

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
REGENERATION**

4 August 2017

Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities

**CORE REVENUE FUNDING TO D2N2 LOCAL ENTERPRISE
PARTNERSHIP**

(1) **Purpose of Report** To seek approval for £62,500 revenue contribution to support the D2N2 (Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire) Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) during the financial year 2017-18.

(2) **Information and Analysis**

Background

In 2010, 39 private sector-led LEPs were set up across England to spearhead economic recovery and help rebalance the economy in favour of private sector investment and jobs. D2N2 is the LEP for the Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire area and provides the local vehicle for influencing and delivering economic strategy and passporting significant funding, most notably the Local Growth Fund, Growing Places Fund and the European Structure and Investment Funds 2014-20. In 2012, D2N2 published its Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) setting out the ambition of creating 55,000 new jobs and delivering 77,000 new homes by 2023. Since this time, the 19 local authorities in the LEP area have been aligning their growth plans to ensure delivery of these targets.

D2N2 was recently successful in being awarded £62.9m through the Government's Local Growth Fund (Round 3) (LGF3). The total LGF envelope across the three rounds of funding is £174m. Derbyshire projects that will now be delivered through LGF3 include:

- Woodville-Swadlincote Regeneration Route (£6.4m)
- Riverside Business Park, Bakewell (£3.9m)
- Foundry Park, Ilkeston (at former Stanton Ironworks) (£3.4m)

During 2017-18, D2N2 will review and refresh the SEP to ensure priorities and projects continue to align with local growth ambitions as well as national policy drivers, such as the Industrial Strategy and the Midlands Engine Strategy. A governing review of the LEP's structures is currently underway and

recommendations will ensure that the LEP Board and delivery arrangements going forward are fit for purpose. The Operational Business Plan 2017-18 was endorsed by D2N2 in March 2017.

D2N2 is funded partially by Government and programme funding but requires local match revenue funding to ensure it remains operational. The four top tier local authorities have provided equal, annual revenue contributions of £62,500 as part of the LEP's match funding since inception. In 2017-18, as in previous years, this will be matched by £500,000 from Government.

Derby City Council is the accountable body for D2N2 Core Funding and the East Midlands Chamber of Commerce (EMC) acts as employing body and host for the D2N2 LEP Chief Executive and his team.

(3) **Financial Considerations** Subject to approval, it is proposed the County Council confirms a financial contribution to the D2N2 LEP of £62,500 for the financial year 2017-18 funded from the Economy and Regeneration Service budget, in line with planned expenditure.

(4) **Social Value Considerations** The work of the D2N2 LEP and its individual partners contribute to economic growth and social cohesion through the delivery of its regeneration programmes, most notably the employment and skills support for local people programmes being delivered through the European Social Fund (ESF).

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

(5) **Key Decision** No.

(6) **Call-in** Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No

(7) **Background Papers** Held by the Economy and Regeneration Service within the Economy, Transport and Communities Department. Officer contact details – Frank Horsley, extension 38348.

(8) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION** That the Cabinet Member approves the revenue contribution of £62,500 from the Economy and Regeneration budget to support the D2N2 (Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire) Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) for the financial year 2017-18.

Mike Ashworth
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