

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR JOBS, ECONOMY AND TRANSPORT** held on 13 March 2014 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Cabinet Member – Councillor J E Dixon

Also in attendance – Councillors A Botham and S A Spencer.

50/14 D2N2 STRATEGIC ECONOMIC PLAN – RESPONSE

Following the publication of the Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire (D2N2) Growth Strategy in July 2013, Government had invited the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) to submit a Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) by 31 March 2014.

The County Council had re-iterated its continued support to the D2N2 LEP but had highlighted a number of key issues that needed further consideration prior to the submission of the final SEP to government. These key issues would also need to be considered in shaping the future development of delivery activity once the “growth deal” had been agreed. The Council’s proposed response to the draft SEP was attached as an Appendix to the report.

RESOLVED to approve the response of Derbyshire County Council for consideration at the Strategic Leaders’ Meeting on 18 March 2014 and subsequent submission to D2N2 (Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire) Local Enterprise Partnership.

51/14 DERBYSHIRE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS SUBMITTED TO DERBY, DERBYSHIRE, NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE STRATEGIC ECONOMIC PLAN

The Government’s Local Growth Fund committed significant capital and revenue resources to be made available to Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEP), however the majority of the Growth Deal resources were to be allocated on a competitive basis.

The LEPs Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) would provide investment plans for 2015-16 and the strength of the business case behind each proposal was critical if the SEP was to demonstrate its value and lead to a favourable level of government financial support.

Work was been underway on assembling an infrastructure investment plan for the D2N2 area. Some projects for the D2N2 area had already been approved to make use of devolved funding for major transport schemes, including improvement to the A61 Whittington Moor roundabout and the Seymour link at Markham Vale. The Derbyshire Infrastructure Plan comprised a comprehensive statement of the County’s infrastructure needs but it was not designed to identify

priorities. However, Atkins consultants had 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. Projects from the Derbyshire Infrastructure Plan had 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 in to 'packages' to gain added value from being delivered together. Appendix 1 to the report provided a complete list of the projects considered and a commentary on their deliverability.

RESOLVED to endorse 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 attached to the report.

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