

Economic Development Committee

Tuesday, 22 January 2013 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:-

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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 Christine Marson (Tel. 0115 977 3887) 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.



minutes

Meeting	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Date	27 November 2012 (commencing at 2.00 pm)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with `A`

COUNCILLORS

Keith Girling (Chairman)
Gordon Wheeler (Vice-Chairman)

Victor Bobo
Sybil Fielding
Steve Garner
Stan Heptinstall, MBE

Eric Kerry
John Knight
Liz Yates

A Ex-officio (non-voting)
Mrs Kay Cutts

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Mr M Chivers – Boots Plc
A Ms N G Gasson (Federation of Small Businesses)
A Mr K Sirrell – (Federation of Small Businesses)

OTHER COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Mel Shepherd

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Trish Adams)	Economic Development Team
Geoff George)	
Matt Lockley)	Policy, Planning and Corporate Services
Christine Marson)	Department
Celia Morris)	

Michelle Welsh, Labour Group Research Officer

MINUTES

RESOLVED 2012/020

The minutes of the last meeting held on 16 October 2012 were taken as read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman, subject to it being noted that under "Nottinghamshire Enterprise Zone" the wording should read "Grade I" and not "Grade II" listed buildings.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT GROUP REVIEW

RESOLVED 2012/021

That members note the details of the Nottinghamshire Business Engagement Group and welcome its continued operation in supporting business engagement and influencing growth across the County.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE WORK CLUBS

RESOLVED 2012/022

That the report be noted.

EXPERIENCE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT

RESOLVED 2012/023

That the Service Level Agreement between Nottinghamshire County Council and Experience Nottinghamshire for 2012-13 to 2014-15 be approved, subject to the inclusion of more robust targets for increased visitor numbers to be agreed by the Group Manager, following consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

It was noted that Councillor John Knight and Councillor Sybil Fielding abstained from voting on this report.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE GROWTH PLAN

RESOLVED 2012/024

That the feedback received to date on the draft Nottinghamshire Growth Plan be noted.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUDGET 2012-13 – UPDATE

RESOLVED 2012/025

- (1) That the expenditure incurred to date in 2012-13 be noted.
- (2) That the approach to the unspent budget in 2012-13 be agreed.
- (3) That the headline proposals for indicative expenditure in 2013-14 be agreed.
- (4) That a final report on budget recommendations for 2013-14 be brought to this Committee for sign off in January 2013.

It was noted that Councillor John Knight and Councillor Sybil Fielding voted against the proposals in this report.

WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED 2012/026

That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 3.35 pm.

CHAIRMAN

22nd January 2013

Agenda Item: 4

REPORT OF THE GROUP MANAGER, CORPORATE STRATEGY

CONSTRUCTION SUPPLY CHAIN DEVELOPMENT

Purpose of the Report

1. To offer the Committee an update on the construction industry *Supply Chain Readiness Network* project delivered by Firefly Online.

Information and Advice

2. Nottinghamshire County Council are members of the East Midlands Property Alliance (EMPA), a consortium of local authorities working together to improve the delivery of property services to their communities. Scape System Build is the managing agent for EMPA.
3. Firefly Online Limited, a small but expanding local company, were originally commissioned by Scape System Build to set up a database for the construction industry. This database would enable local business to register their details, ensure they met industry and public sector standards, and be considered as subcontractors for large framework contracts.
4. A number of authorities were approached by Firefly and Scape to further develop the database. This increased support would involve personal contact with businesses which had either failed or not completed the registration process, due to a lack of knowledge or skill, or lack of time or awareness of the benefits of being registered. Initially, Nottinghamshire County Council was the only authority to support this, with funding of £10,000 in 2011-12. This funding resulted in a increase from 243 to 357 of the number of businesses registered (+52%), and an increase from 139 to 240 (67%) of those being pre-qualified to do public sector business, bringing up to £900k into the Notts economy. Following this success, a further £10,000 of work was commissioned from Firefly, to continue to recruit and up skill local businesses to join the supply chain (SME development), and a new strand, to work with the first tier contractors to identify how and why they made their subcontracting decisions (improving competitiveness).

