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NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

THE CITY OF NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held at Ground Floor Committee Room - Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham, NG2 3NG on 27 November 2018 from 1.34 pm - 3.05 pm

Membership

Present

Mayor Kate Allsop - Mansfield District Council
Councillor John Clarke - Gedling Borough Council
Councillor Jon Collins (Chair) - Nottingham City Council
Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts - Nottinghamshire County Council
Councillor Richard Jackson - Broxtowe Borough Council
Councillor David J Lloyd - Newark and Sherwood District Council
Councillor Simon Robinson - Rushcliffe Borough Council
Councillor Jo White - Bassetlaw District Council
Councillor Jason Zadrozny (Vice Chair) – Ashfield District Council

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Nancy Barnard	- Nottingham City Council
Hayley Barsby	- Mansfield District Council
Karen Bradford	- Gedling Borough Council
Allen Graham	- Rushcliffe Borough Council
Chris Henning	- Nottingham City Council
Ruth Hyde	- Broxtowe Borough Council
Robert Mitchell	- Ashfield District Council
John Robinson	- Newark and Sherwood District Council
Adrian Smith	- Nottinghamshire County Council
Neil Taylor	- Bassetlaw District Council

Call-in

No decisions on this agenda are subject to call-in.

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair welcomed Committee members and colleagues. Apologies were received from Ian Curryer, Nottingham City Council, who was on leave.

2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Jason Zadrozny as Vice Chair to the Committee.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4 MINUTES

Subject to the correction of Deputy Mayor Mick Barton's name, the minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2018 were agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chair.

5 TERMS OF REFERENCE

Chris Henning, Nottingham City Council, introduced the report. He informed the Committee that a review of the Terms of Reference had been conducted by Nottinghamshire County, Nottingham City, Ashfield District and Rushcliffe Borough Councils which was the first refresh of the terms of reference since the establishment of the committee. The amendments reflect changes in the economic and political environment over the last four years including Brexit and the establishment of the Midlands Engine.

In addition to the amendments outlined in the report, two further clarifications to the remit of the Committee were proposed at the meeting:

- a) Paragraph 3.1 a), to amend as follows "to act as a the local public sector decision making body for strategic economic growth"
- b) Paragraph 3.1 d), to make the following addition (underlined) "where appropriate, to agree shared priorities and bids for funding to existing and new funding sources such as Local Growth Funds, European Funds (until the end of the Brexit transition period) and the Shared Prosperity Fund (at the end of the Brexit transition period)."

RESOLVED to agree the changes to the Terms of Reference, as outlined in the report and proposed at the meeting and to submit the revised Terms of Reference to each constituent authority for formal approval in accordance with their own Constitutions.

6 N2 TOWN CENTRES PROGRAMME

Adrian Smith, Nottinghamshire County Council, introduced the report which updated the Committee on the N2 Town Centre (N2TC) Programme, including progress on particular projects. £625,000 of funding remains unallocated, together with c.£310,000 of remaining funding from Business Rates pooling arrangements. The proposed call for projects would be to access a share of these combined funds.

During discussions the Committee clarified the following points:

- a) The call for projects is seeking schemes in addition to those already included;
- b) Scaling up of existing project could be submitted for consideration;
- c) Where projects had been approved there was now an urgent need for the funding to be released.

RESOLVED:

- (1) to note the progress made to date on the delivery of the N2 Town Centre Programme;**
- (2) to approve a further call for town centre projects to maximise the available remaining funding and to meet the outstanding job outputs;**
- (3) to note the forthcoming Future High Street Fund.**

7 UPDATE ON STANDING ITEMS

Chris Henning, Nottingham City Council, presented the report to the Committee as a concise summary of major local, regional and national developments that impact upon Nottinghamshire. The Committee agreed that the issues included were appropriate and that the structure of the report was helpful but that it would benefit from key timelines and any approaching milestones being highlighted in the text.

The Committee then discussed each of the items included in the update.

- a) Midlands Engine
The Midlands Engine is progressing slowly. A challenge for Nottinghamshire and the wider East Midlands is to ensure the clear articulation of priorities for the area which are supported by all constituent authorities and local MPs
- b) Midlands Connect
A number of key transport and infrastructure projects were highlighted by the Committee including the connectivity of East Midlands Airport (particularly in light of the major developments around the site and the planned increase in the Airport's freight and passenger capacity), road and rail interchanges at Newark, and HS2 at Toton.
- c) HS2
The committee discussed the need for good connectivity with HS2 from across the County and the possible options for the station itself including high level and tunnelling options and the need to understand the total economic impact of both options.
- d) D2N2 LEP
There has been a change of leadership at the LEP with Elizabeth Fagan replacing Peter Richardson as Chair and Sajeeda Rose temporarily taking the role of Chief Executive as a successor to David Ralph. The consultation on the LEP's refreshed Strategic Economic Plan closed on 16th November prior to final approval by the Board. A number of actions have also emerged from the Ministerial review of LEPs including the establishment of LEPs as legal personalities and the expectation that all LEPs will have a single accountable body, a change from the three that currently exist for D2N2.

