government.

At the HS2 East event in Newcastle on 12th October 2018, key speakers including the new Chair of HS2 Ltd, Sir Terry Morgan, the Chair of the Transport Select Committee Lilian Greenwood MP and LGA President Lord Kerslake made strong public statements in support of the Eastern Leg of HS2. However, further collective action is likely to be required over the coming months.

The draft Environmental Statement consultation runs to many thousands of pages. Whilst each individual council will need to respond to the issues within their locality there will be a need to produce a regional response highlighting key issues of common concern

4. D2N2 LEP

Strategic Economic Plan (SEP)

Over the course of 2018, D2N2 has continued to work on a refreshing of its SEP. The refreshed SEP builds upon the original version, but whereas the 2013-2023 SEP focused on the creation of private sector jobs and house building, the refresh proposes a focus on productivity and inclusive growth. A consultation draft has now been published and the consultation closes on 16th November.

The SEP sets out a strategic framework as the first stage in developing a D2N2 Local Industrial Strategy (LIS). The LIS will be the basis for agreeing funding and flexibilities from Government, including the new UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

It is anticipated that the LIS will focus in greater depth on a narrower range of issues, including a key focus on how D2N2 will harness its significant science and innovation assets to address the four Grand Challenges (artificial intelligence, the future of mobility, clean growth and the ageing society) identified by the Government in the UK Industrial Strategy.

Ministerial Review

The Government published its review of LEPs, *Strengthened Local Enterprise Partnerships*, just before the summer recess. Its key recommendations were in regard of LEP geography and strengthening LEP governance. The Government asked LEPs to come forward with proposals by the end of September on geographies which 'best reflect real functional economic areas and remove overlaps'. The ability of LEPs to access future funding would be adversely affected if they were not to remove overlap areas.

Geography

The D2N2 Board met in September to consider its response to the Ministerial Review. The Board noted how D2N2 showed statistically that it operated currently as one of the highest economically self-contained areas of all LEPs, functioning well along administrative boundaries in a way that also aligned with structures like the Midlands Engine. Whilst acknowledging that the five overlapping northern districts had some synergy with Sheffield City Region, evidence demonstrated that these areas nevertheless identified themselves much more strongly as part of Derbyshire or Nottinghamshire than Yorkshire.

Board was informed ahead of discussion that all five overlap districts had responded prior to the meeting to confirm their preference to retain the overlap in contradiction to the recommendations in the LEP review. Likewise, initial contact made by D2N2 with Sheffield City Region had shown that they also preferred to leave the overlap in place. D2N2 would therefore seek further guidance from Government on how to move forward if Board accepted and agreed the recommendation to remove the overlap.

The Board acknowledged the need to continue to engage strongly with all districts, particularly those in the north of D2N2's area, to demonstrate how growth for all would result from retaining the five overlap areas within D2N2.

The Board agreed to:

- (i) Reiterate the current geographic footprint of D2N2;
- (ii) Agree the option to remove the overlap with Sheffield City Region, recognising in so doing that from this will follow consequences and actions; and,
- (iii) Welcome increased cross-boundary collaboration with surrounding LEPs.

Governance

The Ministerial Review stated that the Government will 'support all LEPs to have a legal personality, such as incorporation as companies, or mayoral combined authorities or combined authorities where they exist.' To further strengthen governance and delivery, all LEPs are expected to identify a single Accountable Body (AB) within in each area that is responsible for all LEP funding. The LEP currently engages Derby City, Derbyshire County and Nottingham City Councils as ABs for its various funding streams. It is set to rationalise this arrangement by tendering for a single AB before the end of 2018.

Board and staff changes

Peter Richardson stepped down as Chair of D2N2 in July 2018, as was replaced by Elizabeth Fagan (Boots). Elizabeth has been invited to attend EPC to set out her thinking on the LEP's future priorities, and although she is unable to attend this meeting due to longstanding diary commitments, she welcomes the opportunity to attend a future EPC meeting.

D2N2 is yet to recruit a permanent Chief Executive as successor to David Ralph. Sajeeda Rose has succeeded Matthew Wheatley on an interim basis.

5. Derby-Nottingham Metro Strategy

In 2015, the D2N2 LEP set out the need for three interlocking economic development strategies to cover the urban area, market towns and the rural area. In response to the LEP's challenge, the Derby-Nottingham Metro Strategy was developed as the urban element of this three-pronged approach.

