

**Submitted to:** Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015

**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. In the absence of Cllr Nick McDonald (Portfolio Holder for Jobs & Growth), who will be in India on a trade mission, Nicki Jenkins (Head of Economic Policy & Partnerships, Economic Development) 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, the Growth Plan 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 At the same time, the Nottingham City Deal was announced. The City Deal supported the Growth Plan through the transference of powers and tools (and some limited resources) from central to local government.
- 3.3 The Growth Plan was presented to and endorsed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in January 2013. The Committee last reviewed progress of the Growth Plan's implementation in December 2014, as presented in the second Annual Review.
- 3.4 In May 2015 the Nottingham Economic Growth Board (chaired by Sir John Peace) noted that the economy has moved on since the launch of the Growth Plan, and that a number of City Deal programmes were coming to a close. It agreed to a 'root and branch' review of the Growth Plan, with the aim of evolving the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Growth Plans, and aligning these with the prospective devolution deal for the D2N2 area.
- 3.4 At today's meeting, the Committee will receive:

- 3.4.1 An overview of progress against each of the Growth Plan themes – fostering enterprise, developing a skilled workforce, and building a 21<sup>st</sup> century infrastructure;
- 3.4.2 An outline of recent developments, notably the ongoing devolution negotiations, and how the city (and wider city region) is establishing the ‘institutional architecture’ to take advantage of the opportunities arising from devolution (and other changes to national economic development policy) to continue to deliver economic growth for its citizens.
- 3.5 The presentation will include an update on the issues raised by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in December 2014:
- How a support mechanism can be provided in order to deliver long-term business growth support;
  - Closer working with health partners to address the skills gap within the health sector.

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

n/a

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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