

Economic Development Committee

Tuesday, 07 March 2017 at 14:00

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

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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:-

- (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	7 th February 2017 (commencing at 2.00 pm)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with `A`

COUNCILLORS

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

Andrew Brown
Stan Heptinstall
Richard Jackson
John Knight

Michael Payne
Gordon Wheeler
John Wilmott

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

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

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Adrian Smith - Place Department
Nicola McCoy-Brown - Place Department
Geoff George - Place Department
Martin Gately - Resources Department

EXTERNAL ATTENDEES

Andrew Pritchard – D2N2 Midlands Connect Project Team
Brendan Moffett – Chief Exec, Marketing Nottingham and Nottinghamshire

APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Mr Mark Chivers.

CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP

Councillor Richard Jackson replaced Councillor John Ogle for this meeting only.

MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on 3 January 2017 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

HIGH SPEED 2 (HS2) – THE EAST MIDLANDS GROWTH STRATEGY

Andrew Pritchard, Director of Policy and Infrastructure at East Midlands Councils and member of the HS2 Executive Team, made a short presentation to Members on High Speed 2 and the East Midlands Growth Strategy. Mr Pritchard explained that the hub station at Toton would not be serving just one population, but rather a constellation of places. The Government has formally confirmed Toton as the location of the hub station. A hybrid bill will be progressing through parliament.

Key economic sectors have been identified, and productivity has also been examined. The economic baseline indicates that there are 3.15 million people within the HS2 station hub's area of impact: 109,000 businesses and £65 billion in Gross Value Added (GVA). There are 1.45 million people in employment, with 76,000 unemployed and 473,000 regarded as economically inactive.

The area contains many high value services, and there are real strengths around manufacturing, smart growth and building on an entrepreneurial economy. Collectively, the strategy can work for us and there could be a tangible difference to the economic future with the economy boosted by up to £40 billion.

There will be up to seven trains an hour through Toton, this makes it the most connected station outside London.

RESOLVED: 2017/003

That:

- a) The contents of the report be noted
- b) Work take place to ensure that Nottinghamshire benefits from the HS2 development
- c) Future progress reports on the HS2 Economic Growth Strategy be brought back to this committee

INTRODUCTION TO THE NEWLY APPOINTED CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF MARKETING NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Brendan Moffett, newly appointed Chief Executive of Marketing Nottingham and Nottinghamshire (MN&N), made a short presentation to the committee. Mr Moffett indicated that his organisation had a service level agreement with both the City and County Councils. His intention was for the organisation to be leveraging more private sector partners. There are currently 650 private sector funders, and it is planned that these should be rationalised into a simplified scheme.

MN&N is aligned to the long term economic goals of the region, and it is important that the organisation delivers a consistent clear message. While it is difficult to leverage major sporting events, the creative entrepreneurial edge and Robin Hood will always be there.

Mr Moffett also explained that while the visitor economy is strong, 90% of the visits are day visits rather than overnight stays and the difference is £140 in terms of visitor spend. In future, there will be a focus on midweek and business events. In addition, the Mayflower 400 event is a strategic priority that is relevant to the County. Mr Moffett concluded by mentioning the RSPB management of the Sherwood Forest attraction and the large number of private sector partners involved with MN&N, including Alliance Boots, Experian and Siemens.

RESOLVED 2017/004

That the committee receives a formal performance report on Marketing Nottingham and Nottinghamshire in autumn 2017.

WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED 2017/005

That the work programme be noted.

The meeting closed at 15.22

CHAIR

7th March 2017

Agenda Item: 4

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, PLACE**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: 2017-18 BUDGET ALLOCATIONS****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is fourfold, to enable Committee to consider:
 - a) Noting the 2017-18 Economic Development Service budget allocations;
 - b) Receiving further reports on specific project proposals/activities for the remaining unallocated budget;
 - c) Receiving a six month update on the budget as part of the Committee cycle, and;
 - d) Noting £62,500 towards the D2N2 LEP core costs will be funded from contingency.