SME development programme

5. From May 2012 Firefly have continued to target businesses with Nottinghamshire postcodes, to raise awareness of public sector procurement requirements and offer group and one to one support to local businesses.
6. The database has three categories for businesses; green, white and red.
 - Green status shows commissioning bodies that the SME in question has successfully completed a pre-qualification questionnaire (set by commissioning Main Contractors) and is considered suitable for employment on public sector works.
 - White status shows that basic company data has been input into the system, but the information is 'incomplete' by the users of the system.
 - Red status shows that an SME has attempted the questionnaire and failed to complete it. The SME is reminded that they are not properly registered, and Main Contractors can see that this SME has not yet pre-qualified
7. Only SMEs with green status in the EMPA programme are likely to obtain work. The whites and reds exclude themselves by not pre-qualifying and they are the target audience for this programme. The SME Development part of the project targets red and white SMEs in an attempt to motivate those that need guidance to complete the questionnaire (and attain green status) and to provide more specific help for those that need it.
8. A range of targeted approaches specific to those businesses with red or white status and Nottinghamshire postcodes was devised and delivered including;
 - Letters to all red status businesses identifying the action needed and giving specific guidance and a telephone helpline number, followed up with emails and phone calls.
 - Emails to white SMEs emphasising their status and the EMPA procurement process.
 - One to one development discussions with SMEs in completing or improving their registration and EMPA PQQ.
 - Providing a telephone help line and online help desk to help with basic questions and procedural issues. All those that contacted Firefly reached green Status.
 - Attending Meet the Buyer events, providing help, information and support and communicating the importance of full registration and completion of the PQQ
 - Face to face meetings where appropriate to explain the improvements that SMEs can make to their own profiles at zero cost.
 - Identifying companies who had ceased trading or left EMPA programme for other reasons

Results

9. The project has been successful in both converting red and white companies to green, and also recruiting new companies to register on the database. The results can be summarised as follows;
 - 42 more businesses are now pre-qualified to do business with the public sector
 - 4 red SMEs turned green (17%)

- 10 white SMEs turned green (16%)
- 79 new businesses have joined the programme

SMEs that were no longer trading were also identified. The project has identified that the most effective method of communication is face-to-face as in 'Meet the Buyer' events where the registration process can be well explained, and help and advice given.

Improving Competitiveness

10. Local businesses have often stated, through channels such as the construction forum, that they are registered on the database but not getting work. The second part of the project concentrated on gathering information to understand the selection criteria favoured by Main Contractors (MC) when selecting sub-contractors (SC) from the EMPA supply chain and to inform the sub-contractors of those criteria with a view to improving their visibility and success in the bidding process.
11. Research was carried out to establish how Main Contractors decide how they award subcontracts. A second strand to the research would be to establish whether SME's have the same perception as the Main Contractor of what constitutes success. A total of 15 main-contractors (MCs) and 18 sub-contractors (SCs) completed their respective questionnaires.
12. Online questionnaires were devised, one for main-contractors and one for sub-contractors. The questionnaires posed two fundamental issues for discussion; MCs were asked questions concerning the criteria they used to select SCs for inclusion on a bidder or tender list and the criteria they used to select the successful bid (also known as a tender). SCs were asked what criteria they thought the MCs used. The results were then compared.

Results

13. The results of the questionnaires showed a number of areas where the criteria for selection was **well understood** by potential subcontractors;
 - Track record, expertise, trade experience, industry reputation, previous successful working relationship, and environmental sustainability experience were considered by both to be highly important
 - The key reasons for early dismissal from a contract were fairly well understood to be 1) H&S, 2) Poor quality work, 3) Contract not being met and 4) Poor customer care.
 - Years of Trading required was considered by both to be 2 to 5 years, although MCs have expressed that evidence of the supplier's capabilities carries more weight.
 - Pre-Qualification Questionnaire was felt by most MCs to be useful; although some feel that its value is limited and put their supply chain through their own PQQ process following EMPA registration. The point was raised that the PQQ doesn't refer to start-up businesses, and can often be unsuitable for consulting companies.

14. There were a number of areas where the criteria for selection was **not well understood**;
- Areas which MCs scored as very important and SCs did not include; EMPA registration, quality of project supervision, the supplier's close proximity to the work site, the location of the SC *registered office* in relation to work site (retaining income in the local community), innovation, grammar and presentation
 - MCs' favoured methods for selecting SCs into a project supply chain are: word-of-mouth, references, Meet-the-Buyer events and formal meetings. SCs use EOs, work experience, networking and email.
 - MCs voted Track Record, Financial Resources and H&S as the top 3 criteria for selection. SCs voted Competitive Price, Track Record and Efficiency of Delivery as the top 3 criteria considered by MCs, demonstrating that SCs undervalue H&S, and feel that lowest price drives successful bidding.
 - Marketing methods preferred by MCs include: References/ recommendations, procurement sites, trade forums, Working Partnerships, sending marketing materials including a portfolio, and attending Meet the Buyer events (face-to-face).

