

Economic Development Committee

Tuesday, 03 January 2017 at 14:00

County Hall, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP

AGENDA

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Notes

- (1) Councillors are advised to contact their Research Officer for details of any Group Meetings which are planned for this meeting.
- (2) 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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- (3) Persons making a declaration of interest should have regard to the Code of Conduct and the Council's Procedure Rules. Those declaring must indicate the nature of their interest and the reasons for the declaration.

Councillors or Officers requiring clarification on whether to make a declaration of interest are invited to contact Martin Gately (Tel. 0115 977 2826) or a colleague in Democratic Services prior to the meeting.

- (4) Councillors are reminded that Committee and Sub-Committee papers, with the exception of those which contain Exempt or Confidential Information, may be recycled.
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minutes

Meeting	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Date	6 December 2016 (commencing at 2.00 pm)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

COUNCILLORS

Diana Meale (Chair)
Roy Allan (Vice-Chair)

A	John Cottee Stan Heptinstall John Knight John Ogle	John Ogle Michael Payne Gordon Wheeler John Wilmott
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CO-OPTED MEMBERS

A Mr M Chivers – (Alliance Boots)
A Ms N Gasson - (Federation of Small Businesses)

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Trish Adams	- Place Department
Kevin Bartlett	- Place Department
David Ebbage	- Resources Department
Geoff George	- Place Department
Mandy Ramm	- Place Department
Oliver Whittaker	- Place Department

APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Stan Heptinstall and Tim Gregory.

MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on 4 October 2016 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

2016-17 DELIVERY PLAN REVIEW

Geoff George updated Members on the progress against 2016-17 Delivery Plan Review for the Economic Development Service, highlighting year to date achievements and identification of key work streams of focus for the remainder of the financial year

RESOLVED: 2016/0045

That the Committee considered and noted the review of its delivery plan.

EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND – CAREERS LOCAL UPDATE

Kevin Bartlett introduced the report to update the Committee on the successful application to become the managing agent for the Careers Local Enterprise Grant and sought authority to enter into a contract with the Skills Funding Agency (SFA) to enable the Council to receive up to £1,731,676 in grant funding.

RESOLVED: 2016/0046

That the Council welcomed the success and to enter into a contract in a form approved by Legal Services with the Skills Funding Agency for the Council to act as the managing agent for the Careers Local Enterprise Grant be approved.

MAYFLOWER 400 – US AMBASSADOR’S EVENT

Mandy Ramm updated the Committee on the Mayflower 400 project and the recent reception hosted by the US Ambassador.

RESOLVED: 2016/0047

That the report be noted.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL FUND – ROUND 3 UPDATE

Trish Adams updated the Committee on the progress with the third round of the Nottinghamshire Economic Development Capital Fund. She also sought approval to launch a fourth round of the fund in January 2017 and subject to that, seek approval for an extra £20,000 to be allocated in 2017/18 to cover the cost of the independent technical advice.

RESOLVED: 2016/048

- a) That the third round of the Capital Fund be noted.
- b) That the launch of the fourth round of the fund in January 2017 be approved and;
- c) That the allocation of £20,000 from 2017/18 Economic Development Service budget to cover the cost of independent technical service be approved.

D2N2 DIGITAL BUSINESS GROWTH PROGRAMME

Oliver Whittaker updated the Committee on progress with the D2N2 Digital Business Programme, specifically to:

- a) welcome the approval of the EU funding submission;
- b) confirm that the agreement between the County Council as the accountable body for the Programme and the Department for Communities and Local Government has been signed;
- c) note that the Programme will not commence until a collaboration agreement between the match funding partners has been completed.

RESOLVED: 2016/049

That the Committee:-

- a) that the Committee welcomed the success of the application for EU funding for the D2N2 Digital Business Growth Programme
- b) the Agreement between the County Council and the Department for Communities and Local Government be signed;
- c) the programme will not commence until the completion of a collaboration agreement between the match funding partners.

WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED 2016/0050

That the work programme be noted.

The meeting closed at 15.12

CHAIR

3rd January 2017

Agenda Item: 4

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, PLACE

BETTER BROADBAND FOR NOTTINGHAMSHIRE – ADDITIONAL BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT

Purpose of the Report

1. The report seeks to update the Committee on:
 - The success for the programme so far
 - The modelling of the additional funds targeting specific areas
 - Steps towards contract 3 to extend coverage further
2. Committee will receive a presentation on the coverage to be achieved from the modelling of the additional funds

Information and advice

3. Nottinghamshire County Council signed its first contract with BT in August 2013 and its second contract in May 2015. Since the first broadband cabinet launch in 2014, 61,813 premises are now able to access superfast broadband. This places the county as one of the best digitally connected areas in the UK and more locally, with the best digital footprint in the East Midlands.
4. The programme is now predicted to exceed over 98% coverage. This is great news, as far more businesses and residents will have access to superfast broadband than initially expected.
5. The Contract 1 underspend and clawback has resulted in a further £4.8M being available to the programme. These funds are being introduced to Contract 2 but requires BT to undertake modelling to assess the coverage which can be achieved.
6. Contract 2 is currently set to achieve 98% coverage across the County. Nevertheless as illustrated in the table below, three districts fall below this percentage coverage threshold. The £4.8M will be modelled to extend broadband coverage to target Bassetlaw, Newark & Sherwood and Rushcliffe to achieve as close to 98% coverage as possible.