Information and advice**Background**

2. One of the Council's five Strategic Plan (2014-2018) priorities focusses on the economic growth of the County, with a particular focus on jobs, skills and training, business support and infrastructure investment. At its meeting in December 2013, Policy Committee approved the council's Economic Development Strategy 2014-18 (the Strategy) which reflects this and the wider operating context. The Strategy was also the Council's response to the challenges laid out in the Nottinghamshire Growth Plan (supplemented by the N2 Growth Strategy) and the D2N2 Strategic Economic Plan.
3. At Full Council on 23 February 2017, budgets for 2017-18 were approved, affording this Committee the opportunity to consider setting its budget allocations for the new financial year.
4. As detailed in *Table 1*, a total of **£1,074m** has been allocated to the Economic Development Service. £480,993 i.e. 45% allocated to staffing and related costs, £593,007 i.e. 55% allocated to discretionary projects/items.
5. The County Council has contributed £62,500 per year towards the core running costs of the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership (D2N2 LEP) since 2011-12. Funded from contingency, the County Council's contribution enables the D2N2 LEP to draw down a total of £250,000 from central government in 'core funds'.

This arrangement was under review for 16/17 pending a decision on the North Midlands Combined Authority. As the devolution deal has paused, this annual contribution will once again be met from contingency and as before, will be matched equally by each of the four upper tier authorities in the D2N2 LEP area to match the offer from government.

TABLE 1: 2017/18 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUDGET			
Line	Budget Heading		2017/18 Budget
A	Staffing	Staffing and related budget costs	£480,993
B	Discretionary Project/Item Budget	Project/item cost	£593,007
C		D2N2 2017/18 Annual Contribution	£62,500
D	TOTAL STAFFING AND RELATED BUDGET COSTS (i.e. Line A)		£480,993
E	TOTAL PROJECT/ITEM COSTS (i.e. Total of Lines B + C)		£655,507
F	TOTAL 2017/18 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUDGET ALLOCATION (i.e. Total of Lines A + F)		£1,136,500

6. Through the work of the Economic Development Service, an accumulated total of **£39.5M in private investment** will have been levered over the life-span of the following four programmes/interventions alone: Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire Programme (£12M), D2N2 Digital Business Growth Programme (£3M), LEADER programme (£4M) and Nottinghamshire Economic Development Capital Fund (£20.5M).

Known commitments

7. Elements of the work undertaken by the Economic Development Service, such as the Council's Economic Development Capital Fund and the Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire programme, have previously been approved by (and kept under review through regular updates to) Committee. Such activities are delivered through ring-fenced budget allocations which do not form part of this Committee's base budget.
8. In pursuit of delivering the Economic Development Strategy 2014-18, as illustrated in the table at *Annex 1*, from a total 2017/18 budget, Committee has already approved commitments in 2017/18 totaling **£990,038**.

Unallocated funds

9. It is proposed that the remaining available budget which Committee has discretion over, will be the subject of future reports in order to allocate the **£146,462** to specific project proposals/activities.

2017/18 activities

10. As first highlighted in 22 March 2016 report to this Committee, the Economic Development Service continues to work within a dynamic operating context due to the devolution proposals, the Council's financial challenges and the upcoming changes to local government financing (in 2020, when Revenue Support Grant ends and councils rely entirely on revenues raised from local taxation, principally business rates and council tax).
11. Work is currently underway to prepare a Place Plan which will reflect a more defined and ambitious focus on activities that will create impact on and the conditions for growth (details of which will be reported to a future Committee, along with key actions the Service will undertake over this new financial year to achieve its objectives to improve outcomes and service quality).
12. In the meantime (as illustrated in *Table 2*), in addition to meeting the existing and approved commitments of the economic development budget (see paragraph 8), the Service will focus on the following three broad workstreams:

Key workstreams	Activity
(1) Working with Nottinghamshire businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Providing adequacy of cover to fulfil and optimise on contracted EU/domestic funding programmes, such as: ESF D2N2 Careers Local Grant Scheme, LEADER Rural Programme and the ERDF D2N2 Digital Business Growth Programme• Subject to Policy Committee approval, participate in the internal review of the Futures Advice, Skills and Employment Company, to ensure that there are clear links between what their work is and how it contributes to the vision and strategic goals of the Council's core strategies.
(2) Growing internationally	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In particular, but not limited to, opening up investment opportunities and trade access to China• Maximising opportunities through the Midlands Engine
(3) Building up infrastructure to support long term growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Influencing and responding to emerging policies, e.g. potential impacts on ESIF and LEADER programmes following the UK's withdrawal from the European Union, the Government's green paper on the Industrial Strategy and Housing White Paper, Midlands Connect Strategy• Active engagement in the High Speed Two (HS2) Growth Strategy

Other options considered

13. None as Committee is required to agree budget allocations for 2017-18, for which the majority has been previously approved. Proposals for any remaining budget will be brought for consideration to a future Committee.