Other Options Considered

15. There are no other options applicable to this report.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

16. This report is offered to update the Committee on the construction supply chain project and to request consideration of the recommendations for further development.

Statutory and Policy Implications

17. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described in the report.

Financial Implications

18. As the scope of the project has been to add value to an existing database developed by Firefly, and commissioned by an external body, financial waivers have previously been agreed to avoid a procurement exercise, which would be both costly and delay the implementation of the project. Consideration of any funding for further development would need to take into account whether further financial waivers could be granted.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That members consider the details of the report and the option to implement the specific recommendations as detailed below;

1. The findings from the improving competitiveness programme to be disseminated to all registered companies from Nottinghamshire County Council by email (communications from Firefly may not carry as much weight / may be deleted without reading)
2. Further communications be sent from Nottinghamshire County Council to red and white suppliers to remind them of the need to complete the EMPA PQQ.
3. A series of workshops based on these findings be delivered to businesses. Workshops could be offered to other business sectors in addition to the construction sector. This could be facilitated through the Nottinghamshire Business Engagement Group.
4. The importance of full EMPA registration should be better communicated at the point of initial registration. through modifying the existing technology
5. The information in recommendations 3 and 4 be made available on the NCC website

The costs for delivering recommendations 3 and 4 is estimated at a maximum of £10,000, and can be met from existing approvals in the 2012-13 budget.

Report of the Group Manager, Corporate Strategy

For any enquiries about this report please contact: Hilary Porter ext 72146

Constitutional Comments (NAB 10.01.2013)

Economic Development Committee has authority to approve the recommendations set out in this report by virtue of its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (DJK 10.01.2013)

The contents of this report is duly noted, the financial contribution given previously is clearly identified along with the process for tendering of any future funding.

Background Papers

None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All

Peer-to-Peer Funding An Overview

Economic Development Committee

22nd January 2013



**Nottinghamshire
County Council**

P2P Funding – An Overview

- An outline of P2P funding
- Scope and considerations
- A Nottinghamshire perspective
- Current schemes
- Wider Context
- Considerations and what next



P2P Funding – An Outline

- An open, secure electronic market place for businesses to seek investment
- An opportunity for investment by individuals with an anticipated return
- Facilitated by a third party / on-line platform
- Businesses seek finance for specific purposes, secured from a set of interested investors
- A timetable is set for an open auction
- Auction closed, business chooses to accept package and interest rate set at lowest competitive rate



Scope of P2P Funding

- Risk - credit-worthiness check; individual defaults; platform failure (no FSCS protection)
- Maximum amount, minimum / maximum period for the loan
- Minimum / maximum amount per investor
- Established (small / medium) businesses only
- Spread of investment(s)
- Fund management approach - fees

A Nottinghamshire Perspective

- SME's - burgeoning backbone of the local economy. Growth more likely to come from existing businesses
- Many locally creative and innovative businesses
- Questionable access to funding via the mainstream with...
- ...interest rates and conditions of access often difficult or uncompetitive
- Encouraging support to explore this via the Growth Plan consultation



Business P2P Schemes

- Many established platforms eg Funding Circle, Thin Cats
- Lancashire CC and Funding Circle
 - Participate in auctions as per any other investor, based on pre-agreed “pot” via an FC account and for Lancs based businesses only
 - Pre-agreed 20% of total loan request at pre-agreed expected % return
 - Additional due diligence
 - Lead generation and cross-fertilisation

Wider Context

- Crowd funding – longstanding approach eg bands / music production www.kickstarter.com
- Brokering Deals – dragon's den style approaches, marrying (private equity) investors with (usually) new business ideas eg www.dealmakersclub.co.uk
- Specialised / niche platforms such as www.spacehive.com hosting community-based projects seeking funding

Potential to Explore Further...