	Pre-BBfN	Post Contract 1	Post Contract 2
Nottinghamshire	86%	95%	98%
Ashfield	94.4%	97.5%	98.4%
Bassetlaw	70.2%	88.3%	95.1%
Broxtowe	95.7%	97.8%	98.9%
Gedling	94.5%	98.6%	99%
Mansfield	92.9%	97.9%	98.6%
Newark & Sherwood	51.7%	89%	95.2%
Rushcliffe	73.2%	92.4%	96%
Nottingham City	96.7%	97.4%	99.9%

Contract 3

7. As previously reported, £1.23M has been secured for the programme; albeit they require a further procurement exercise to ensure State Aid compliance.
8. Activities have commenced to determine best use of these funds to further extend broadband coverage. Initial activities include detailed mapping of broadband coverage, this mapping will be at premise level to capture any anomalies derived from previous postcode level mapping.
9. This £1.23M will contribute to reaching the remaining unserved properties across Nottinghamshire. Dialog with District/Borough partners and broadband infrastructure providers will be the next step in finding a solution to reach our 100% superfast coverage aspirations.
10. A further report will be brought to committee Summer 2017 presenting options for further deployment.

Reasons for recommendation(s)

11. Committee requested six-monthly reviews of the Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire programme. The latest position to the end of December 2016 is detailed in this report.

Statutory and Policy implications

12. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, 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 within the body of the report.

Financial implications

13. None

RECOMMENDATION

14. It is recommended that Economic Development Committee notes the contents of this report and receives a further report on the options regarding the delivery and investment priorities for Contract 3 before a contract is procured.

Adrian Smith
Corporate Director, Place

For any enquiries about this report please contact:

Phil Berrill, ext. 74641

Constitutional Comments (SMG 16/12/16)

The proposals set out in this report fall within the remit of this Committee.

Financial Comments [RWK 19/12/2016]

There are no specific financial implications arising directly from this report

Background Papers and Published Reports

- Nottinghamshire Local Broadband Plan (www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/broadband)
- *Nottinghamshire Local Broadband Plan* – report to Full Council, 15-12-2011, published
- *Update on Nottinghamshire Local Broadband Plan* – report to Policy Committee, 20-06-2012, published
- *Response to Petitions presented to Economic Development Committee* – report to Economic Development Committee, 20-09-2012, published
- *Nottinghamshire Local Broadband Plan* – report to Full Council, 28-02-2013, published
- ERDF Funding Agreement, 14-05-2013
- Investing in Britain's future – Presented to Parliament by the Chief Secretary to the Treasury by Command of Her Majesty, 6-2013
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/209279/PU1524_IUK_new_template.pdf
- *Superfast Broadband for Nottinghamshire* – report to Policy Committee 17-07-2013, published
- *Superfast Broadband for Nottinghamshire* – report to Economic Development Committee 09-07-2013, published
- UK Broadband Impact Study – Impact Report, SQW, 11-2013
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/257006/UK_Broadband_Impact_Study_-_Impact_Report_-_Nov_2013_-_Final.pdf
- *Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire – Resource Requirements for Delivery Phase* – report to Economic Development Committee, 12-12-2013, published
- *Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire* – report to Economic Development Committee 14-01-2014, published

