

THE CITY OF NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 18th DECEMBER 2015 AT 9.30AM AT MANSFIELD DISTRICT 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 – **A**
Councillor Roger Blaney – Newark and Sherwood District Council
Councillor Cheryl Butler – Ashfield District Council
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
Candida Brudenell – Nottingham City Council
Allen Graham – Chief Executive, Rushcliffe Borough Council
Chris Henning – Nottingham City Council
Phil Horsfield - Broxtowe Borough Council
Matt Lockley – Nottinghamshire County Council
Anthony May – Chief Executive, Nottinghamshire County Council
Robert Mitchell – Chief Executive, Ashfield District Council
John Robinson – Chief Executive, Gedling Borough 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 Mayor Kate Allsop, Councillor Jon Collins and Councillor 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 20 November 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. UPDATE ON CHANGE OF SECRETARIAT

Anthony May advised that the administration of the Committee was now being undertaken by Nottinghamshire County Council.

RESOLVED: 2015/01

To note that the administration of the Committee was now being undertaken by Nottinghamshire County Council.

5. COMBINED AUTHORITY DEVOLUTION UPDATE

Anthony May provided Members with an update on the progress of the Combined Authority Devolution deal. The current position was that all 19 Authorities had agreed to work towards a combined deal. The intention was for the combined authority deal to tie in with the devolution deal. It was anticipated that a bid for the D2N2 combined authority would need to be submitted in late March or early April. The work of the two separate D2 and N2 bids could be combined into a single scheme. Views from each Authority would then be sought before ministerial approval to take to Parliament would be sought.

In relation to the Devolution Deal the next step was to consider the document received which proposed changes to the bid. Discussions were ongoing in relation to a final deal and it was hoped to finalise the deal by the middle of January.

The Cities and Local Government Devolution Bill was still proceeding through the House of Lords. They had been asked to consider two late amendments relating to economic areas and local government areas. If the Bill progressed as hoped then it was anticipated that it would go into Law around Easter. The amendments tabled would need to be carefully considered by the authorities it would impact on.

RESOLVED: 2015/02

To note the update

6. D2N2 EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL INVESTMENT FUND (ESIF) UPDATE

Chris Henning introduced the report which provided an update on the D2N2 European Structural Investment Fund. There was expected to be £173.2m available to the D2N2 area matched with funds for a programme rolling on to 2020. Final approval for the funding was awaited and it was anticipated that successful projects would commence in March 2016.

Finding local match funding for projects was difficult due to current financial challenges. The N2 area had done well in finding match funding with some imaginative ideas used.

The next stage would be to move into the delivery phase to ensure that the benefits to the community were full delivered by the projects.

RESOLVED: 2015/03

- 1) That the current status of EU funding bids and the work underway to secure these funds be noted.

- 2) That the Sustainable Urban Development strategy for the Nottingham Urban area which will be submitted to the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) for negotiation, be noted.

7. D2N2 ESIF PROGRAMME: DIGITAL BUSINESS SUPPORT PROGRAMME

Matt Lockley introduced the report which informed the Committee of the funding application for digital business support activities. The application had been submitted under the European Structural and Investment Fund's (ESIF) Information and Communications Technology theme. The report also sought Committee's support towards the initiative and consideration of match funding opportunities.

The bid was for a programme with a total value of approximately £7.58 million over three years, of which £3.79 million would come from the D2N2 ESIF programme.

The Committee and its constituent authorities were asked to support the bid and consider making a match funding contribution.

Local Authorities who provided match funding would be provided with evidence of how this money had been spent in their local area and the outcomes achieved.

RESOLVED: 2015/ 04

- 1) That the contents of the report be noted.
- 2) That the Committee confirms its support for the initiative and associated bid for ESIF funds.
- 3) That the requests for funding from constituent authorities be noted.

8. WORK PROGRAMME

The Chairman introduced the report and advised that the Committee had work to carry out in addition to the devolution deal.

RESOLVED 2015/05

- 1) To note the report
- 2) To keep the March meeting date on the diary and consider moving the date if necessary.

The meeting closed at 10.15am

CHAIRMAN