



minutes

Meeting	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Date	3 February 2015 (commencing at 2.00 pm)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with `A`

COUNCILLORS

Diana Meale (Chairman)

Richard Butler
 John Ogle
 Mike Pringle
 Keith Walker
 Gordon Wheeler

John Knight
 Michael Payne
 Ken Rigby
 John Wimott

A Alan Rhodes (Ex-Officio)

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
 Geoff George -Policy Planning and Corporate Services
 Sam Jones - Policy Planning and Corporate Services
 Neil Hodgson - Highways
 Martin Gately - Policy, Planning and Corporate Services

OTHER ATTENDEES

Lindsay Allen Senior Programme Manager, D2N2 Growth Hub
 Mike King Senior Consultant, People and Places Partnership
 Julie Beresford Gedling Borough Council

CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

The following changes of membership for this meeting were noted: Councillor Butler replaced Councillor Ogle for this meeting only. Councillor Pringle replaced Councillor Roy Allan for this meeting only. Councillor Rigby replaces Councillor Zadrozny on a permanent basis.

MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on 6 January 2015 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman subject to an amendment to the record of attendance.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Mr Mark Chivers.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

SUPPORT FOR TOWN CENTRE INITIATIVES

Mike King, Senior Consultant with the People and Places Partnership made a presentation to the committee regarding his company's recent work on baseline economic assessments to support planned infrastructure activity. This included using established town benchmarking methodology to examine footfall, employment and property data in Hucknall, Westdale Lane, Retford and Worksop.

Findings for Hucknall indicated that the prevalence of A1 retailers (convenience stores) was likely to result in comparatively short stays in the town centre. There is also a high proportion of A5 outlets (fast food takeaways) – which mirrors a typical national large town. The footfall in the centre of Retford is very high, with 382 people passing through very ten minutes.

Higher evening footfall was noted on Westdale Lane, where 16% of the retail offer is hot food takeaways. Footfall in Worksop increases markedly with an average of 336 persons per ten minutes across the day in the busiest location of Bridge Street.

Mr King suggested that future work of this kind could be undertaken by commissioning People and Places, getting People and Places to train Local Authority Staff or utilising universities and volunteers.

RESOLVED 2015/008

- 1) That the report be noted
- 2) That the options for town centre regeneration activity be considered at a future meeting as part of budget planning
- 3) That highways officers manage the subsequent evaluation of the listed integrated transport schemes

THE D2N2 LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP GROWTH HUB

Lindsay Allen, Senior Programme Manager, D2N2 Growth Hub made a presentation to the committee which explained that the mission of the growth hub was to grow the D2N2 economy by co-ordinating and facilitating the market for business services. The Hub will improve the connection between existing support and existing businesses, with a focus on putting existing advice in the frontline. The process is developed and delivered in partnership with a range of local and national stakeholders. A successful launch event was held for the Growth Hub on 5 December 2014, and two new Growth Hub co-ordinators are in post from February 2015.

RESOLVED 2015/009

- 1) That the report be noted and welcomed.

THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL FUND

RESOLVED 2015/010

- 1) That the progress made under the first round of applications be noted
- 2) That the developments and operational revisions to the process for the second round call be noted

PILGRIM FATHERS FEASIBILITY STUDY COSTS AND APPOINTMENT

RESOLVED 2015/011

- 1) That the additional expenditure set out in paragraph 4 of this report be approved.

WORK PROGRAMME

Further to the request from Members at the last meeting, the Committee would receive a briefing on Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire at the 3 March meeting.

RESOLVED 2015/012

That the work programme be noted.

The meeting closed at 16:15 pm

CHAIR