



minutes

Meeting	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Date	16 September 2014 (commencing at 2.00 pm)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with `A`

COUNCILLORS

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

John Knight
Kate Foale
Keith Walker
Gordon Wheeler

Philip Owen
Ken Rigby
John Wilmott

A Alan Rhodes (Ex-Officio)

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

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

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Celia Morris - Policy, Planning and Corporate Services
Matt Lockley - Policy, Planning and Corporate Services
Geoff George - Policy, Planning and Corporate Services
Kay Massingham - Policy, Planning and Corporate Services
Martin Gately - Policy, Planning and Corporate Services

OTHER ATTENDEES

David Ralph - Chief Executive, D2N2 LEP

CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP

The following changes of membership for this meeting were noted: Councillor Kate Foale replaced Councillor Michael Payne for this meeting only. Councillor Philip Owen replaced Councillor John Ogle for this meeting only.

MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on 1 July 2014 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

The committee noted that Councillor Ogle was unwell and wished him a speedy recovery.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

D2N2 PRIORITIES AND GROWTH DEAL (PRESENTATION)

David Ralph, Chief Executive D2N2 LEP presented detailed information to the committee on the D2N2 Strategic Economic Plan. Mr Ralph indicated that there were action plans for eight priority sectors, and that the target was for 13,000 jobs to be created over the next 5 years through the Growth Deal. The Growth Deal consists of 25 capital projects. There has been no formal feedback from government on the D2N2 projects, but it is known that they prefer 'stellar transformational projects.'

There have been frank discussions around how we prioritise infrastructure projects in future rounds of the Growth Deal. The criteria for projects includes: are they deliverable in in 2015-16, value for money, and ambition. It is anticipated that a new round of submissions must be made by Christmas 2014. Project sponsors will need to submit refreshed business cases, and sign off with be made by the D2N2 Board on 11 December 2014. There has been no let-up in pace, and no significant further guidance from government.

RESOLVED 2014/042

That the presentation from David Ralph be noted.

A PLACE MARKETING ORGANISATION FOR NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE – PROGRESS UPDATE

RESOLVED 2014/043

That the report be noted.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL FUND

RESOLVED 2014/044

- 1) That the outcome of the first round of the Nottinghamshire Economic Development Capital Fund be noted;

- 2) That the requested changes to the Assessment Framework and bidding process be approved;
- 3) That the NEDCF be opened on a rolling call until all the resources are committed
- 4) That progress be reviewed in 6 months with a further report on awards made under the NEDCF

BETTER BROADBAND FOR NOTTINGHAMSHIRE – ADDITIONAL STAFFING RESOURCE

RESOLVED 2014/045

That the post of Broadband Engagement Officer be established.

REGIONAL GROWTH FUND ROUND 6

RESOLVED 2014/046

- 1) That the development of a collaborative RGF6 submission be welcomed, and that the Economic Development team support its development with partners
- 2) That a letter of support be provided, and that the Corporate Director for Policy, Planning and Corporate Services finalise its content, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee.

WORK PROGRAMME

Members noted that the next meeting of the committee (scheduled for 14 October 2014) had been cancelled. In addition, a joint meeting of the Economic Development Committee and Transport and Highways Committee has been arranged for 11 December at 12:30 pm, County Hall.

RESOLVED 2014/047

That the work programme be noted.

The meeting closed at 16:10 pm

CHAIR