- A uniquely Nottinghamshire approach and...
- ...a vehicle for incentivising growth and input from entrepreneurs, investors, businesses from the County
- Entirely new approach or “bolt on” to existing platform via an account? Commissioning? Different models?
- Considerations – promotion, reputation, due diligence, managing levels of risk, administration, fees and safeguards
- Its “fit” with wider funding opportunities / programmes
- Exploration with local / national business support organisations, funders – regarding modelling, finance and engagement



22nd January 2013

Agenda Item: 6

REPORT OF THE GROUP MANAGER, CORPORATE STRATEGY

BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR 2013-14

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek Committee approval for budget proposals for the 2013-14 financial year.

Information and Advice

2013-14 budget – setting outline priorities

2. The base budget for Economic Development Committee in 2013-14 has been confirmed as £537,000. The base budget includes the approved £218,000 contribution to Experience Nottinghamshire (approved by Policy Committee in September 2012). In addition, £35,000 must be identified from the Committee's budget to meet annual depreciation charges at the Worksop Turbine Innovation Centre. This is a 'nil net' internal transaction, as an allowance for the depreciation charge is included in the base budget. In effect, therefore, the net Budget available for consideration by this Committee is **£284,000** for 2013/14.
3. It should be noted that a separate budget allocation exists for delivery of the Superfast Broadband project. This was agreed at Full Council in December 2011. Up to £150,000 will be made available in 2013-14 to support the delivery of this project, but as it will be met from corporate sources it has not been factored in to this budget paper.
4. As agreed by this Committee in November 2012, allocation of the budget in 2013-14 will be made against thematic headings linked to the Nottinghamshire Growth Plan. Indicative allocations were agreed as follows (have subsequently been amended slightly to reflect the reduced budget as a result of the depreciation charge referenced above):

i.	Competitive Business Growth	£110,000
ii.	Connectivity	£45,000
iii.	Aspiration and Talent	£100,000
	Total	£255,000

5. Further detail and proposed activities under these broad headings is contained within this report and requires the Committee's consideration and approval. The Committee will note that the Growth Plan is designed to capture a wide set of

proposals to be delivered by partners. The following proposals represent this Committee's contribution towards facilitating its delivery.

Competitive Business Growth

6. This Committee agreed that allocating funding for a business support portal for Nottinghamshire should be a key priority. Subsequent discussions with partners (including Nottingham City Council, the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and the Employment and Skills Board) have revealed that several of our partners are considering similar business focussed online resources. Given this position and reviewing proposals being put forward elsewhere by other LEPs, it is proposed that Economic Development Committee approve up to £15,000 towards the development of an online business portal, subject to the conclusion with partners of discussions over content, focus and hosting.
7. Peer-to-peer funding (subject of a presentation on this Committee agenda) has been identified in the Growth Plan as something that the County's business community should pursue. There are a variety of models operating in the UK, some of which are government backed. In principle, though, any fund would be managed by an external partner, who would also be required to secure donations to it. Small scale loans would then be offered through the mechanism to Nottinghamshire businesses. It is proposed to allocate £50,000 towards establishing a Nottinghamshire model. Up to £20,000 of this will be used for set up and modelling costs (which will be openly procured) with the remainder being the County Council's contribution to the funding pot to kick start further investment from the business community and individuals.
8. Finally, it is proposed that the Committee allocate £45,000 towards activity to support new start businesses in Nottinghamshire. This activity will be openly procured though aligned to the pilot start-up work supported during the 2012/13 financial year and set within the context of new / emerging start-up support available across the County. Up to £500 worth of non-cash support (i.e. intensive mentoring; business plan development; access to legal or financial advice) will be made available to entrepreneurs with business ideas or people who have been trading as businesses for less than one year. 90 businesses will benefit from this activity during the financial year.

Connectivity

9. A lower amount is proposed for the connectivity theme as many of the Growth Plan proposals for connectivity and infrastructure require facilitation and lobbying rather than direct funding, or alternatively require significant capital investment which is not at the disposal of this Committee nor necessarily of the County Council. The finalisation of the Growth Plan may impact on potential future priorities of other County Council Committees (for example on Highway related issues) and at the time of writing this report, discussions continue.
10. Specifically, the Growth Plan highlights the need for a more strategic, countywide approach to bringing forward key development sites. Currently there

is a rather disparate approach, with no real 'County' effort to market major opportunities. The proposal is for a small number of sites (possibly six or seven) to be marketed collectively. This will drive more intensive and proactive inward investment activity, and enable better targeted lobbying for funding and other support towards bringing these key sites to market. This approach might also demand the exploration of more innovative funding mechanisms for which detailed consideration and external support may be required. It is proposed to allocate up to £20,000 towards this activity, which will be delivered under the *Nottinghamshire Business Investment Zones* concept.

