

MINUTES of a meeting of **CABINET** held on 29 November 2018 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Councillor B Lewis (in the Chair)

Councillors A Dale, A Foster, C A Hart, T King, and S A Spencer.

Also in attendance was Councillor A Western.

Apologies for absence were submitted for Councillor J Wharmby.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

281/18 MINORITY GROUP LEADERS' QUESTIONS

There were no Minority Group Leaders' questions.

282/18 MINUTES RESOLVED that the non-exempt minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 8 November 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

283/18 CABINET MEMBER MEETINGS – MINUTES RESOLVED to receive the non-exempt minutes of Cabinet Member meetings as follows:

- (a) Young People – 6 November 2018
- (b) Highways, Transport and Infrastructure – 8 November 2018

284/18 D2 ENTERPRISE GROWTH FUND (Economic Development and Regeneration) The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment sought approval:

- to retain the previously approved £200,000 from reserves and commit as match funding to the new extended project 'D2N2 SME Growth and Innovation Programme Phase 2' to deliver the Derby and Derbyshire (D2) Enterprise Growth Fund (D2EGF) and support economic growth in Derbyshire; and
- note the progress made with the submission of the current European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

At the Cabinet meeting held on 3 November 2015, approval had been given to provide £600,000 to support Derbyshire and Derby Enterprise Growth Fund (D2

EGF) project (Minute No. 371/15 refers). The project proposal involved the Council working in partnership with Derby City Council to build on the success of the Global Derbyshire Small Business Grant Fund programme and expand the existing Derby Economic Growth Fund (DEGF) with additional ERDF resources.

On 31 January 2017, Cabinet had endorsed the ERDF grant of £5.383m for the proposed Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire (D2N2) Growth and Innovation Programme (which includes D2EGF) and confirmed approval of the earmarked reserve of £600,000 funded from the General Reserve, as Derbyshire County Council's funding contribution towards the project.

As agreed within the partnership agreement, Derbyshire County Council had, so far, provided match funding of £400,000 and the current project would conclude in December 2018.

At the end of June 2018, the current D2EGF project had committed to supporting twenty seven businesses receiving a grant, sixteen of which are based within the County. The project had also contracted to create 179.5 full time equivalent (FTE) new jobs against a target of two hundred and fifty and was fully expected to reach the target of jobs created by December 2018.

Grants of £1.717m had been approved for the sixteen Derbyshire based businesses and, due to the private sector match funding achieved, the programme has only required £400,000 of the originally approved Council match.

The D2N2 SME Growth and Innovation Programme Phase 2 would provide grants to small and medium enterprises (SMEs) that want to grow, innovate, improve productivity and create sustainable new employment across the whole of the D2N2 area. The total value of the new Programme would be £4.339m including an ERDF contribution of £2.169m. The project application was submitted to Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) as part of the D2N2 Priority Axis 3 open call in July 2018 and a decision was expected by the end of December 2018.

The proposed activities that would make up this project were:

- The University of Derby Invest to Grow and D2EGF grant schemes. ERDF funding would allow these schemes to continue to address the demand for investment finance and stimulate economic growth to 2021. These programmes provided capital grants of between £15,000 and £500,000 to SMEs wishing to grow and which needed financial support to invest. Match funding was being provided by the University of Derby and Derby City Council.
- Introduction of a small grant element of the two schemes, providing capital-only grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 to complement the D2N2 Growth Hub revenue grant offer. Match funding for this element of the Programme will come from beneficiary SMEs.

The partners would ensure that applicants were seamlessly referred to the relevant application process, depending on the amount of funding being sought.

The D2N2 SME Growth & Innovation Programme Phase 2 was led by East Midlands Business Ltd (EMB Ltd), working in partnership with Derby City Council, Derbyshire County Council and the University of Derby. The proposed timescale for phase 2 was thirty-six months and would commence on 1 January 2019 and end on 31 December 2021.

Management of the D2EGF would continue to be undertaken by Derby City Council who would liaise direct with EMB Ltd as part of the D2N2 SME Growth and Innovation Programme Phase 2.

RESOLVED to (1) approve the re-allocation of £200,000 of the previously approved earmarked reserve as match funding for the Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire small and medium enterprises (D2N2 SME) Growth and Innovation Programme Phase 2 project; and

(2) Note that a further report would be required to endorse the European Regional Development Fund project and revise existing partnership agreements including the Service Level Agreement subject to approval by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

285/18 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC FROM THE MEETING

RESOLVED that the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the remaining items on the agenda to avoid the disclosure of the kind of exempt information detailed in the following summary of proceedings.

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED AFTER THE PUBLIC HAD BEEN EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING

1. To consider Minority Group Leaders' Questions (if any).
2. To confirm the Exempt Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 8 November 2018.
3. To receive the Exempt Minutes of Cabinet Member meetings as follows:
 - (a) Young People – 6 November 2018
4. To consider exempt reports as follows:
 - (a) Corporate Maintenance Budget – Planned Maintenance Programme - Strategic Director Commissioning Communities and Policy (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information)).

(b) Supply and Maintenance of Floor Cleaning Equipment - Strategic Director Commissioning Communities and Policy (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information)).

(c) Contract for the supply of Network Equipment including Support and Maintenance and Associated Services – Strategic Director Commissioning Communities and Policy (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information)).

(d) Supply of Mercedes Benz vehicle replacement parts - Strategic Director Economy Transport and Environment (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information)).

(e) Lease of land off Palterton Lane, Glapwell (Glapwell III) - Strategic Director Economy Transport and Environment and the Director of Property (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information)).