

# Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Core Funding to D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)
Total Value:	£62,500 (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	To provide core funding to the value of £62,500 to the D2N2 LEP for financial year 2020/21.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	<p>It has been agreed that all four local authorities who are members of the D2N2 LEP will make an equal contribution of £62,500 to match the core funding of £250,000 provided by National Government to the D2N2 LEP (this follows on from Delegated Decisions 2293, 2938 and 3263).</p> <p>The purpose of D2N2 LEP is to support economic growth within the D2N2 area. Its vision is to make the D2N2 area one of the strongest and most resilient economies in the UK. The Government has given responsibility for European Structural Funds 2014-2021, Single Local Growth Fund 2015-20 and the development and delivery of Enterprise Zones. Local authorities need to work with the LEP to access these funds to support local development activity and regeneration projects. To enable the LEP to drive this agenda forward the D2N2 LEP requires dedicated resource.</p> <p>Since 2013/14, the Government has provided LEPs with £250,000 core funding per annum, which in order to enable a draw down has to be matched in equal amounts locally. The LEP board agreed match funding would be provided by each of the upper tier authority members.</p> <p>NCC has provided this match funding for the previous six years. This decision requires approval to release the match funding for this financial year 2020/21.</p>

**Other Options Considered:** Option to not provide funding - This option was rejected because in order to draw down £250,000 core funding from Government the D2N2 LEP has to match this amount locally.  
An agreement for the four upper tier local authorities to provide this match funding was reached through the LEP Board. Without this funding the LEP would be unable to access significant funds to support growth.

**Background Papers:** None

**Published Works:** Delegated decision 2293 - Core funding to D2N2 LEP - 07/01/2016  
Delegated decision 2238 - Core funding to D2N2 LEP - 08/09/2017  
Delegated decision 3263 - Core funding to D2N2 LEP - 26/09/2018  
Delegated decision 3600 - Core funding to D2N2 LEP - 06/08/2019

**Affected Wards:** Citywide

**Colleague / Councillor Interests:** None

**Consultations:** Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

**Crime and Disorder Implications:** There are no crime and disorder implications

**Equality:** EIA not required. Reasons: This decision does not relate to policy, service or functions

**Decision Type:** Portfolio Holder

**Subject to Call In:** Yes

**Call In Expiry date:** 12/10/2020

**Advice Sought:** Legal, Finance

**Legal Advice:** This report seeks authority to make the City Council's contribution to the D2N2 LEP. Derbyshire County Council is the accountable body for the LEP: the LEP is not a separate legal entity. The City Council participates in governance of the LEP through membership of the LEP Governance Board. Advice provided by Andrew James (Team Leader Contracts and Commercial) on 25/09/2020.

**Finance Advice:**

In previous years this has been met from contingency but this is not possible this financial year. For 20/21 the payment will increase the overspend within D&G but the department will work to mitigate this where possible in the current climate. Otherwise it will show as an overspend against the Directorate. For 21/22 onwards this has been included as a pressure and therefore will have ongoing budget implications Advice provided by Susan Tytherleigh (Senior Finance Manager) on 24/09/2020.

**Signatures**

<b>David Mellen (Leader/ PH Regeneration, Schools, Communications)</b>
<b>SIGNED and Dated: 02/10/2020</b>
<b>Chris Henning (Corporate Director for Development and Growth)</b>
<b>SIGNED and Dated: 30/09/2020</b>