Reasons for recommendation

14. Economic Development Committee has responsibility for approving annual budget allocations.

Statutory and Policy implications

15. 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

16. Financial implications are as set out in the body of the report at paragraphs 4 to 9.

RECOMMENDATION

17. It is recommended that Committee:

- a) Notes the 2017-18 Economic Development Service budget allocations;
- b) Receives further reports on specific project proposals/activities for the remaining unallocated budget;
- c) Receives a six month update on the budget as part of the Committee cycle, and;
- d) Notes an in-year temporary budget adjustment of £62,500 (funded from contingency) towards the D2N2 LEP core costs.

Adrian Smith
Corporate Director, Place

For any enquiries about this report please contact:

Nicola M^cCoy-Brown, ext 72580

Constitutional Comments [LM 20170217]

The recommendations in the report fall within the Terms of Reference of the Economic Development Committee and may approve the recommendations.

Financial Comments [RWK 23/02/2017]

The financial implications are set out in the report.

Background Papers and Published Reports

- *Strategic Plan 2014-2018*, published September 2013 available online via: <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/plans-policies-and-assessments/council-plans-and-policies/strategic-plan-2014-2018>
- *Nottinghamshire Growth Plan*, available online via: <http://site.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/living/business/growthplan/>
- [*Establishment of the city of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Economic Prosperity Committee*](#) – report to County Council, 16-01-2014

- *The D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership Strategic Economic Plan*, available online via: http://www.d2n2lep.org/write/Documents/D2N2_SEP_March_31st.pdf
- [Nottinghamshire County Council's Economic Development Strategy](#) – report to Policy Committee, 11-12-2013
- [Economic Development Strategy – Delivery Plan and Budget 2015-16](#) – report to Economic Development Committee, 31-03-2015
- [The D2N2 Growth Hub](#) – report to Economic Development Committee, 03-11-2015
- [European Structural And Investment Fund \(ESIF\) Support For Technical Assistance Bid](#) – report to Economic Development Committee, 03-11-2015
- [ESIF Programme: D2N2 Digital Business Growth Programme](#) – report to Economic Development Committee, 19-01-2016
- [Economic Development Strategy – Delivery Plan and Budget 2016-17](#) – report to Economic Development Committee, published 22-03-2016
- [N2 Economic Growth Strategy](#), report to the City of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Economic Prosperity Committee, 20-05-2016
- [Mansfield Townscape Heritage Project](#), report to Economic Development Committee, 06-09-2016
- [2016-17 Delivery Plan Review](#) – report to Economic Development Committee, 06-12-2016
- [Nottinghamshire Economic Development Capital Fund – Round 3 Update](#) – report to Economic Development Committee, 06-12-2016
- [Midlands Engine Trade Mission To China \(28 Oct – 4 Nov 2016\)](#) – report to Policy Committee, 18-01-2017

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All

Annex 1: PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BUDGET ALLOCATIONS FOR 2017/18