11. It is recommended that the Committee allocate £25,000 towards economic development activity in market towns and rural centres in the County. Feedback from the November Committee meeting suggested that this could be used to promote and roll-out the *Business Improvement District* (BID) model to other parts of the County (currently only Beeston and Mansfield have active BIDs). In addition, some of this funding could be used to enhance the economic impact of schemes delivered through the Local Improvement Scheme in consultation with local business / trader groups where located within the County's market towns or through highways and transport (i.e. Mansfield bus station) improvements. Further proposals on the use of this funding allocation will be brought back to the Committee in March.

Aspiration and Talent

12. The Committee received a report at its last meeting on the continued success of the Nottinghamshire Work Clubs. There are currently six Work Clubs operating out of Nottinghamshire libraries with the support of a Work Club Co-ordinator. For 2013-14, it is suggested that expanding the network of County Council backed Work Clubs should be a priority. West Bridgford, Retford and Beeston have been identified as towns in the County with no Work Club provision (either County Council or community sponsored). £60,000 was indicatively allocated to continuing the Work Club programme at Committee. It is proposed that this allocation be approved, and that it will enable expanded delivery of Enterprise Clubs in Nottinghamshire and additional motivational training modules to be delivered. These should support a minimum of 50 people into work, and enable up to 30 new business starts. The proposal includes the continuation of the Work Clubs Co-ordinator post.
13. The County Council has provided long-term support to the Wheels to Work project (run by Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire), which offers mopeds and cycles to young people on a loan basis to enable them to access work. It predominantly targets young people in rural areas or areas that are poorly served by public transport connections. In 2012-13, Wheels to Work will have supported 110 people into work through the scheme. The Economic Development budget supported the project with £30,000 in 2012-13. It is proposed to continue to support the project in 2013-14 given the positive impact it has on youth unemployment, but to reduce the level of support to £20,000.
14. £20,000 will remain unallocated under the 'aspiration and talent' heading. It is suggested that Committee consider best use of this remaining funding at the

March meeting, when an update on the Nottinghamshire Youth Employment Strategy will be presented.

Outputs

15. A table at Appendix 1 contains the anticipated outputs for the above proposals. These will be built into the relevant contracts, Service Level Agreements and/or project plans.

Other financial commitments

16. As noted at the last meeting, a budget allocation of £15,000 will be required in 2013-14 to offset any deficit at the Worksop Turbine Business Innovation Centre. The surplus/deficit forecast will be closely monitored throughout the financial year so that any amendments to this allocation can be made if necessary.

Remaining headroom

17. Taking all of the above proposals into account, £14,000 would remain unallocated from the Economic Development budget. It is proposed that this be allocated to strategic leadership priorities. This will include continued facilitation of the Nottinghamshire Growth Plan; costs associated with running the Nottinghamshire Business Engagement Group and sponsoring key business awards and memberships (i.e. Chamber of Commerce) which benefit the County Council through access to wider business networks,

Other Options Considered

18. Options are set out in the report.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

19. To secure Committee approval for budget allocations in 2013-14 as outlined in the report.

Statutory and Policy Implications

20. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

21. This report seeks approval for proposed spending priorities in 2013-14, which will then need to be confirmed in the Council's Budget Book.

RECOMMENDATION/S

1. That Members note changes to the budget position as outlined at paragraphs 3 and 4;
2. That Members agree the proposals for expenditure in 2013-14.

Report of the Group Manager, Corporate Strategy

For any enquiries about this report please contact: Matt Lockley ext 72446

Constitutional Comments (NAB 10.01.2013)

22. Economic Development Committee has authority to consider and approve the recommendations set out in this report.

Financial Comments (DJK 10.01.2013)

23. The contents of this report are duly noted; the financial implications and expenditure proposals for 2013/14 are clearly identified and allocated across projects.

