

PUBLIC

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR STRATEGIC POLICY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET** held on 4 July 2016 at County Hall, Matlock

**PRESENT**

Cabinet Member – Councillor P J Smith

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Ms A Western

**24/16** **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

**25/16** **D2N2 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME – PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT** On 15 December 2015, the Cabinet Member approved £72,452 as match funding from the Council to support the cost of a bespoke project advice service across the D2 (Derby and Derbyshire) area through the appointment of two Technical Assistance Officers for the three year period of the project. The four top tier authorities and East Midlands Further Education Council (EMFEC) would be contributing to the match pot and Derby City would be contributing an equivalent match of £72,452 over 3 years.

The partners involved in the D2N2 TA project were D2N2 LEP, the four top tier local authorities and EMFEC. In order to finalise the contract, Derby City Council, as lead applicant and accountable body had confirmed that they required a Partnership Agreement to be signed by all partners and in place before the first claim had been made. However, arrangements were in place for the Chief Executive to sign the Agreement before the end of the week. The Partnership Agreement set out the necessary protocols for delivery of the project, including financial management, output monitoring, administrative procedures and governance.

The previous report on 15 December 2015 noted that further discussions were being held with Derby City Council with regard to the proposed staffing resource. Officers had agreed that both proposed posts would be most effectively employed by a single authority and it had been agreed that Derby City Council would be best placed to manage the resource, given that it was the accountable body for the project. Both posts were being evaluated by Derby City Council and would be advertised shortly. The County

Council would be involved in the recruitment and selection process for both posts.

**RESOLVED** to (1) authorise entering into the Partnership Agreement with Derby City Council and other partners for the delivery of the D2N2 Technical Assistance project; and

(2) note and approve the proposals for the recruitment and employment of the two D2 Technical Assistance project officers.