Line	Budget Headline	Previously approved allocation
A	Staffing costs	£480,993
B	D2N2 2017/18 Annual Contribution	£62,500
C	Marketing Nottingham and Nottinghamshire [<i>Agreed at Economic Development Committee, 8 September 2015</i>]	£200,000
D	D2N2 Growth Hub [<i>Agreed at Economic Development Committee, 3 November 2015</i>]	£50,000
E	D2N2 Digital Business Growth Programme [<i>Agreed at Economic Development Committee, 19 January 2016</i>]	£70,000
F	ERDF Technical Assistance [<i>Agreed at Economic Development Committee, 3 November 2015</i>]	£4,000
G	Turbine depreciation costs [<i>annual capital charge</i>]	£35,045
H	Turbine deficit provision - £15,000 [<i>monitor – may not be required at this level</i>]	£15,000
I	Mansfield Townscape Heritage Project [<i>Agreed at Economic Development Committee, 6 September 2016</i>]	£9,000
J	China – work associated with the development of a Memorandum of Understanding between Nottinghamshire County Council and the Provincial Government of Zhejiang [<i>Agreed at Policy Committee, 18 January 2017</i>]	£40,000
K	Technical support for Nottinghamshire Economic Development Capital Fund [<i>Agreed at Economic Development Committee, 6 December 2016</i>]	£20,000
L	Economic Prosperity Committee [<i>Agreed at County Council, 16 January 2014</i>]	£3,500
M	TOTAL APPROVED BUDGET ALLOCATIONS FOR 2017/18 (i.e. the sum of A to L)	£990,038
N	TOTAL 2017/18 BUDGET	£1,136,500
O	TOTAL UNALLOCATED BUDGET FOR FUTURE ALLOCATION (i.e. N minus M)	£146,462

7th March 2017

Agenda Item: 5

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, PLACE

THE D2N2 GROWTH HUB

Purpose of the Report

1. To update members on the work of and the Council's participation within the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership's Growth Hub. This report will be supported by a presentation on the Growth Hub's performance to date.

Background

2. At the meeting of this Committee in November 2015, members approved a budget allocation over a period of three years towards the D2N2 Growth Hub, commencing in the 2016/17 financial year. Further, it was agreed that this resource be used as a match towards a partner-based European Funding submission to the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) programme, doubling the resources available to the Council to support Nottinghamshire businesses in collaboration with the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Growth Hub. A further report to this Committee in February 2016 saw the establishment of two posts, subject to the ESIF approval.
3. Delays in implementing the overall LEP-wide approach were as a result of the EU Referendum and the subsequent delays in signing the agreement with the Department for Communities and Local Government. In addition, a partners' Collaboration Agreement was also required which was eventually signed-off in late autumn last year. The Growth Hub has continued to offer support over this period but following the approval of the ESIF submission, the Hub's services have been enhanced, complemented by the approval of a wider range of business support projects also receiving ESIF support.
4. On 24th February 2017, the Nottinghamshire and Nottinghamshire Economic Prosperity Committee received an update on the D2N2 Growth Hub.

Support Available

5. In summary, the D2N2 Growth Hub offers the following services:
 - A core "front line" service, offering businesses across the LEP area access to support through a website and telephone help line;
 - The D2N2 Growth Hub website (www.d2n2growthhub.co.uk/) contains information and signposting to all available business support plus guidance on key business needs. The Help Line offers advice & triage;

- The Hub offers advice directly and / or makes referrals to other public & private services by specialism, theme and / or geography;
 - All activity is tracked and reviewed using a CRM system and on-going analysis of this data will facilitate continuous improvement and the further development of the business support offer
6. The ESIF award allows the partners to develop a longer term offer and the funding is now in place until the end of March 2019. The expanded Growth Hub service model may be summarised as follows:
- Nottingham City Council acts as ERDF Accountable Body and provides the Growth Hub Manager;
 - The “Core Service” (jointly provided by East Midlands Chamber and Nottingham City Council) operates across the whole of D2N2. It provides three business facing Advisors plus the helpline and website. Marketing and communication activity also forms part of the Core Service to increase awareness of the Growth Hub and the business support available;
 - In addition to the Core Service those partners who provided match funding receive additional support. These “Enhanced Local Services”, in the form of a wider range of business support projects receiving ESIF support, also include additional staffing resources, as follows:
 - Derbyshire County Council - one part time Advisor working across Derbyshire
 - Nottingham City Council - three full time Advisors covering Key Sectors in Nottingham City
 - Derbyshire Dales - one local full time Advisor
 - Chesterfield Borough - one local full time Advisor
 - East Midlands Chamber - one full time Advisor covering the south of the D2N2 Area (both Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire)
7. The Derbyshire and the Nottingham City areas currently have the greater Enhanced Local Service capacity; the mobilisation of the Nottinghamshire County Council Enhanced Local Service will redress this. The Committee will recall that the County Council offer is as follows:
- **Business Support Co-ordinator** - to work in part with the Growth Hub Core offer, to respond to inquiries from Nottinghamshire businesses and to support the work of business support programmes in their delivery. The post will also generate enquiries directly, as well as working closely with the Nottinghamshire Business Engagement Group (NBEG) and the local business groups directly to promote the Hub and the various services, as well as supporting the development of new and influence existing provision. The post will also make referrals to the Business Advisor.
 - **Business Advisor** - a qualified position, the post will work directly with businesses across Nottinghamshire, ordinarily via referrals from the Growth Hub / the Coordinator and offering direct advice and brokering support from providers allied with the Growth Hub and supporting businesses' plans for expansion, especially those seeking finance and those with scale-up potential.

