

MINUTES of a meeting of the **D2 JOINT COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC PROSPERITY** held on 3 September 2015 at Derby Arena.

PRESENT

<u>Amber Valley Borough Council</u>	<u>Derbyshire Dales District Council</u>
Councillor A Cox	Councillor L M Rose
<u>Bolsover District Council</u>	<u>Erewash Borough Council</u>
Councillor M Dooley (substitute)	Councillor C Corbett
<u>Chesterfield Borough Council</u>	<u>High Peak Borough Council</u>
Councillor J Burrows	Councillor T Ashton
<u>Derby City Council</u>	<u>North East Derbyshire District Council</u>
Councillor R Banwait	Not represented
<u>Derbyshire County Council</u>	<u>South Derbyshire District Council</u>
Councillor A Western	Councillor R J Wheeler

Also in Attendance –

Amber Valley Borough Council – J Townsend
Bolsover District Council/North East Derbyshire District Council – W Lumley
Chesterfield Borough Council – M Rich
Derbyshire County Council – S Eaton, F Horsley, K D Riley and I Stephenson.
Derbyshire Dales District Council – D Bunton
Derby City Council – P Robinson
Erewash Borough Council – J Jaroszek
High Peak Borough Council – S Baker
South Derbyshire District Council – F McArdle
LEP – D Ralph

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor G Baxter and H Bowen.

25/15 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 17 June 2015 be confirmed as a correct record.

26/15 COMBINED AUTHORITY/DEVOLUTION UPDATE

I Stephenson updated the Committee on the discussions that had taken place on 27 August with Treasury officials about the devolution proposals. The D2N2 Leaders Forum had met on 1 September and had agreed to proceed with the devolution submission to Government which had to be made by 4 September.

27/15 FINALISATION OF THE COMBINED AUTHORITY SCHEME

W Lumley gave a presentation on the latest position on the CA bid, a copy of which is appended to these Minutes. Discussions had taken place with DCLG on 12 August and their responses on a number of issues were reported.

- On the draft Order, a rewording was suggested in respect of transport funding.
- On funding, it was suggested that there be a back-up arrangement for use in the absence of agreement. This should be based on population as set out in the appendix.
- The N2 submission had sought powers to levy in respect of transport. A similar proposal should be included.
- On consultation, DCLG had asked for further information and this had been submitted.
- Further information had also been submitted on the Business Rate Pool.

RESOLVED to note the current position and to accept the proposed amendments, as outlined above and as set out in the appendix to these Minutes.

28/15 DELIVERING ON THE CA AMBITIONS - WORKSTREAM DEVELOPMENT

Reports were presented setting out the progress that had been made on the workstreams in respect of:-

- Governance.
- Visitor Economy.
- Transport.
- The Development Company.

On governance, the views of the Committee were sought on whether there should be separate Committees for Audit and Standards. It was agreed that the Audit and Standards Committees should be combined.

On the Development Company, it was confirmed that the proposal would be in respect of the 10 Derbyshire authorities.

RESOLVED (1) to note progress on the workstreams; and (2) that any comments on the content of the reports should be submitted to the lead authority.

29/15 POTENTIAL ENTERPRISE ZONES FOR D2 F Horsley gave a presentation on the potential for D2 Enterprise Zones. The Government's EZ

criteria were outlined together with the proposed offer that was available. D2N2 preferred sites needed to be submitted to Government by 18 September.

The latest position was that, following evaluation, the following were under detailed appraisal and development for consideration by the LEP Board on 14 September:-

- South Derbyshire/National Forest
- Coalite
- Ashbourne Airfield
- Robin Hood Line, Nottinghamshire
- A46 Corridor

The evaluation work that had been carried out for all the D2 long list schemes was worthwhile in anticipation of future calls by the Government.

RESOLVED that the current position be noted.

30/15 THRIVING COMMUNITIES S Eaton gave a presentation on the progress on the Thriving Families project and the proposals to take this forward under a broader remit of Thriving Communities.

Over the last eighteen months, detailed work had taken place with partner agencies in Cotmanhay to meet the aims of the Thriving Families project. The project had begun work in three other areas of the county - Gamesley, Shirebrook and Danesmoor, with an expectation that detailed proposals for each area would eventually be developed as part of a phased approach moving forward. Proposals were presented to the Joint Committee for consideration form a model which could be rolled out in other areas across the county.

RESOLVED (1) to note the contents of the report and the work that had taken place on the Thriving Families project in Cotmanhay;

(2) to support the proposal to pilot the Thriving Communities model in Cotmanhay, Danesmoor, Gamesley, Shirebrook and South Derbyshire;

(3) to note plans to task pilot areas with the development of implementation plans to be in place by March 2016 setting out key activities to be undertaken over the forthcoming two years;

(4) that staff at a strategic and senior level be nominated to participate in the development of Connected Team proposals moving forward; and

(5) to receive further reports on progress on a regular basis.

31/15 FUTURE MEETINGS Scheduled meeting dates – 3.00pm on 19 October and 7 December 2015.

32/15 **WES LUMLEY** The Chair referred to the fact that this was Wes' final meeting of the Committee as he would be retiring tomorrow. The Committee thanked Wes for his considerable contribution to the work undertaken to develop the CA and Devolution submissions and wished him well for the future.