



Nottinghamshire County Council

Economic Development Committee

Date: Tuesday, 04 September 2012
Time: 14:00
Venue: County Hall
Address: County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 7QP

AGENDA

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9 **Exclusion of the Public**

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The Committee will be invited to resolve:-

“That the public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that the discussions are likely to involve disclosure of exempt information described in paragraph 3 of the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.”

Note

If this is agreed, the public will have to leave the meeting during consideration of the following items.

EXEMPT INFORMATION ITEMS

10 **Business Community Co-option - Exempt Appendices**

1-2

Details



minutes

Meeting	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Date	26 June 2012 (commencing at 2.00 pm)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

COUNCILLORS

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

A	Victor Bobo	Eric Kerry
	Steve Garner	John Knight
	Glynn Gilfoyle	Liz Yates
A	Stan Heptinstall, MBE	
	Ex-officio (non-voting)	
A	Mrs Kay Cutts	

OTHER COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Mel Shepherd

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mick Burrows	Chief Executive
David Forster)
Celia Morris) Policy, Planning and Corporate Services Department
Geoff George)
Kay Massingham)
Carl Bilbey,	Conservative Group Research Officer
Michelle Welsh,	Labour Group Research Officer

CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

The appointment by the County Council of Councillor Keith Girling as Chairman and Councillor Gordon Wheeler as Vice-Chairman was noted.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the committee, as set out above, was noted.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

RESOLVED: 2012/001

That the report be noted.

INTRODUCTION TO D2N2 LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP

Mr Burrows gave a slide presentation to the Committee on D2N2 (Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire). The presentation and hand out can be found on the County Council's diary of meetings, address below

<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/dms/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/67/Committee/15/SelectedTab/Documents/Default.aspx>

RESOLVED 2012/002

That the oral report be noted

INTRODUCTION TO SERVICES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

During consideration of this item the Bomb Alert Alarm sounded at 2.30pm so committee was adjourned until 2.55 pm

Mrs Morris introduced the report and informed members that there was £32,000 still to be allocated from the budget for 2012/13. The Chairman asked members if they have any suggestions for use of the budget under any of the three core priorities set out in the Appendix to the report, they should let Mr George know for submission to this Committee for decision.

RESOLVED 2012/003

That the report be noted

INTEGRATED INNOVATION CENTRE CONTRACT: PERFORMANCE REPORT

RESOLVED 2012/004

1. That the report be noted and
2. that a report on performance on the Integrated Innovation Centre contract be presented to this Committee in 12 months.

WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED 2012/005

- 1 That the work programme be noted
- 2 That the Committee receive a presentation on the “State of Nottinghamshire” against its comparators at the next meeting.
3. That the responses to previous scrutiny reviews which are relevant to this committee included within the work programme be noted and presented to a future meeting.
4. That reports from the outside bodies associated with the Economic Development Committee be taken on a 6 monthly basis.

BUSINESS COMMUNITY COOPTION

RESOLVED 2012/006

That the proposal to co-opt a member of the Nottinghamshire Business Community and the process by which this can be achieved be agreed.

The meeting closed at 3.45 pm.