8. A small commissioning budget will also be established which will be available to draw in additional specialist expertise as may be required.
9. The Growth Hub reports to the D2N2 LEP Board; its activities are monitored and steered by a Project Board, chaired by a D2N2 Board member. Nottinghamshire County Council is represented on the Project Board and is a member of the executive team responsible for day-to-day management of the Hub and the performance of ESIF sponsored project. Nottinghamshire Districts/Boroughs interests are represented on the Project Board.

D2N2 Business Support Landscape

10. The significant level of European funding made available through several recent D2N2 bidding rounds, has led to the creation and deployment of a comprehensive and diverse range of local business support programmes. In addition to the national programme there are currently 50 different support schemes available for local businesses covering areas such as:
 - Start Up Support
 - Recruitment and Training Support
 - Sector Specific Support
 - Innovation Support
 - E-commerce
 - Exporting
 - Energy Efficiency
 - University Connectivity
 - Small Grant / Loan Schemes
 - Funding For Growth
11. While this wide variety of support is beneficial to the local business community, its complexity offers a challenge to businesses in identifying the right support for their individual situation. The Growth Hub therefore plays a critical role in not only ensuring that businesses are aware of what is available but crucially in helping identify the most appropriate support.

Impact to Date

12. Since its inception, the Growth Hub has interacted with 3,519 individual business of which 688 were within the County Council area (January 2017 figures). The high number of businesses for Nottingham City is due to Nottingham City's significant investment in Enhanced Local Service. The table below gives the breakdown and an update and additional context will be provided in the presentation:

Local Authority Area	No of Businesses (ONS 2016)	Growth Hub Interventions Dec 15 – Jan 17	%
Ashfield	2,800	83	2.96
Bassetlaw	3,875	85	2.19
Broxtowe	3,180	97	3.05
Gedling	3,385	82	2.42
Mansfield	2,645	103	3.89
Newark & Sherwood	4,675	115	2.45
Rushcliffe	5,155	123	2.38
Total Nottinghamshire County Area	25,715	688	2.67

13. Nottinghamshire has secured just under 20% of the total business interactions – and this is an improving figure. However, the above proportional interactions arguably offer a more meaningful reflection of the Hub’s impact and this is the focus of the Hub’s attention going forwards. The above referenced recruitment and their activity as referenced in paragraph 6, will impact meaningfully on these figures. Initial surveys of businesses using the Hub and the related services suggest high levels of satisfaction and of implementing its advice. Further details will be offered in the presentation.
14. While the Enhanced Local Service in Nottinghamshire is yet to commence, the Growth Hub has developed its activity, being responsible for the above figures and in readiness, has been actively endeavouring to raise the profile of the Hub and its activities across the County. Some 21 events have been held in the County area alone since November last year.
15. As the Growth Hub is now entering a period of stability, the Hub and its partners will be looking not only to establish a review of its reach and impact, but to develop its products in discussion with businesses and support agencies, as well as reviewing business support gaps, overlap and duplication. Specifically, the D2N2 Growth Hub is developing the following activities:
 - The imminent mobilisation of the Nottinghamshire County Council Enhanced Local Service which will significantly increase penetration rates in Nottinghamshire
 - Continued and increased liaison with Local Authorities to ensure that Growth Hub activity and Local Authority activity is aligned and delivering the best possible service for businesses
 - Increased marketing and web sophistication
 - The introduction of additional support aimed specifically at Scale Up/High Growth businesses – shortly to be launched as an ERDF bidding opportunity

Other Options Considered

16. The Council has now signed the agreement with partners and is committed to deliver its contribution towards the overall ESIF award and the overall outcomes. Recruitment is currently underway and a verbal report will be offered to the Committee. Should this prove unsuccessful, further options will be explored.

