

**07 June 2016****Agenda Item: 5****REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, PLACE****CAREERS AND ENTERPRISE COMPANY****Purpose of the Report**

1. To explain the role of the Careers and Enterprise Company (CEC) and to provide an update on achievements to date across Nottinghamshire.
2. Sean Panting, CEC Enterprise Co-ordinator will be attending Committee to deliver a brief presentation on the role and achievements of the CEC in addition to answering any questions that Members may have.

**Background**

3. The CEC is a mechanism established by central government to facilitate closer working between employers and schools to enable young people to fully realise their career potential.
4. Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) are the delivery vehicle for CECs, the mechanism for establishment was via a competitive process including securing local match funding.
5. Each CEC operates within a Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) boundary, in the case of D2N2, the role of the CEC is to deliver the D2N2 Employability Framework.
6. The CEC funding supports the function of three employed Enterprise Coordinators (across N2) who are responsible for the practical implementation of the Employability Framework and associated partnership working.
7. Business leaders have a fundamental role in acting as volunteer Enterprise Advisors to form an Enterprise Advisor Network of employers, large and small to work with schools developing strategic Enterprise, Careers and Employability plans.
8. The N2 Skills & Employment Board has a role in monitoring and overseeing the progress of the CEC and liaising with the Skills and Employment Commission on this agenda.

## Funding

9. D2N2 received a maximum £150,000 to establish and operate the CEC. The CEC funding was matched by a number of partners across D2N2 providing £300,000 in total to deliver the activities. The CEC is funded until the end of the August 2017.
10. CEC match funding was provided by the following partners across N2 who each cover a proportion of the N2 geographical landscape:

<b>Rushcliffe Borough Council</b>	Rushcliffe, Newark and Sherwood, Gedling and Broxtowe
<b>The Evolve Trust</b>	Mansfield and Ashfield
<b>Nottingham City Council's Education Business Partnership ASPIRE</b>	Nottingham City
<b>Bassetlaw District Council</b>	Bassetlaw District Council were unable to provide match funding for the current round of CEC delivery

## Key Performance Indicators

11. For the academic year 2015/16, the N2 initiative will fund three Enterprise Coordinators employed across the N2 area who will engage with 40 schools and link them with 40 business leaders. Current performance across N2 is 26 Schools actively engaged in CEC activity and 14 Business Leaders actively engaged with CEC activity.
12. The CEC launched across D2N2 in December 2015; Sean Panting, the Enterprise Coordinator for Rushcliffe, Newark & Sherwood, Gedling and Broxtowe started in post in February 2016 and it has taken time to build a network of Businesses and Schools to deliver the CEC initiative.
13. For the academic year 2016/17 the N2 initiative will continue to see three Enterprise Coordinators employed across the N2 area who will engage with an additional 30 schools and link them with an additional 30 business leaders.

## Sustainability

14. The CEC funding will enable delivery across N2 to be extended until August 2017. It is anticipated that 'Careers Local' European Social Fund project will provide a sustainable solution for the continuation of Careers, Enterprise and Employability activity across N2 through to 2019.

## Reason(s) for Recommendations

14. To ensure Committee is kept informed of current and future Careers, Enterprise and Employability activities.

**Statutory and Policy Implications**

This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described within the body of the report.

**Finance implications**

None.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that Economic Development Committee note this report and promote the good practice of the CEC to residents, schools and local businesses across the county.

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**Constitutional Comments [LM 12/05/2016]**

This report is for noting only.

**Financial Comments [SES 13/05/16]**

There are no specific financial implications arising directly from this report.

**Background Papers**

None

**Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All