CHAIRMAN



4th September 2012

Agenda Item: 4

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

THE STATE OF THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ECONOMY

Purpose of the Report

1. To confirm the content and style of a proposed presentation on the State of the Nottinghamshire Economy.

Information and Advice

2. There are a number of reasons to bring forward a presentation on the Nottinghamshire economy as follows :
 - At the June 2012 meeting of this Committee, it was agreed that a presentation be brought to this meeting to support the Committee's understanding of the issues facing the economy and to support its future considerations and any future prioritisation of its budget and resources;
 - The County Council is facilitating the development of a Nottinghamshire Growth Plan and this is to be influenced by the latest statistical overview of the economy and this Committee is requested to offer views on the Growth Plan's development. This is the subject of a separate report to this meeting of the Economic Development Committee;
 - The evidence offered may support the Committee in identifying specific issues and importantly, the relevant delivery organisations with whom it might choose to discuss activity designed to address these issues locally.
3. The presentation will take the form of a set of key issues impacting on the performance of the Nottinghamshire economy, reflecting on the latest data, trends and where appropriate, on any differential impacts locally. It will major on direct economic evidence and offer some insight from local businesses and representative groups as to trends and issues. Further, it is intended that the presentation will offer a brief review on the economic development "landscape", offering a summary insight into those organisations with a responsibility for delivering different aspects of the economic development agenda.
4. It is proposed that the Committee majors a significant proportion of its time to reflect on the presentation and to discuss its potential implications, particularly in the light of the preparation of a Nottinghamshire Growth Plan.

5. There are a number of different sources and summary documents articulating trends and issues within the local economy. In readiness for the presentation and to offer an early opportunity to prepare for a discussion, the following may be referenced to the Committee :

- Prepared jointly with the City Council, a Local Economic Assessment (LEA) was prepared in early 2011, alongside a “Strategic Economic Opportunities” (SEO) document which aimed to summarise some of the key economic issues and opportunities. Both of these items were considered and agreed at a County Council meeting in June 2011. The LEA and SEO documents are available on the County Council website [here](#).
- Towards the date of the September 2012 meeting, members of the Committee will also be sent extracts from the Local Futures sourced “Place Profile for Nottinghamshire” the detail of which will be referenced in the presentation.

Other Options Considered

6. The Committee requested such a presentation at its meeting on 26th June 2012.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

7. The report is designed to support the Committee in its considerations as referenced at paragraph 2.

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.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising as a consequence of this report.

Equalities Implications

The presentation will offer an overview of the Nottinghamshire economy and will reference any equalities implications throughout.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Committee welcomes the presentation, offered in support of its future considerations regarding the work and budget of the Economic Development team and specifically, in support of the Committee’s consideration of the development of the Nottinghamshire Growth Plan which is the subject of a separate report.

Report of the Corporate Director, Policy Planning & Corporate Services

For any enquiries about this report please contact: Geoff George ext 72046

Constitutional Comments

9. Economic Development Committee has authority to take this report. [NAB 23.08.12]

Financial Comments (DJK 23.08.2012)

10. The contents of this report are duly noted; there are no financial implications arising.

Background Papers

The Local Economic Assessment (2011)

The Strategic Economic Opportunities (2011)

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All



4th September 2012

Agenda Item:

**REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE GROWTH PLAN**

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide the Economic Development Committee with an update on the approach being taken in the development of the Nottinghamshire Growth Plan and the opportunity to influence the Plan's development.

Information and Advice

2. The Nottinghamshire Growth Plan (NGP) was initiated earlier this year following a series of informal discussions between Members and the Chief Executive with businesses and business organisations across the County and with key organisations impacting upon the economy such as the Universities, Further Education sector and the Nottinghamshire Business Engagement Group.
3. The Nottinghamshire Growth Plan is a parallel Plan to the Nottingham Growth Plan which has been created to support growth in the city area. The Nottingham Growth Plan was also instrumental in negotiating the Nottingham City Deal which has implications for parts of the County, for example the City Deal investment fund for business growth is a Countywide fund. Senior Members and Chief Officers from both Councils have provisionally agreed to the two Growth plans being complementary and reliant upon each other, this has been warmly welcomed by the business community.
4. Two factors merit early reference:
 - Firstly, in order to secure an appropriate focus, the Plan will major on economic growth in Nottinghamshire. It is not intended to be a wide ranging economic regeneration strategy which might have covered aspects such as quality of life, social inequality or community development.
 - Secondly, while the County Council is facilitating the development of the Growth Plan, it is not designed as a County Council Plan, but a wider Growth Plan for Nottinghamshire. The Growth Plan will belong to Nottinghamshire partners, aiming to harness the commitment of business leaders and key stakeholders in shaping its focus and leading on its delivery.
5. A number of drivers for the development of a Nottinghamshire Growth Plan have been identified in discussion and these may be summarised as follows.