Following consultation in later 2016, the Metro Strategy was launched in April 2017. A Strategic Advisory Group of key stakeholders drawn from business and education leaders in the two cities was established, and this group challenged the local authorities to be more ambitious. Independent consultants were engaged to examine the potential of the Nottingham Derby economy, and explore the economic case for strengthening the relationship between the two Cities. The subsequent report, *The Economic Case for the Derby-Nottingham Metro*, was published in November 2017.

In January 2018, the first Metro Summit brought together over 100 key stakeholders from local businesses, education and local authorities to examine and discuss *The Economic Case for the Derby-Nottingham Metro*. Consequently, a private sector led Metro Growth Board was established to oversee and lead the further development of the Metro Strategy. A comprehensive Metro Economic Plan was subsequently developed as both a standalone plan and as the Metro area's contribution to the emerging D2N2 refreshed SEP. The Metro Economic Plan outlines economic development priorities under five themes (enterprise, innovation, infrastructure, skills and place) and was presented to MPs at Westminster in June 2018.



At the same time, the Metro Delivery Board has continued to meet. The Delivery Board was established at the end of 2016, originally comprising Councillors from Derby and Nottingham Cities, to steer the delivery of the Metro Strategy. This included the extending of local services (such as gym membership and library lending) to citizens of both cities and joint service initiatives, culminating in the successful launch of a Metro Commercial Waste service in April 2018.










Gedling Borough Council formally joined the Metro Strategy 'coalition of the willing' in March 2018, and now sits on the Delivery Board. In September 2018, the Delivery Board welcomed representatives from Rushcliffe, Amber Valley, Erewash and Derbyshire County to its meeting as observers. The next Delivery Board meeting is scheduled for 28th November and in keeping with the principles of openness and inclusivity, local authority leaders from the Metro area are welcome to attend future Delivery Board meetings.









6. Nottinghamshire County Council's Place Departmental Strategy

Nottinghamshire County Council's Place Department brings together a range of services in order to meet the needs and aspirations of the people of Nottinghamshire. Policy Committee approved the Place Departmental Strategy on 24th January 2018.

Significant progress has been made in the 10 months since the launch of the Strategy, as illustrated below:

A great place to bring up your family		
	Homes England Local Authority Accelerated Construction Fund	For Council-owned development sites which has secured a substantial offer of grant funding of approximately £11m which will enable the delivery of more than 1,800 new homes
	Delivery of Phase 1 of the Lindhurst / Berry Hill Scheme	Up to 1,700 individually designed properties, ranging from affordable homes and stylish apartments to welcoming family homes and stunning detached town houses are being built. Sales completion of Phase One has concluded, with all the residential plots sold to house builders

	Investment in schools, nurseries, a day centre, secure children's home and County Hall	<p>£20m in the replacement and expansion of both 315-place Bestwood Village Hawthorne Primary with a 39-place nursery, and 140-place Orchard Special School in Newark and a brand new day centre. In additions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction began in October of a new 210-place primary school with a 26-place nursery at the former Rolls-Royce site in Hucknall • Work began on a new accommodation block, demolition of the existing accommodation block and provision of a new vocational block at Clayfields House secure children's home in Stapleford • The co-ordination of planned and responsive maintenance works began at County Hall
	Employability provision for young people	The £1.5m Award-winning programme , has secured a further £250k of EU funding. Over 50 grants have been awarded to Nottinghamshire schools bringing over £500k of additional funding into the County, and benefitting over 2000 Nottinghamshire young people
A great place to fulfil your ambition		
	Visitor Economy Strategy	A strategy to grow Nottinghamshire's Visitor Economy, valued at £1.814b , by volume and value and to attract further private and public investment to deliver a unique, defined and sustainable tourism offer for the County
	Hosting the penultimate stage of Tour of Britain	The Tour of Britain boosted the Nottinghamshire local economy by £4m . 250,000 spectators with 62% inspired to cycle more
	From Miner to Major: The Real Sherwood Forest	£2.4m National Lottery grant award which will see local communities being given the skills and knowledge to look after the landscape through restoring vital heathland, protection and conservation of ancient trees
	County's first electric buses generating benefits for residents	£910k project resulting in bus passengers benefitting from quieter, smoother, greener buses on 510 and 511 routes running between Beeston, Toton and Stapleford connecting with the tram network at Toton Lane Park and Ride and Beeston Bus and Tram Interchange
	Enhanced levels of Flood Protection	542 households protected by flood mitigation measures. 30% of local levy from Trent Regional Flood and Coastal Committee secured worth £2.5m . 18 Significant Flood Alleviation live Schemes - £15m value. £5m+ external funds secured this year. 500+ Planning Applications responded to. 400 Flood investigations undertaken. 50+ Land Drainage Consents investigated and issued this year. 2000+ entry's on the Asset Register. 1613 miles of ordinary water courses in the county – 520 miles in Bassetlaw.
A great place to enjoy later life		
	New Sherwood Forest visitor centre	£5m investment with RSPB in new facilities including a shop, café, outside terrace, amphitheatre and new play area
	Trading Standards	£1.24m worth of fake tobacco products seized this year – 81 inspections of shops, homes, vehicles and storage facilities have taken place in the County

