

minutes

Meeting	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Date	31 March 2015 (commencing at 2.00 pm)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

COUNCILLORS

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

John Ogle		
Michael Payne		Mike Pringle
Ken Rigby	A	John Wilmott
Keith Walker		Gordon Wheeler

A Alan Rhodes (Ex-Officio)

OTHER COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs Sue Saddington

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

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

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Celia Morris	- Policy, Planning and Corporate Services
Matt Lockley	- Policy Planning and Corporate Services
Nicola McCoy-Brown	- Policy Planning and Corporate Services
Martin Gately	- Policy, Planning and Corporate Services

OTHER ATTENDEES

Rod Griffin – Arup
Phil Farrell - JLL

CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

The following change of membership for this meeting was noted: Councillor Bell replaced Councillor Payne for this meeting only.

MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on 3 March 2015 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Councillor Wilmott. Mr Mark Chivers and Ms Natalie Gasson also sent apologies.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

BROADBAND PETITIONS

Nicola McCoy-Brown, Programme Manager for Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire introduced the report on Broadband Petitions.

RESOLVED 2015/021

- a) That the receipt of the petitions be noted
- b) That the Broadband Team respond to the lead petitioners for Fiskerton-Cum-Morton and Thorpe
 - Notifying them that their concerns are acknowledged and that the County Council will continue to work towards maximum connectivity with the confines of the current contract and financial envelope
 - Informing them that the County Council and its partners will do all they can to encourage the take-up of superfast services in an attempt to activate the contractual gain-share mechanism to allow the County Council to continue to press for maximum connectivity

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE DIGITAL CHAMPIONS NETWORK

Nicola McCoy-Brown introduced the report on Nottinghamshire Digital Champions Network.

RESOLVED 2015/022

- a) That the report be noted
- b) That Digital Unite be invited to present to a future meeting of the Economic Development Committee

BETTER BROADBAND FOR NOTTINGHAMSHIRE – AUTHORISATION FOR CONTRACT 2

RESOLVED 2015/023

- 1) That the delegated authority for the Corporate Director, PPCS to enter into the necessary contractual arrangements with BT and BDUK relating to contract 2 of the Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire programme be approved. This is subject to a successful conclusion to ongoing negotiations and on the basis that a minimum of 95 % coverage is secured for Bassetlaw, Newark and Sherwood and Rushcliffe, in line with the agreement reached at the Economic Prosperity Committee.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE BUSINESS INVESTMENT ZONES

Rod Griffin from Ove Arup and Philip Farrell from Jones Lang Lasalle presented the findings of the NBIZ review. Members heard that as part of the review a high level desk-based assessment of County wide employment sites identified by NCC and local authority partners. The review undertook to assess the viability and deliverability of each site, incorporating barriers, planning aspects, infrastructure and servicing requirements.

In addition, to estimate the cost of bringing sites forward and any supporting financial information; as well as identifying market and sector considerations and expected employment outputs should the sites be developed for their stated use.

The total developable area of the 29 sites was reported to be 645 hectares. The employment uses included B1 (business), B2 (general industrial) and B8 (storage and distribution).

The estimated employment outputs were 45,170 jobs over an indeterminate period.

Members queried what type of industries could be located at the various sites. Mr Farrell indicated that looking at a particular sector, or looking to set up a cluster was a mistake. Developers do not want allocated clustering: clusters happen organically.

RESOLVED 2015/024

- 1) That the contents of the report and presentation be noted.
- 2) That observations on the next steps as referenced in paragraph 11 of the report be offered

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

RESOLVED 2015/025

- 1) That the 2015-16 economic development delivery plan and associated budget proposals be approved
- 2) That further detailed reports on specific project proposals as referenced in the report be received

- 3) That a six month update on the budget as part of the committee cycle be received.

WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED 2015/026

That the work programme be noted.

The meeting closed at 15:45

CHAIR