

Submitted to: Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 3 December 2014

Title: Nottingham Growth Plan

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1. Purpose

- 1.1 This committee is to consider the progress in implementing the Nottingham Growth Plan (launched July 2012) over the past year. Cllr Nick McDonald (Portfolio Holder for Jobs & Growth) will give a presentation highlighting the progress in delivery of the Growth Plan, and the key challenges for the next year.

2. Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to note the progress made since the launch of Nottingham Growth Plan, and the challenges that lie ahead over the next period.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Nottingham Growth Plan was developed by Nottingham City Council in collaboration with senior public and private sector figures and extensive consultation with the local business community. Launched in July 2012, it sets out a strategy for rebalancing the local economy in order to drive long-term sustainable economic growth; and it contains bold, large-scale projects to be delivered over the next five to 10 years.
- 3.2 The Growth Plan was presented to and endorsed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in January 2013. The Committee reviewed early progress of the Growth Plan's implementation in October 2013, as presented in the first Annual Review.
- 3.3 The second Annual Review of the Growth Plan is currently being finalised, and is expected to be launched in late November 2014. This review summarises the significant progress made in implementing the Plan to date, identifies the key challenges and opportunities that lie ahead, especially with the growing debate around devolution to City Regions. (A draft copy of the second Annual Review copy is being circulated to Committee members ahead of publication.)
- 3.4 At today's meeting, the Committee will receive:
- 3.4.1 An overview of progress to date against each of the Growth Plan themes – fostering enterprise, developing a skilled workforce, and building a 21st century infrastructure;
- 3.4.2 An outline of the key challenges for the next year, and how the city is positioning itself in response to these challenges.

3.5 The presentation will include an update on the issues raised by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in October 2013:

- Ensuring that there is sufficient targeted communication and information available for minority ethnic groups relating to business finance and support which is on offer;
- The lack of progress both nationally and locally on the development of a digital infrastructure;
- The importance of district centres such as Bulwell, which should be addressed as part of the overall package of regeneration for the City as a whole.

4. **Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing confidential or exempt information**

Nottingham Growth Plan Second Annual Review – draft (pre-publication) copy circulated to Committee members in advance of the meeting.

5. **Published documents referred to in compiling this report**

The Nottingham Growth Plan –

<http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/static/nottinghamgrowthplan/files/Nottingham%20Growth%20Plan%20Web.pdf>

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