- (a) A number of structural dynamics will influence Nottinghamshire's economic future and many of the issues facing the County appear challenging. There are also many opportunities which if exploited, will help drive positive economic change. These will be referenced during the presentation to the Committee preceding this report on the State of the Nottinghamshire Economy;
- (b) A desire has been expressed by the local business community and a range of Nottinghamshire partners to explore a collective long-term response which is both appropriate in the context of an immediately difficult economic climate nationally and over a period of austerity which is likely to continue for some time to come;
- (c) There is a desire from private and public sector partners to champion the Nottinghamshire economy, seeking strategic leadership from the County Council in developing a collective vision for an economically vibrant and wealthy County. The request is for a Plan which will enable Nottinghamshire's economic priorities to be articulated at a national level with Government and at a sub-regional level with the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership. The Plan will enable strategic interventions at a County level and provide a context for activity at more local levels, the plan will also provide a shared understanding of the opportunities and ambitions for the County's growth;
- (d) As part of this process we are looking to develop deeper positive relationships with the County's Business Community recognising that it is only businesses that generate wealth enhance entrepreneurial activity and deliver greater prosperity for the County;
- (e) There are growing expectations nationally that local authorities and their partners should have a stronger role and responsibility to deliver local economic growth. Considerations include the maximising of the economic impact of public sector spend; the localisation of business rates and emerging perspectives regarding new, innovative public/private sector investment mechanisms;
- (f) The plan will help identify activities and actions that may require additional effort and resource. These will form the basis of bids for external funding including Regional Growth Fund, influencing, attracting and applying for additional funding (public and/or private) for agreed priorities requires a clear strategic perspective with a focus on a key set of issues where intervention is needed most and where they may have the best economic impact.

The Approach

- 6. Linked to the report is the latest State of the Nottinghamshire Economy update, this report offers the opportunity for members to support the development of the Plan which will ultimately be presented to a future Policy Committee for consideration.
- 7. Rather than adopting the more usual approach of developing a draft and seeking comments, the Economic Development Service has embarked on a series of in depth conversations with key agencies and businesses to support the development of the following four themes:
 - Infrastructure

- Aspiration and Talent
- Competitive Business Growth
- Reputation & Promotion

8. This accords with good practice and offers an opportunity for key stakeholders to influence the Plan at its earliest stages. Attached at Appendix A is a schematic which has been used to support these initial discussions. Those involved in each of the themes to date are as follows:

Competitive Business Growth	Infrastructure
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business leaders of two successful and growing Nottinghamshire businesses • A leading Venture Capitalist; • Oxford Innovation • Leaders from the Business Support sector • Representatives from the Chamber and FSB • Local University representation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highways Agency • Network Rail • British Telecom • Bus / public transport representation; • County Council Highways Services • A business leader active in the road / haulage and green technology sectors • District Council representation
Aspiration & Talent	Reputation & Promotion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Nottinghamshire City & County Employment & Skills Board • Enable • FE representation • Job Centreplus • Nottinghamshire Training Network • Nottinghamshire Futures • County Council Children & Young People services • Business leaders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience Nottinghamshire • Local Business Club representatives • Mansfield Business Improvement District representative • Representatives from Nottinghamshire attractions • Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club • Invest in Nottingham Club representative • UKTI

9. By the time of the date of the Committee meeting, initial meetings for all four themes will have been held. It will be noted that not all of the above referenced organisations will be able to attend these initial meetings but contact has been maintained.