Financial Implications

17. 50% of the costs would be met from the EU funding grant with the costs impacting over the 207/18 and 2018/19 Economic Development Budget, as reported previously to this Committee.

Statutory and Policy Implications

18. 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.

RECOMMENDATIONS

19. It is recommended that the Economic Development Committee notes this report and receives a further D2N2 Growth Hub update in 6 months' time.

Adrian Smith
Corporate Director, Place

For any enquiries about this report please contact:
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Constitutional Comments [LM 20170217]

The recommendations in the report fall within the Terms of Reference of the Economic Development Committee and may approve the recommendations.

Financial Comments [SES 21/02/17]

The financial implications are set out in the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

- *The D2N2 Growth Hub* - Report to Economic Development Committee, published 3rd November 2015
- *The D2N2 Growth Hub* - Report to Economic Development Committee, published 23rd February 2016
- [The D2N2 Growth Hub](#) – Report to the City of Nottinghamshire and Nottinghamshire Economic Prosperity Committee, published 24th February 2017

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All

7th March 2017**Agenda Item: 6****REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR, PLACE****NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LEADER PROGRAMMES – STAFFING RESOURCE****Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek approval to extend the contract term for the two LEADER Officers to 31st March 2019 and update committee regarding the recruitment to the two part-time business support posts.

Background

2. Previous reports to this Committee and Policy Committee have updated Members on the 2014-20 LEADER programme. LEADER is a European Union fund aimed at economic growth in rural communities. In 2014, local partnerships were invited to bid for LEADER funds for the period 2014-20. In Nottinghamshire, two bids were developed; one based on the existing North Nottinghamshire LEADER area and a second being a new bid for rural parts of the south of the county.
3. Across the two LEADER areas (i.e. South and North Nottinghamshire), having successfully completed the outline application stage, 23 applicants have currently been invited to submit full applications. Of these 23, 3 applications are in process and a further 3 projects have been approved and grant funding agreed. The programme officers are actively seeking further applicants and supporting businesses through all stages of the process. Committee will receive the fourth 6-monthly update on the North and South Nottinghamshire LEADER programmes in April 2017.

Information

4. Committee approved the establishment of the Leader Accountable Body function and the establishment of the new posts for the programme in March 2015. The LEADER officers were created as two-year fixed-term contracts until 31/03/2017.
5. In undertaking the accountable body role, the County Council is awarded 'Management and Administration' (M&A) funds which have a value of up to 18% of the LEADER award to each programme. The bulk of the costs relating to acting as the accountable body for the Nottinghamshire LEADER programmes are direct staff costs, to enable the County Council to meet its contractual obligations to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra). The M&A costs are claimed quarterly from the Rural Payments Agency (RPA)

6. A review has determined that the LEADER officer posts will be required until at least 31/03/2019.
7. Approval was also granted to establish two part-time LEADER Business Support officers (covering the North and South of the county) also on fixed-term contracts until 31/03/2017. The recruiting to these posts was suspended whilst the delivery of the programme was delayed. Since the autumn statement of November 2016 and subsequent announcements, the programme is currently running unhindered. The need for the business support officers is now vital to delivering the LEADER programmes.
8. The recruitment is currently underway to appoint to these roles, with the aspiration that these vacancies will be filled by April 2017.
9. The annual cost for the LEADER posts is circa **£95,000**. These costs will be met from the M&A allocation.
10. The M&A allocation for the two programmes is £563,147 of which £476,409 is allocated for salaries. So far only £92,047 has been claimed from the RPA. It is anticipated approximately a further £227,000 will be claimed for staffing up to March 2018. Which leaves a surplus of around £157,000.
11. Nevertheless, the M&A budget is dependent on all grant funds being allocated. Should all funds not be allocated, then the M&A would reduce accordingly. There is a small risk that staffing costs would need to be picked up via the Economic Development budget. However, not only does the current predicted staffing surplus in the M&A allocation provide some protection to this potential risk, there are appropriate mechanisms in place for precise and frequent monitoring of both the budget and grant allocation profile.

Reason(s) for Recommendations

12. As stipulated by Defra and agreed by committee, a full- time programme officer and part-time Business support officer are required for each of the Nottinghamshire LEADER Programmes.