A great place to start and grow a business		
	Toton High Speed 2 the future backbone of the national rail network	By 2043, up to 74,000 new jobs are anticipated to be created, boosting the regional economy by £4 billion. This transformational project is moving forward with delivery. The County Council has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with London & Continental Railways as work progresses towards the establishment of a formal locally led development body in the future, the development of which will receive £2m of funds as announced by the Chancellor. £1.8m of additional resources secured from DFT to improve transport infrastructure around Toton HS2 site
	A614 / A6097 Major Infrastructure Improvement Scheme	Government has signalled their intent to award £18m of funding to support major infrastructure improvement schemes from the Lowdham Roundabout up to Ollerton Roundabout
	Corporate Property Strategy	The Council occupies over 1,100 sites with a total value of in excess of £700m. Sitting at the heart of the Council's growth and prosperity agenda and setting out how the Council estate, the Corporate Property Strategy will support the delivery of the Council and Place targets
	Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire	This year marks 5 th anniversary of the project. 81,364 premises are now able to access superfast broadband. Adoption by customers (homes and businesses) that have chosen to sign up with a superfast broadband network continues to rise above 52% The project has been shortlisted for the coveted Public/Private Partnerships LCG Awards 2019 in recognition of the excellent collaboration with DCMS, BT, Openreach and D2N2 LEP
Shortlist		
	Continued delivery of a future-proofed digital network	Nottinghamshire has been announced as the first place in the East Midlands to be included in Openreach's 'Fibre First' programme. This ensures the County remains at the forefront of digital infrastructure, with all the economic and social benefits that provides
	Rural Business Growth Programme	£1.56m grant investment contracted. 28 enterprises supported financially. 77 new jobs to be created as a direct result of the investment. 135,000 new visitors to the county generated by LEADER investment in the sector. £3.9m of private sector match funding invested in the county's rural economy. 12 farms supported to improve productivity, utilising 24 new techniques. £1.7m increase in salaries paid for jobs created within rural Nottinghamshire
	Digital Business Growth Programme	475 SME enrolments. 52 Nottinghamshire SMEs have claimed grants equal to £558k
	Investment in the Turbine Innovation Centre	The Centre underwent a £270,000 facelift , the focal point of which was a new café. The investment also funded a larger conference room, and increased to 58 the number of serviced office spaces for growing and start-up businesses

A refreshed Strategy is currently underway and expected to be launched by Spring 2019.

7. D2N2 Charge Point Network

The BP Chargemaster electric vehicle charge point concession commenced in January 2018 following a competitive procurement. After a period of mobilisation the first charge points were installed in the City area over the summer. 53 charge points are now live and operational at car parks and other locations, with the tram park and ride sites being scheduled for construction in early 2019. Quotations have been received for locations in the County and other D2N2 authority areas. These are currently being programmed and are subject to legal agreements with the relevant land owners. It is envisaged construction will commence in 2019. Since the network has opened, over 900 charging sessions have been recorded.

8. Air Quality

Nottingham City is under Ministerial Direction to develop a plan to reduce concentrations of nitrogen dioxide to within legal limits as soon as possible. This plan was submitted to Government in September and is awaiting Ministerial sign off.