10. The following set of points offers an overview of the main issues arising from the meetings held to date:

- Each of the theme group’s participants have welcomed the approach and have offered every encouragement to the development of a Plan for Nottinghamshire;
- The participants generally expressed a desire to remain engaged in the process acting as critical friends and supporting the development of activity over the coming months;
- There is a desire that any plan be focussed upon action and be clear on a set number of key priorities;
- It is seen as crucial that any Plan should aim to add value to existing activity, develop new ideas where provision is missing or lacking and draw out clearer linkages and

closer working between the many agencies with different responsibilities operating at different levels across the County;

- A strong message emerged that the Plan should look to the long term, potentially over a 20 year period;
- There is agreement that the themes are broadly correct though clearly there are inter-relationships to be explored;
- Of the meetings held at the time of writing, the Infrastructure meeting had perhaps a different feel as this majored on the existing plans of the relevant organisations as they impacted upon Nottinghamshire but was nonetheless helpful in supporting the initial development of the theme.

11. In relation to the specifics discussed under each theme, these will be presented to the Committee at the September meeting, offering the opportunity to discuss and influence further the Plan's development.

Timescales and Next Steps

12. The Nottinghamshire Growth Plan will be considered at a future meeting of the Policy Committee, following which will be a period of consultation and refinement. This report offers the opportunity for the Committee to reflect on the presentation on the State of the Nottinghamshire Economy, influence the Growth Plan's development and offer observations on each of the themes. Given the fact that additional information will be provided on the day of the Committee (as referenced at paragraph 10 above) comments from Committee members are welcome for a period up to 18th September 2012,

Other Options Considered

13. The Council may choose not to develop a Growth Plan on behalf of partners and stakeholders. Discussions held thus far with predominantly business-related sources have offered every positive encouragement to the Council to lead on this approach to enhance self-reliance within our communities and to develop a larger private sector economy in Nottinghamshire. Choosing not to develop a Plan will be a significant disappointment to private and public sector partners and agencies.
14. The planned localisation of business rates will be an important issue for local Councils. The Growth Plan is intended to help stimulate growth and increase the ability to generate increased business rates across the County.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

15. The promotion of the economy of the County is one of the Council's priorities under its Strategic Plan and the drivers for the development of the Plan are referenced above. The approach referenced in this report aims to bring all parties' interests into the one Plan. It will be designed to ensure that every effort is made to bring about investment, promote indigenous business growth, stimulate new economic opportunities and generate wealth.

Statutory and Policy Implications

16. 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

17. There are no immediate financial implications arising as a consequence of this report.

Equalities Implications

18. The Nottinghamshire Growth Plan will look to ensure that economic opportunities are available to all within the County, with the generation of wealth and of a sense of self-reliance bringing opportunities to residents, businesses and communities alike. The process adopted in the development of the Plan allows for all to participate in its development.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Committee:

- (a) Welcomes the development of a Growth Plan for Nottinghamshire;
- (b) Offers observations on the process and the approach being explored with partners and stakeholders and
- (c) Supports its further development through the offering of comments both overall and as they relate specifically to the individual themes.

Report of the Chairman of the Economic Development Committee

For any enquiries about this report please contact: Celia Morris, Group Manager Corporate Strategy ext 72043

Constitutional Comments

Financial Comments(DJK 23.08.2012)

The contents of this report are duly noted; there are no financial implications.

