

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER – JOBS, ECONOMY AND
TRANSPORT**

13 March 2014

Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment

**DERBYSHIRE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS SUBMITTED TO
DERBY, DERBYSHIRE, NOTTINGHAM AND
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE STRATEGIC ECONOMIC PLAN**

(1) **Purpose of the Report** To seek the approval of the Cabinet Member to the Derbyshire infrastructure projects to be submitted for inclusion within the Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire (D2N2) Strategic Economic Plan.

(2) **Information and Analysis** Government's response to the Lord Heseltine's 'No Stone Unturned' report has been focussed upon the creation of the Local Growth Fund. This commits significant capital and revenue resources to be made available to Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) through individual Growth Deals. The documentation at the heart of these is a Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) which sets out for the relevant LEP its economic issues and strategy, its 'asks' of Government over any barriers to delivery, its governance and delivery structure, and its investment plan. The majority of the Growth Deal resources (which Government is committed to retaining at a minimum of £2 billion per annum) are to be allocated on a competitive basis. The SEP, therefore, needs to contain strong evidence of how the LEP intends to grow its economy and how individual projects will support this. Draft SEPs were submitted in December 2013 and the final versions are to be in place by 31 March 2014.

There is an expectation from Government that SEPs will provide detailed investment plans for 2015-16, the first year for which Growth Deal resources will be available, and will describe longer-term programmes of activity. The strength of the business case behind each proposal is critical if the SEP is to demonstrate its value and lead to a favourable level of Government financial support. Work has therefore been underway on assembling an infrastructure investment plan for the D2N2 area. The Cabinet Member will be aware that the Sheffield City Region, through its Investment Fund, has already agreed the scheme priorities which its SEP will reflect. Some projects for the D2N2

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area have already been approved to make use of devolved funding for major transport schemes. These include improvement of the A61 Whittington Moor roundabout and the Seymour link at Markham Vale.

The Derbyshire Infrastructure Plan, most recently reviewed by Cabinet on 12 November 2013, is intended to comprise a comprehensive statement of the County's infrastructure needs. It is not designed, though, to identify priorities or to judge which projects have the strongest business case against SEP objectives. However, Atkins consultants have been engaged on behalf of D2N2 to produce an appraisal process and to review candidate schemes through a series of 'gateway' reviews and progressive business case development. This is an important process if the SEP is to be supported by the schemes best placed to support its objectives, delivering jobs and growth where most needed. Projects from the Derbyshire Infrastructure Plan have been submitted for consideration and district and borough councils have had the opportunity to make their own recommendations. In some cases these have been combined into 'packages' where potential interventions of different types would gain added value from being delivered together. Appendix 1 provides a complete list of the projects considered and a commentary on their deliverability. It is recommended that the Cabinet Member endorses these for submission to D2N2 for inclusion in the SEP on which the final decision will be made by the D2N2 Board on 25 March 2014. It is anticipated that both the Derby and Derbyshire Economic Prosperity Committee and the D2N2 Local Transport Board will have the opportunity to comment ahead of this. In due course, it will be necessary for local contributions to be identified against all schemes for which Local Growth Fund support is required. This, though, can be considered by Cabinet alongside any offer of grant.

(3) **Financial Considerations** None associated directly with this report. Local contributions to any projects receiving Local Growth Fund support will need to be agreed by Cabinet in due course.

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.

(4) **Key Decision** No.

(5) **Call-In**

Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No.

(6) **Background Papers** Information and guidance on the Growth Deal can be found on the gov.uk website or from the Economy, Transport and

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Environment Department. The Derbyshire Infrastructure Plan was last reviewed by Cabinet on 12 November 2013 (Minute No. 305/13 refers). Officer contact details – Jim Seymour, extension 38557.

(7) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION** That the Cabinet Member endorses the Derbyshire projects to be recommended to the Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership for inclusion in its Strategic Economic Plan, as contained within Appendix 1.

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D2N2 Strategic Economic Plan

Long List of Derbyshire Projects

Derby Area				
Project	Detail and Objectives	Promoter	Gross Cost Estimate (£m)	Deliverability
South Derby Integrated Transport Link (Phase 1)	Highway improvements to facilitate mixed development.	Derby City Council	14	Construction not anticipated before 2018.
Boulton Moor Park-and-Ride	Provision of bus park-and-ride site to facilitate mixed development.	Derby City Council	3.75	Scheme being refined in order to enable early delivery.
River Trent Crossing and Walton-upon-Trent Bypass	Highway improvements to facilitate mixed development.	South Derbyshire District Council	10.8	Design and consent in place. Potential for early delivery.
Woodville-Swadlincote Regeneration Route	Highway improvements to facilitate mixed development and increase employment element.	Derbyshire County Council	8	Land assembly and consent required. Potential for early delivery of initial phase.
Swarkestone Causeway	Alternative route to protect Scheduled Ancient Monument.	Derbyshire County Council	12-20	Investigation of options required, along with consultation, land assembly and consents. Unlikely

