

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
9 DECEMBER 2015
NOTTINGHAM GROWTH PLAN
REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

1. **Purpose**

The Committee is asked to consider the progress of the Nottingham Growth Plan which was published in July 2012. This was previously considered by the Committee in October 2013 and December 2014 when the Portfolio Holder for Jobs and Growth delivered a presentation on the Plan and its 'flagship' projects.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee requested an update on progress of the Growth Plan when it was last considered on 3 December 2014.

2. **Action required**

The Committee is asked to consider the impact of the Nottingham Growth Plan since its meeting in December 2014.

3. **Background information**

At its meeting on 3 December 2014, Councillor McDonald presented the Nottingham Growth Plan and its 'flagship' project, the Creative Quarter and set out the its key challenges for the following twelve months. The Committee focussed on the following key areas:

- Fostering enterprise – such as the creative industries and bioscience, to encourage job creation;
- Infrastructure – including digital infrastructure and transport;
- Skills – to address the skills gap in the city.
- How support mechanisms can be provided in order to deliver long-term business growth;
- Closer working relationships with health partners.

The growth plan was launched in July 2012 and set out a series of measures to reshape and grow the local economy. This included a long term economic strategy for the city enabling the growth of ambitious large-scale projects to be delivered over the next five to ten years.

The first Annual Review of the Nottingham Growth Plan was published by the Nottingham Economic Growth Board on 18 October 2013 and is the first stage

in the evolution of the long-term economic plan for Nottingham and outlines the top priorities for 2014, including:

- The launch of the £40 million Nottingham Investment Fund and a new ambitious and proactive approach to attracting inward investment;
- Developing a skilled workforce, continuing to create apprenticeships and the launch of a city-wide internship programme;
- Securing free wireless access in the city centre;
- Innovative thinking around talent retention and improving the digital infrastructure.

Both the full Growth Plan and Summary document are available to read via the following link on the website:

<http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/static/nottinghamgrowthplan/index.htm>

The Committee seeks to review progress made on the above and how the Growth Plan will deliver its top priorities for 2015 and 2016.

4. List of attached information

The Nottingham Growth Plan – Report by Director of Economic Development (to follow).

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

None.

6. Published documents referred to in compiling this report

None

7. Wards affected

All

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