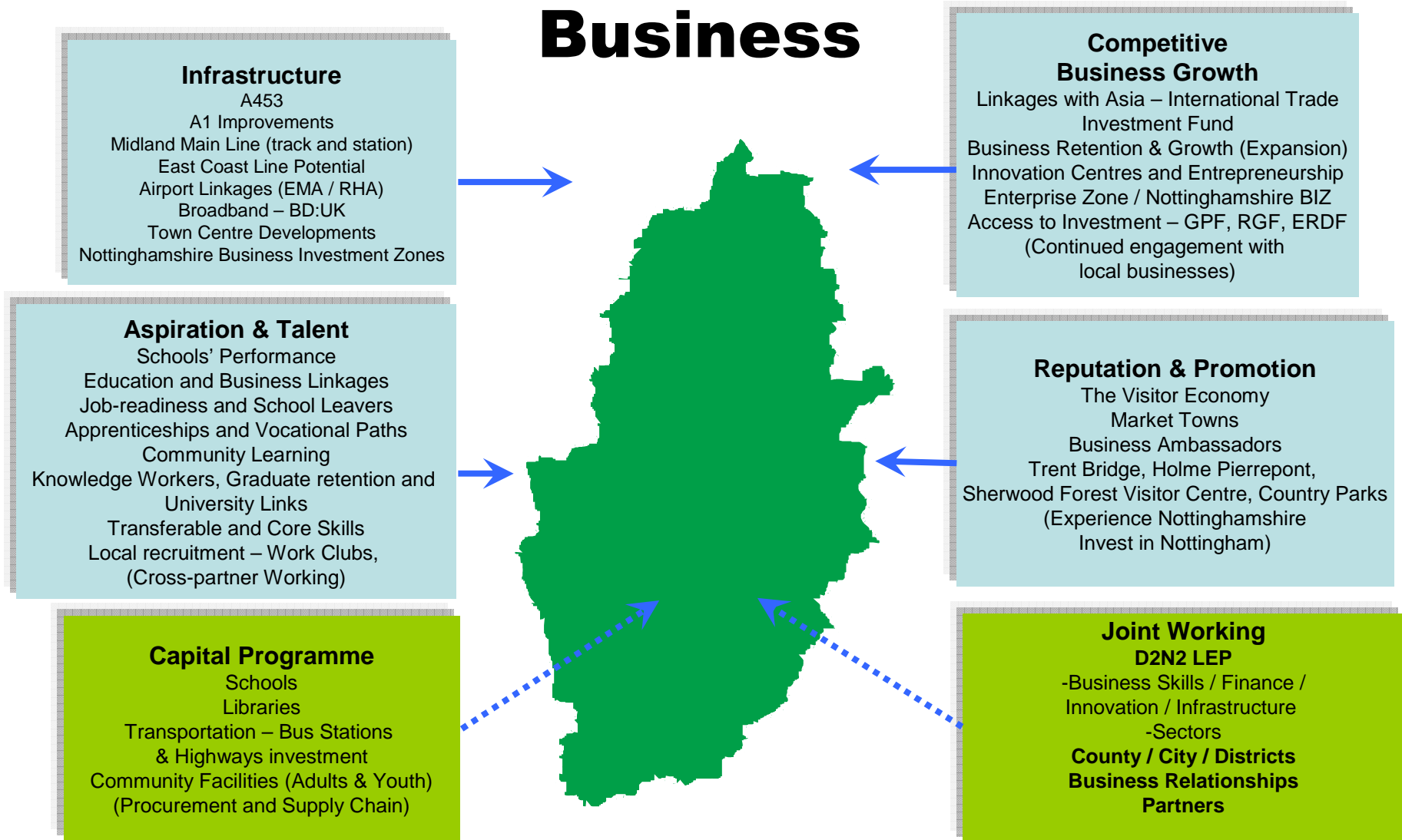
Background Papers

Individual theme group briefings

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All

Nottinghamshire: The Place to do Business





4 September 2012

Agenda Item: 6

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

BROADBAND PETITION

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to inform the Economic Development Committee of responses to the issues raised to the Chairman and to Full Council on 5 July 2012, concerning a petition regarding improving broadband access in Bassetlaw.