- Superfast Extension Programme indicative funding allocation letter – BDUK on behalf of the Department for Culture Media and Sports, 25-2-2014, published
- *Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire – Superfast Extension Programme* – report To Economic Development Committee, 11-03-2014, published
- *Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire – Phase One* – report to Economic Development Committee, 1-4-2014, published
- *Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire Superfast Extension Programme* – report to Policy Committee, 4-6-2014, published
- *Update on D2N2 Strategic Economic Plan and Local Growth Deal* – report to Economic Development Committee, 1-7-2014, published
- *Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire – Additional Staffing Resource* – report to Economic Development Committee, 16-09-2014, published
- *Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire – quarterly update on the rollout* – report to Economic Development Committee, 18-11-2014, published
- *Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire Contract 2* – report to Policy Committee, 07-01-2015, published
- *Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire – Quarterly Update* - report to Economic Development Committee 03-03-2015
- *Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire: authorisation for contract 2* – report to Economic Development Committee, 31-03-2015, published
- *Nottinghamshire Digital Champions Network* – report to Economic Development Committee, 31-03-2015, published
- *Broadband Petitions* – report to the Economic Development Committee, 31-03-2015, published
- *Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire – quarterly update on the rollout* – report to Economic Development Committee, 07-07-2015, published
- *Broadband Petition* – report to Economic Development Committee, 07-07-2015, published
- *Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire – quarterly update on the rollout* – 03-11-2015, published
- *Basic Broadband For All: Satellite Broadband Subsidy Scheme* - quarterly update on report to Economic Development Committee, 19-01-2016, published
- *Broadband Petition* - report to Economic Development Committee, 23-02-2016, published
- *Broadband Petition* - report to Economic Development Committee, 22-03-2016, published
- *Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire – quarterly update on the rollout* – 07-06-2016, published
- *Basic Broadband for All: Better broadband Subsidy scheme* - report to Economic Development Committee - 06-09-2016

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All



REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR, RESOURCES WORK PROGRAMME

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the Committee's work programme for 2016/17.

Information and Advice

2. The County Council requires each committee to maintain a work programme. The work programme will assist the management of the committee's agenda, the scheduling of the committee's business and forward planning. The work programme will be updated and reviewed at each pre-agenda meeting and committee meeting. Any member of the committee is able to suggest items for possible inclusion.
3. The attached work programme has been drafted in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, and includes items which can be anticipated at the present time. Other items will be added to the programme as they are identified.
4. As part of the transparency introduced by the new committee arrangements, committees are expected to review day to day operational decisions made by officers using their delegated powers. It is anticipated that the committee will wish to commission periodic reports on such decisions. The committee is therefore requested to identify activities on which it would like to receive reports for inclusion in the work programme. It may be that the presentations about activities in the committee's remit will help to inform this.
5. The work programme already includes a number of reports on items suggested by the committee.

Other Options Considered

6. None.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

7. To assist the committee in preparing its work programme.

Statutory and Policy Implications

8. 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.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the committee's work programme be noted, and consideration be given to any changes which the Committee wishes to make.

Jayne Francis-Ward
Corporate Director, Resources

For any enquiries about this report please contact: Martin Gately x 72826

Constitutional Comments (HD)

1. The Committee has authority to consider the matters set out in this report by virtue of its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (PS)

2. There are no direct financial implications arising from the contents of this report. Any future reports to Committee on operational activities and officer working groups, will contain relevant financial information and comments.

Background Papers

None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - WORK PROGRAMME

<u>Report Title</u>	<u>Brief summary of agenda item</u>	<u>For Decision or Information?</u>	<u>Lead Officer</u>	<u>Report Author</u>
7th February 2017				
Introduction to the newly appointed Chief Executive of Marketing Nottingham and Nottinghamshire	Introduction to the newly appointed Chief Executive to take the helm at the organisation charged with promoting Nottingham & Nottinghamshire as a destination for inward investment, tourism and talent	Information	Nicola M ^c Coy-Brown	Nicola M ^c Coy-Brown
High Speed 2 Update	East Midlands HS2 Growth Strategy - Presentation	Information	Geoff George	Geoff George
7th March 2017				
2017-18 Budget and delivery plan	To consider the Delivery Plan for Economic Development for 2017-18 and associated budget allocations	Decision	Nicola M ^c Coy-Brown	Nicola M ^c Coy-Brown
D2N2 Growth Hub	An update on the Council's engagement with the Growth Hub	Information	Geoff George	Geoff George
Nottinghamshire Integrated Innovation Centres	To update on next steps and procurement	Information	Mandy Ramm	Mandy Ramm
28th March 2017				
Graduate Placement Scheme	Update on SME's in the county participating and having a graduate in their business	Information	Kevin Bartlett	Kevin Bartlett
Supporting Youth Employment Programme	To provide Committee with a final update on the projects funded through the Supporting Youth Employment budget, including the YES Apprenticeship programme and the Engage2Employ LLDD project.	Information	Hilary Porter	Hilary Porter

<u>Report Title</u>	<u>Brief summary of agenda item</u>	<u>For Decision or Information?</u>	<u>Lead Officer</u>	<u>Report Author</u>
25th April 2017				
6th June 2017				
Marketing Nottingham and Nottinghamshire – 6-monthly update	To update Committee on progress with the delivery of place marketing functions in Nottinghamshire	Information	Nicola McCoy-Brown	Nicola McCoy-Brown
Careers Local	Update on the Council’s role as managing agent for the grant scheme operating across D2N2 enabling schools to access specialist employability support	Information	Kevin Bartlett	Kevin Bartlett
4th July 2017				
Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire 6-monthly update		Information	Phil Berrill	Phil Berrill

Last updated: 16th December 2016