				to be deliverable before 2020-21.
Stanton Employment Land	Remediation of employment land sites to facilitate development ahead of revenue receipts from housing sales.	Erewash Borough Council	6.2	Potential for early delivery. Comprises three sites, so scalable.
Ilkeston Gateway	Package of measures to improve connectivity and maximise transport and economic potential of rail station.	Derbyshire County Council	4.4	Scalable project with potential for early delivery of some elements.
Derwent Valley Corridor	Comprehensive package of measures to address, networks, buildings and townscape to maximise the connectivity and economic potential off the corridor.	Derbyshire County Council/Derby City Council	8	Scalable project with potential for early delivery of some elements.
Land North of Denby	Highway improvements to facilitate mixed development.	Amber Valley Borough Council	4.6	All land within ownership of site promoter or local authorities. Potential for early delivery.
A610 Ripley-Codnor-Woodlinkin	Alternative alignment for A610 to facilitate	Derbyshire County Council	15	Alternative alignment proposed but not currently confirmed as

Improvements	mixed development.			acceptable by either DCC or AVBC.
Long Eaton Town Centre	Package of public realm and retail improvements.	Erewash Borough Council	2	Scalable project with potential for early delivery of some elements.
Peak Area				
Project	Detail and Objectives	Promoter	Gross Cost Estimate (£m)	Deliverability
Derbyshire Dales Destination Package	Package of measures to improve the public realm, connectivity and maximise economic potential of 4 Dales market towns.	Derbyshire County Council	3	Scalable project with potential for early delivery of some elements.
Buxton Spa Town Package	Package of measures to improve the public realm, connectivity and maximise economic potential of Buxton as a tourist destination as leading spa town.	Derbyshire County Council	4	Scalable project with potential for early delivery of some elements.
Fairfield Link Road	Facilitate access to mixed development.	Derbyshire County Council	4	Scheme identified in Local Plan Policy. Potential for early delivery.
Gamesley Rail Station	New rail station and park and ride to improve access to	Derbyshire County Council	5	All land within ownership of site promoter. Potential for early delivery.

	Manchester.			
Airfield Access and Link Road, Ashbourne	Facilitate access to mixed development.	Derbyshire Dales District Council	2	Outline permission sought. Subject to approval, has potential for early delivery.
Bakewell Riverside Infrastructure Improvements	Facilitate access to employment development and provision of units to permit expansion.	Derbyshire Dales District Council	15	Consent granted for scheme. Potential for early delivery.
Cawdor Remediation	Remediation of residential land site to facilitate development ahead of revenue receipts from housing sales.	Derbyshire Dales District Council	8.5	All land within ownership of site promoter. Potential for early delivery.
A515 Ashbourne Bypass	Highway scheme to provide capacity to accommodate development.	Derbyshire County Council	Unknown	Investigation of options required, along with consultation, land assembly and consents. Unlikely to be deliverable before 2020-21.
North Eastern Derbyshire Area				
Project	Detail and Objectives	Promoter	Gross Cost Estimate (£m)	Deliverability
Access to Shirebrook	Provision of highway link to accelerate mixed development.	Bolsover District Council	Unknown	Investigation of options required, along with consultation, land assembly and consents. Unlikely to be deliverable before 2020-

				21.
Castle Estate, Bolsover	Provision of highway link and business premises.	Bolsover District Council	4.4	Divisible into elements, some of which could be delivered early.
Chesterfield-Staveley Regeneration Route	Provision of highway link to connect Staveley Area Action Plan to strategic network and population centres.	Derbyshire County Council	34	Fixed alignment protected but planning consent and land assembly required.
A61 Growth Corridor	Package of measures to maximise potential of corridor to accommodate development.	Derbyshire County Council	16	Scalable project with potential for early delivery of some elements.
River Rother Flood Catchment	Reduce the extent of flood zones affecting regeneration sites.	Derbyshire County Council	1.5	Divisible into elements, some of which could be delivered early.
Chesterfield Town Centre Package	Package of highway infrastructure, digital connectivity, site preparation and public realm.	Derbyshire County Council	20	Scalable project with potential for early delivery of some elements.
Clay Cross Rail Station	New rail station to provide connectivity improvements and enable development along A61 corridor.	Derbyshire County Council	Unknown	Not regarded as feasible ahead of timetable re-modelling associated with HS2.
A610 Avenue Link	Provision of bridge to	Derbyshire County	5	Agreement with landowners and

Road	link Avenue site with other potential development land.	Council		planning consent required.
County Wide				
Project	Detail and Objectives	Promoter	Gross Cost Estimate (£m)	Deliverability
Broadband Delivery	Ensure comprehensive availability of affordable broadband, leading-edge connectivity for towns and future-proofing.	Derbyshire County Council	4.5	Scalable project with potential for early delivery.
Highway Resilience	Removal of key infrastructure risks.	Derbyshire County Council	20	Scalable project with potential for early delivery of some elements.