Information and Advice

1. A petition of 575 signatures, organised by Bassetlaw Conservative Association was presented to the Chairman and Full Council requesting the Council does everything within its power to improve the availability of Broadband in the district of Bassetlaw by accepting the Government's offer of £4.25 million, with match funding from the County Council and the seven borough and district councils in Nottinghamshire, including Bassetlaw, proportionate to the need of each district.
2. Nottinghamshire County Council and all the Nottinghamshire local councils have match-funded the government's commitment. The current £867,000 European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) bid is in the final appraisal stages and a final decision on whether approval will be granted or not is anticipated by the end of September 2012.
3. The Council has committed to using the BDUK Framework to procure a single or lead private sector delivery partner to co-fund and then deliver the installation of broadband infrastructure across the County and is waiting for more information from Government on Nottinghamshire's individual timetable and call-off slot. The Leader of the County Council has made contact with the Government to jointly explore ways in which the combined public sector investment of £8.5 million in broadband infrastructure can be accelerated, to bring faster broadband speeds to rural Nottinghamshire significantly quicker. However, the Government has confirmed that it is not expecting to receive State Aid approval until autumn. This clearly affects the ability of the Council to enter to the procurement stage. Until the Council enters the procurement phase, neither the precise locations nor mix of technologies to be deployed can be confirmed with any certainty.
4. Investing significant sums of public money in a competitive commercial market is not straight-forward and upgrading the infrastructure is but one element of this complex project. The whole project hinges on finding a suitable firm willing to make the (anticipated) £8.5 million private sector match-funding investment, and to do that the Council first has to prove demand exists. On 6 July 2012, Councillor Cutts and Councillor Girling launched the *Superfast Broadband for Notts campaign* to allow people to register their interest

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/broadband. The aim is to achieve 5,000 pledges of support by the autumn. To date, just over 3,000 responses have been received but this falls short of a convincing case that will see the telecommunications industry match-fund the public sector commitment.

- 5. It is now proposed that the petitions organiser is informed that despite yielding 575 signatures from Bassetlaw residents, the information collected by the Bassetlaw Conservative Association is unable to be used in the County Council's current campaign. Regrettably, the data falls short of some of the pertinent information which is required to lobby the telecommunications industry, such as: evidence of current service provision, a willingness to receive an improved service and how much (if any) households and businesses will be willing to pay on top of their current commitment for an improved/new service.
- 6. It is further proposed that the petitions organiser encourages the 47,000 poorly broadband served people and businesses of Bassetlaw to pledge their support to the *Superfast Broadband for Notts campaign*.
- 7. The response to the petition should be noted and the petition organiser informed.

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.

Financial Implications

- 9. There are no specific financial implications arising as a consequence of this report. This may require further consideration should it be proposed that expenses or an honorarium be paid to any co-opted individual.

Equalities Implications

- 10. An Equalities Impacts Assessment has been produced for the Nottinghamshire Broadband Plan and applies to everyone equally. It concluded that it is difficult to predict what the real implications of superfast broadband will be for the 116,011 premises (both business and residential) that are the subject of the Plan and there is the possibilities of additional, as yet unforeseen, implications for rural communities from such a digital divide.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 11. It is recommended that the contents be noted and the petition organiser be informed.

Report of the Chairman of the Economic Development Committee
For any enquiries about this report please contact: Nicola M^cCoy-Brown ext 72250

Background Papers

Bassetlaw Petition

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All

Constitutional Comments (SG 22/08/2012)

The Committee has responsibility for promoting economic development, regeneration and associated activities (by virtue of paragraph 31(a) of Part 3(A) of the Constitution). The Committee is the appropriate body to consider the issues set out in this Report.



3 September 2012

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: David Forster, x 73552

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>
October 2012				
Nottinghamshire Enterprise Zone	To receive an update on the Nottinghamshire Enterprise Zone and on investments proceeding through the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership	Information	Geoff George	Geoff George
Tourism and economic development: scrutiny	To consider and respond to recommendations made by the Communities and Environment Standing Committee in relation to tourism and economic development	Decision	Matt Lockley	Matt Lockley
Experience Nottinghamshire: half-yearly review	To review progress against the Service Level Agreement with Experience Nottinghamshire in 2012-13	Information	Celia Morris	Matt Lockley
Nottinghamshire Local Broadband Plan	Various throughout the year: updates on the procurement process and timelines; approval of appointment of specialist support (i.e. technical advice / demand stimulation work)	Information and decisions when necessary	Nicola McCoy Brown	Nicola McCoy Brown
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. Potentially to include proposals for 2013-14?	Information	Matt Lockley	Hilary Porter
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	Celia Morris	Matt Lockley
November 2012				
Corporate Economic Development Strategy	To consider and approve a corporate economic development strategy / statement for the County Council. <i>Note: may also need to go to Policy Committee? Will need to go to Full Council.</i>	Decision	Celia Morris	Celia Morris
Nottinghamshire Business Engagement Group: review	To review the progress of the Nottinghamshire Business Engagement Group and consider recommendations about the future development and priorities of the group	Decision	Matt Lockley	

