

Agenda Item No.3

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

**14 September 2018**

Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment

**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 Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire and provides the local vehicle for influencing and delivering significant funding, most notably the Local Growth Fund (LGF), Growing Places Fund (GPF) and the European Structure and Investment Funds (ESIF) 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.

D2N2 is funded partially by central Government (£500,000), but requires match revenue funding to ensure it remains operational. The four top tier local authorities in the region have provided equal, annual revenue contributions of £62,500 since inception. An Annual Operational Business Plan 2018-19 has been approved by the LEP Board to underpin the running of the organisation.

Over the past 12 months, D2N2 has made significant progress in delivering a programme worth £500m whilst contributing to the Ministerial review of LEPs and undertaking a full review of its own governance to ensure the organisation continues to operate effectively and efficiently.

Currently, D2N2 is in the process of refreshing the SEP which will set out the ambition for good growth and increased productivity over the next 12 years.

The SEP will play a vital role in crystalising the D2N2 offer prior to the development of the proposed Local Industrial Strategy (LIS) with Government in 2019 which will secure future funding streams, such as the Single Prosperity Fund and act as a vehicle for delivering Midland Engine wide investment into the D2N2 area. The LEP is also looking to position itself to meet the challenges and opportunities resulting from Brexit and the new trade arrangements.

Derbyshire County Council acts as the accountable body for the D2N2 LGF and manages the Infrastructure and Investment Board that oversees delivery of the programme. Examples of funded programmes currently being delivered in Derbyshire include:

- Buxton Crescent (£2m)
- Tudor Cross (former Coalite site) (£5.8m)
- A61 Corridor (£12.8m)

In addition, the Council is engaged in a number of partner projects supported by ESIF, including D2 (Derby and Derbyshire) Enterprise Growth Fund, Invest in D2N2 and D2EE which recently led to the Council being awarded East Midlands Energy Efficiency Council of the Year. The Council is also an active partner in the D2N2 Growth Hub which is the gateway for providing support to local businesses, including over 3 hours of advice and assistance to over 1,200 Derbyshire businesses to date.

(3) **Financial Considerations** Subject to approval, it is proposed the County Council confirms its continuing financial contribution to the D2N2 LEP of £62,500 for the financial year 2018-19, funded from the Economy and Regeneration Service budget, in line with planned expenditure.

(4) **Social Value Considerations** Social value objectives are built into the procurement process for ESIF and LGF projects as far as possible and are helping support local supply chain development.

### **Other Considerations**

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 Environment 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, Transport and Environment Department's Economy and Regeneration budget to support the D2N2 (Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire) Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) for the financial year 2018-19.

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