

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

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2016 AT 9.30AM 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

Mayor Kate Allsop – Mansfield District Council

Councillor Roger Blaney – Newark and Sherwood District Council

Councillor Cheryl Butler – Ashfield District Council – A

Councillor John Clarke – Gedling Borough Council

Councillor Jon Collins – Nottingham City Council – A

Councillor Richard Jackson – Broxtowe Borough Council

Councillor Jo White – Bassetlaw District Council – A

Councillor Simon Greaves – Bassetlaw District Council – substitute for Councillor White

### **OFFICERS PRESENT**

Sara Allmond – Nottinghamshire County Council

Helen Barrington – Gedling Borough Council

Allen Graham – Chief Executive, Rushcliffe Borough Council

Ruth Hyde – Chief Executive, Broxtowe Borough Council

Anthony May – Chief Executive, Nottinghamshire County Council

Robert Mitchell – Chief Executive, Ashfield District Council

Andrew Muter – Chief Executive, Newark & Sherwood District Council

Glen O'Connell – Nottingham City Council

James Schrodel – Nottingham City Council

Bev Smith – Managing Director, Mansfield District Council

Neil Taylor – Chief Executive, Bassetlaw District Council

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cheryl Butler and Jo White. Councillor Simon Greaves substituted for Councillor Jo White.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

### **3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015, having been previously circulated, were agreed as a true and correct record and were confirmed and signed by the Chair of the meeting.

#### **4. LOCAL GROWTH FUND ROUND 3 UPDATE**

Anthony May introduced the report which set out the process being undertaken by the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership in terms of preparation for an anticipated government announcement on the Local Growth Fund round 3 (LGF3). A timetable for submission of projects was included and schemes assessed as being in pool A would go forward for full business case development. Further work would be undertaken on some of the projects in pools B and C to develop them further, which would hopefully enable them to then proceed.

##### **RESOLVED 2016/001**

That the report be noted.

#### **5. N2 ECONOMIC PROSPERITY COMMITTEE – SPENDING PLANS**

Andrew Muter introduced the report which asked the Committee to confirm an N2 contribution of up to £135,000 towards initial resourcing costs associated with the North Midlands Combined Authority and Devolution Deal and to consider proposals for the use of the remainder of the business rate pool in support of economic development and growth initiatives in Nottinghamshire.

Nottingham City Council had not yet determined whether or not to provide match funding this year.

##### **RESOLVED 2016/002**

- 1) That that the contribution of £135,000 to the initial costs associated with concluding the Devolution Deal and establishing the North Midlands Combined Authority by June 2017 be agreed – noting that agreement to these initial costs will need to be confirmed with Derbyshire partners at the meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> March;
- 2) That the proposed approach to the use of the remaining pooled resources as outlined in paragraphs 6-9 of the report be approved;
- 3) That lead Chief Executives for each of the thematic priority areas as outlined in paragraph 6 of the report be identified;
- 4) That delegated authority to the thematic leads to commit up to a maximum of £30,000 towards feasibility work across their theme be approved;
- 5) That a detailed report on the proposed commissioning process be considered at the meeting in May 2016;
- 6) It be noted that Nottingham City Council would consider its position in relation to an appropriate level of contribution to the wider pool beyond its existing commitment.

#### **6. MARKETING NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE - UPDATE**

Paul Southby, Interim Chair of Marketing Nottingham and Nottinghamshire attended the meeting to give an update on progress with Marketing Nottingham and Nottinghamshire (MNN).

MNN brought together Invest in Nottingham, Experience Nottinghamshire and Notts Means Business. MNN had established a Board with elected members and business representatives. MNN was currently going through a transitional phase bringing the three separate entities together.

The aim of MNN would be to use private sector networks to enhance the level of funding from the private sector, selling Nottingham and Nottinghamshire attractions to visitors and to those who might invest in the region bringing money and/or jobs. A business plan was in development which would include clear objectives. The organisation would lead a unified approach co-ordinating wherever possible to give a consistent message.

The possibility of the Committee taking over responsibility for MNN and all nine authorities investing was suggested. Currently only Nottinghamshire County Council, Nottingham City Council and Newark and Sherwood District Council provided funding to MNN.

**RESOLVED 2016/003**

That the report be noted.

**7. WORK PROGRAMME**

**RESOLVED 2016/004**

That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 10.28am

**CHAIRMAN**