Statutory and Policy Implications

13. 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.

RECOMMENDATIONS

14. That Committee:

- a) Notes the recruitment to the two part-time business support posts is underway

- b) Approves the extension of the two Nottinghamshire LEADER Officer Posts until 31st March 2019

Adrian Smith
Corporate Director, Place

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Constitutional Comments [LM 20170217]

The recommendations in the report fall within the Terms of Reference of the Economic Development Committee and may approve the recommendations.

Financial Comments [SES 22/02/17]

The financial implications are set out in the report.

Background Papers

- *LEADER Rural Development Programme – opportunity to submit application:* report to Economic Development Committee, 1 April 2014, published.
- *LEADER Rural Development Programme – Nottinghamshire proposed submissions:* report to Policy Committee, 2 July 2014, published.
- South Nottinghamshire Local Development Strategy submission.
- North Nottinghamshire Local Development Strategy submission
- *LEADER rural development programme – outcome of submission results:* report to Policy Committee, 10 December 2014, published
- South Nottinghamshire LEADER Delivery Plan – 31st July 2015
- North Nottinghamshire LEADER Delivery plan – 31st July 2015
- *Nottinghamshire Leader Programmes – Status Update:* report to Economic Development Committee, 8 September 2015, published
- *Nottinghamshire leader programmes – Status Update:* report to Economic Development Committee, 4 October 2016, published

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

Eligible rural communities in Ashfield, Bassetlaw, Gedling, Mansfield, Newark and Sherwood and Rushcliffe

7 March 2017

Agenda Item: 7

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

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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>
28th March 2017				
Graduate Placement Scheme	The CEO of Gradcore , the organisation commissioned by the County Council, Nottingham City Council, University of Nottingham and Nottingham Trent University to deliver the FUSE programme, will present an update on this graduate programme that connects talented graduates with dynamic small businesses	Information	Kevin Bartlett	Kevin Bartlett
Supporting Youth Employment	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 learners with learning difficulties or disabilities (LLDD)	Information	Hilary Porter	Hilary Porter
Building our Industrial Strategy: Green Paper	To provide Committee the opportunity to help shape Nottinghamshire County Council's response to the Government's new green paper setting out the UK's industrial strategy. To seek delegated authority for the Corporate Director, Place, in consultation with the Chair of the Economic Development Committee, to organise the submission of the County Council's consultation response.	Decision	Mandy Ramm	Mandy Ramm
25th April 2017				

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Building our Industrial Strategy: Green Paper – Consultation response	A copy of the final consultation response submitted to Government	Information	Mandy Ramm	Mandy Ramm
Nottinghamshire LEADER Programmes – 6-monthly update	To provide Committee with its fourth 6-monthly update on the North and South Notts LEADER programmes	Information	Phil Berrill	Phil Berrill
Nottinghamshire Economic Development Capital Fund (NEDCF) – Round 4 Outcome	Outcome of NEDCF Round 4	Information	Trish Adams	Trish Adams
Midlands Engine Trade Mission to China	To provide Committee with its first quarterly update on the work associated with the development of a Memorandum of Understanding between Nottinghamshire County Council and the Provincial Government of Zhejiang	Information	Mandy Ramm	Mandy Ramm
6th June 2017				
Careers Local	To Update Committee on the delivery of the Careers Local scheme which provides grants to: schools, specialist schools, academies, Pupil Referral Units (Alternative Learning Centres), Virtual Schools, those Elected Home educated (through registration with the Local Authorities) and colleges, to provide targeted interventions to help at least 1,000 young people across D2N2 LEP area develop enterprise and employability skills to improve their career opportunities	Information	Kevin Bartlett	Kevin Bartlett

<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>
4th July 2017				
Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire 6-monthly update	Six-monthly update on the rollout of fibre-based broadband across the county	Information	Phil Berrill	Phil Berrill

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Items for future meetings:

- Marketing Nottingham and Nottinghamshire – Six-monthly update
- High Speed Two (HS2)
- The County Council's Place Plan
- International Growth i.e. China, Midlands Engine
- Influencing and responding to emerging policies, e.g.: Brexit implications, the Governments Housing White Paper, Midlands Connect Strategy
- D2N2 Growth Hub
- D2N2 Digital Business Growth Programme