Background Papers

Report to Economic Development Committee (27.11.2012) outlining priority budget areas.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All

Appendix 1

Anticipated outputs – Economic Development budget proposals

Priority	Activity	Spend	Outputs	Added value
Competitive Business Growth	Online business support portal	£15,000	1 x online portal developed and live by June 2013 A minimum of 300 individuals / businesses accessing the portal by March 2014	Potential to lever in additional resources by partnering with D2N2 LEP and others
	Nottinghamshire peer-to-peer funding scheme	£50,000	1 x peer-to-peer funding scheme established and launched by Sept 2013 20 grants / loans of up to £5,000 offered by March 2014	Fund manager will be required to lever in additional resources for the scheme – as a minimum to match the County Council's contribution
	New start business project	£45,000	90 Nottinghamshire individuals / entrepreneurs benefiting from up to £500 worth of advice and support	Activity will be commissioned – leverage of additional resources will be assessed
Connectivity	Nottinghamshire Business Investment Zones	£20,000	1 x new inward investment campaign to promote key opportunities in the	Delivered through Invest in Nottingham, to ensure synergy and alignment of resources

			County	
	Investment in market towns	£25,000	TBC at March Committee, but could include: 1 x new Business Improvement District supported 3 x Local Improvement Schemes enhanced	Will require close working with District Council partners and Highways to ensure maximum benefit
Aspiration and talent	Nottinghamshire Work Clubs	£50,000	3 x new Work Clubs established A minimum of 1,000 Work Club attendances 50 Work Club members securing employment 25 Work Club members taking up training opportunities 3 x Enterprise Clubs supported A minimum of 250 Enterprise Club attendances	Working with JobCentre Plus and Nottinghamshire employers delivers significant added value Hosting Work Clubs in libraries gives the opportunity to embed them in a core Council service

	Wheels to Work	£20,000	100 young people supported into work or training through moped loan hire	County Council contribution typically enables RCAN to lever in additional funds from a variety of sources including JobCentre Plus and District Councils
	Youth employment	£20,000	TBC in March	TBC
Additional spend items	Worksop Turbine deficit contribution	£15,000 (est)	A minimum of 45 companies housed at the Worksop Turbine Occupancy increase from current baseline (Dec 2012) of 74%	The Managing Agents for Nottinghamshire's Innovation Centres (Oxford Innovation) continue to address issues relating to occupancy and income growth at the Turbine. It is hoped, therefore, that the deficit figure suggested here will reduce over the course of the year
	Leadership priorities	£14,000	A minimum of 20 Nottinghamshire business clubs engaged in the Council's economic development work A minimum of 5 meetings of the Nottinghamshire	

			Business Engagement Group hosted	
			Key memberships continued (i.e. Chamber of Commerce)	
			3 x Nottinghamshire Business Awards sponsored	

22 January 2013

Agenda Item: 7

**REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR, POLICY, PLANNING AND
CORPORATE SERVICES**

WORK PROGRAMME

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the Committee's work programme for 2012/13.

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 finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service 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, Policy, Planning and Corporate Services

For any enquiries about this report please contact: Christine Marson x 73887

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>
22 January 2013				
Supply chain readiness: update on work with procurement on improving access to public sector opportunities for Nottinghamshire SMEs	Report and presentation to update Committee on work commissioned through the 2012-13 economic development budget to improve the readiness of local companies to access public sector contracts.	Information	Matt Lockley	Hilary Porter
Peer-to-peer funding models – an overview	To inform Committee about how peer-to-peer funding models work, and give examples of other schemes led by County Councils. To aid consideration of the budget proposals for 2013-14	Information	Geoff George	Geoff George
Economic development budget 2013-14: final proposals	To sign off the economic development budget for 2013-14, including the entry into the Council's budget book	Decision	Celia Morris	Matt Lockley
28 March 2013				
Invest in Nottingham: review and future joint working	To consider progress to date on the joint working arrangements for inward investment with Nottingham City Council	Information (possible decision)	Matt Lockley	Tom Rawster
Corporate Economic Development Strategy	To consider and approve a corporate economic development strategy / statement for the County Council.	Decision	Celia Morris	Celia Morris
Youth Employment Strategy	To present the Nottinghamshire Youth Employment Strategy to Committee for consideration	Information	Derek Higton	Derek Higton
D2N2 LEP – progress, programme of activities and funding opportunities <i>[n.b. standing item]</i>	To receive an update on the D2N2 LEP, its work on priorities, key programmes and funding opportunities. Feedback from latest D2N2 Board meeting.	Information	Matt Lockley	Matt Lockley

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