Nottingham has for many years been promoting sustainable transport with the aim of supporting economic growth, reducing congestion and improving air quality. Significant investment has been made to improve public transport and the local cycle network, together with incentivising the use of cleaner vehicles. These measures have already gone a long way to achieve a cleaner city, but further measures are needed to reduce pollution levels to within legal limits.

Government funding to retrofit buses operating in both the City and County areas with cleaner exhaust technology has been secured. The City's Taxi and Private Hire Strategy requires all Hackney Carriage licensed by the Council to be Euro VI compliant by 2020. In addition the City Council is also modernising its own fleet to Ultra Low Emission Vehicles (ULEV's). The modelling predicts that with these measures in place, air quality in Nottingham will be compliant with legal limits.

To align the outcome of local modelling with existing local air quality monitoring it is also proposed to vary one of the existing Air Quality Management Areas, expanding it to cover the whole of the Nottingham City Council's administrative area, and at the same time to seek legal powers to tackle engine idling.

Many of the measures being implemented will also benefit areas beyond the City boundary.

Agenda Item 8

CITY OF NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY COMMITTEE – 27 NOVEMBER 2018

Subject:	EPC Work Programme		
Presenting authority / representative):	Chris Henning, Corporate Director, Development & Growth, Nottingham City Council		
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Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Subject to call-in
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Value of decision:	Not applicable		<input type="checkbox"/> Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Capital
Authorities affected:	All		Date of consultation with relevant authorities: 13-15 November 2018
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/constituent authorities):			
<p>The Economic Prosperity Committee (EPC) last met in March 2018. The agenda for this meeting was drawn up by the City Council (as host authority) in consultation with County and District Councils.</p> <p>It is intended that regular EPC meetings are re-instigated, and that a Work Programme is developed to identify and schedule issues of key strategic interest to the Committee. This paper sets out the headline issues for future EPC meetings. Subject to any advice, it is recommended that EPC delegates responsibility for drawing up a work programme for future meetings to officers.</p>			
Exempt information:			
None			
Recommendation(s):			
<p>1 To note the headline issues for discussion at future EPC meetings, and to advise on priorities.</p>			
<p>2 To delegate the responsibility for drawing up an EPC work programme to the Chief Executive Officers of the constituent authorities.</p>			

1 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 To enable to plan and prioritise issues of strategic importance at future EPC meetings.

2 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 The EPC last met in March 2018, and consequently there is no current up to date work plan for the Committee. It is proposed that a work programme be drawn up to inform the work of EPC going forwards.
- 2.2 Nottinghamshire County Council has submitted a bid for Business Rates Pooling on behalf of all constituent authorities, and a decision on this bid is expected in December. It is proposed that this is discussed at the next EPC, which is expected to be in January 2019.

- 2.3 The new D2N2 LEP Chair, Elizabeth Fagan, has been invited to attend EPC to outline her vision for D2N2 and its priorities. Diary commitments permitting, it is suggested that Elizabeth should present at the next EPC meeting.
- 2.4 The N2 Innovation Seminar, held at Rushcliffe Arena on 12th November 2018, identified a number of issues that would be usefully progressed through the EPC. The next steps should be agreed and fed into the future work programme.
- 2.5 Other strategic issues that have been suggested for future consideration include:
- a) Business Support
 - b) Skills
 - c) East Midlands Airport
 - d) The closure of coal fired power stations
 - e) Infrastructure corridors
 - f) Affordable housing
- 2.6 It is recommended that the responsibility for timetabling the above and identifying other issues of strategic importance is delegated to the N2 Chief Executives, supported by N2 Economic Growth Officers, and that a detailed work programme is drafted for the next EPC meeting.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To not draft a work programme and to allow agenda items to surface through informal routes. This is rejected as the EPC would not be fulfilling its remit as a strategic decision making body for issues related to economic growth across the N2 area.

4 FINANCE COLLEAGUE COMMENTS (INCLUDING IMPLICATIONS AND VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

- 4.1 None

5 LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT COLLEAGUE COMMENTS (INCLUDING RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES, AND LEGAL, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT AND PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS)

- 5.1 None

6 SOCIAL VALUE CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 None

7 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)

- 7.1 Has the equality impact of the proposals in this report been assessed?

No



An EIA is not required because the report does not contain any changes to policy.

Yes



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