<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>
Economic development budget 2013-14: outline proposals	To discuss and approve outline plans for the economic development budget in 2013-14	Decision	Matt Lockley	Matt Lockley
Nottinghamshire Work Clubs: update	To receive an update on progress on the roll-out of the Nottinghamshire Work Club programme, and to consider future investment in this activity	Information and decision	Trish Adams	Trish Adams
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.	Information	Celia Morris	Matt Lockley
January 2013				
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	Matt Lockley	Matt Lockley
Experience Nottinghamshire: 2013-14 Service Level Agreement	To consider and approve the service level agreement between Nottinghamshire County Council and Experience Nottinghamshire for 2013-14	Decision	Celia Morris	Matt Lockley
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	Celia Morris	Matt Lockley
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 Rawsterne
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.	Information	Celia Morris	Matt Lockley
April 2013				



4th September 2012

Agenda Item: 8

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE BUSINESS COMMUNITY CO-OPTION

Purpose of the Report

1. To inform Committee of the response received to the sourcing of a business community co-option to this Committee; to refer members to an Exempt Appendix to this report; and to propose the appointment of business community co-options to the Committee.

Information and Advice

2. Some information relating to this report is not for publication by virtue of paragraph xx of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. Having regard to all the circumstances, on balance, the right to privacy of the individuals concerned outweighs the public interest in making the information available. The exempt information is therefore set out in the Exempt Appendix. When appointments are complete information regarding the appointee(s) will be made public.
3. At the June 2012 meeting of this Committee, it was agreed that a business community co-option to this Committee be sought, and set out the means whereby it could be achieved.
4. Following this approval, contact was made with a wide range of businesses and business-led membership organisations across the County, seeking nominations. This took the form of a letter, confirming the nature of the role and the expectations of the co-option. As a consequence, two expressions of interest have been received from the Federation of Small Business and Boots.
5. Details of the two individuals are offered as an Exempt Appendix. There appears to be no barrier to the Committee seeking both as co-optees as each could offer unique insight to the Committee's considerations from very different perspectives – that of small businesses and from a large major multi-national employer. It is proposed therefore both individuals are appointed as Business Community co-options to the Committee.

Other Options Considered

6. There are two options open to the Committee as follows:
 - Make a judgement in selecting one co-optee at the Committee meeting on the basis of the information attached;
 - Formally interview both candidates via the Committee or via a panel drawn from its members and make an appointment accordingly.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

7. The report seeks the Committee's views on securing the agreed business perspective to its considerations. It is proposed that any appointment be subject to a review over the initial year and thereafter to an annual review and evaluation of the position generally.
8. In addition, advice has been received which confirms that co-options to the Committee requires ratification by Council and the recommendation reflects this.

Statutory and Policy Implications

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Financial Implications

There are no specific financial implications arising as a consequence of this report.

Equalities Implications

The process adopted for securing the co-option afforded a transparent means of securing participation. It is understood that neither of the potential appointees have any particular needs to facilitate their participation, but this will be the subject of review.

RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that:

- (a) the information in the Exempt Appendix is noted
- (b) the appointment of both individuals as Business Community co-options to the Committee is agreed, subject to ratification by Council.

Report of the Chairman of the Economic Development Committee

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Constitutional Comments SLB 23/8/12

10. Economic Development Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of the report. Full Council is responsible for determining the membership of Committees.

Financial Comments (DJK 23.08.2012)

11. The contents of this report are duly noted; as stated there are no direct financial implications arising.

Background Papers

None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All