e) Derby- Nottingham Metro Strategy

Positive progress has been made with the involvement of a number of district councils within the metro-area at the last Delivery Board meeting. Some local services have been extended to citizens of both cities including gym membership and library lending as well as the launch of a Metro commercial waste service in April 2018.

f) Nottinghamshire County Council's Place Departmental Strategy

Progress on a number of key housing sites and the visitor economy was highlighted.

g) D2N2 Charge Point Network and Air Quality

53 charge points have been installed in the city and are now operational with 900 charging sessions having been recorded. Further charge points are to be rolled out across the County. Consideration would be given to how the locations of charge points could be easily shared with the public as well as timelines for when points are going live.

RESOLVED to note the update.

8 WORK PROGRAMME

A proposed work programme was circulated to the Committee and is attached to the minutes. The Committee commented in particular on the decommissioning of coal-fired power stations as an issue to be brought back for consideration.

RESOLVED to approve the circulated work programme as the basis for the future work of the committee and to delegate responsibility for finalising the work programme to the Chief Executive Officers of the constituent authorities.

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED to note that meetings would be arranged to take place in January and March 2019.

N2 EPC Work programme

It was identified at the N2 Innovation Seminar that a road map should be produced to help us to achieve our vision, with clear practical steps and targets. The identified ambitions from the seminar (outlined below) complemented with other relevant strategies and plans could be the basis from which we build the EPC work programme to promote shared working ambition and coordination.

Item	Detail	Date
D2N2 LEP update	<p>Elizabeth Fagan to attend the next meeting to provide an update and shared discussion on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEP • Local Industrial Strategy • LEP Ministerial Review • Her vision/plan for the LEP. 	January 2019
N2 Innovation Seminar	<p>The outcomes of the day and a development of a plan are due to be discussed at the Chief Executives meeting in December 2018.</p> <p>The EPC in January should therefore receive a presentation outlining identified ambitions and suggested actions and a work programme (as per above) for the EPC and any required sub groups</p> <p>The identified ambitions are that we will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop a road map to achieve our vision, with clear practical steps and targets (Linking to already established plans, strategies and groups, so as to avoid duplication). 2. Deliver prosperity for the region by working constructively together. 3. Be strategic in our approach to innovation 4. Develop the skills we need for the future 5. Develop cohesive and healthy communities 6. Regenerate and build to create well designed homes which are fit for the future 7. We will make better use of data 8. We will improve our regional connectivity 9. We will be proactive in our approach to sustainability 	January 2019
Strategic Sites	<p>A report has been prepared by Nottinghamshire County Council proposing an agreed prioritised list of sites is identified to feed into the LEPs infrastructure plan and the local industrial strategy. This needs to be aligned with Nottingham City Councils prioritized sites.</p>	January 2019
Affordable Housing	<p>Work is already underway (initially by RBC) to understand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current level of delivery of affordable housing within Nottinghamshire and how far this varies from the predicted level • The required number to achieve identified targets in the next 10 years across Nottinghamshire. • Where there is currently an over or under supply of affordable housing. 	Feb/March 2019

	This will be compiled into a report that can be presented to the EPC to consider future options for the delivery of affordable housing including the possibility of modern methods of construction, joint funding bids/asks to Government.	
Skills	<p>An update on the LEP skills governance review.</p> <p>An understanding of the CEC and how it is being coordinated and operated across Nottinghamshire to ensure that it is delivering a coordinated careers advice service that meets the needs of our local economy.</p> <p>A focus on future skills needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HS2 • Higher skills • Lifelong learning 	March/April 2019
East Midlands Airport	<p>EMA attend to update on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impacts of Brexit • Their growth plans 	March 2019
Closure of coal fired power stations	<p>3 of the 7 coal fired power station in the country are in Nottinghamshire</p> <p>It is proposed that we host a summit to bring together all relevant partners so we can understand the impact of this and more proactively plan for the future of these sites.</p>	April/May 2019
Business Support	<p>An update from the Growth Hub – changes being implemented with next round of ERDF funding.</p> <p>Mapping of other support available across the area and consideration of any opportunities to better integrate and coordinate this.</p>	April/May 2019