

**CITY OF NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY
COMMITTEE – 30 MARCH 2021**

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| Subject: | Forward Planning for Future Meetings Work Plan | | |
| Presenting authority / representative: | Nottingham City Council Chris Henning, Corporate Director, Development & Growth | | |
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| Key Decision <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Subject to call-in | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Value of decision: £0 | | <input type="checkbox"/> Revenue | <input type="checkbox"/> Capital |
| Authorities affected: All | Date of consultation with relevant authorities: N/A | | |
| Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/constituent authorities): | | | |
| <p>The EPC has met irregularly since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic. As we begin to emerge from the Covid-19 pandemic – and with the Government’s new focus on delivering its post-Brexit ‘levelling up’ agenda – the future workplan should to be refreshed to ensure that it aligns to significantly changed circumstances.</p> | | | |
| Exempt information: | | | |
| None | | | |
| Recommendation(s): | | | |
| <p>Members are invited to make suggestions for items on the future work plan within the Terms of reference of the EPC, and to agree to delegate responsibility to the Chief Executive Officers to refresh the future work plan ahead of the next EPC meeting.</p> | | | |

1 Reasons for recommendations

- 1.1 To support the planning and prioritisation of issues of strategic importance at future EPC meetings.

2 Background (including outcomes of consultation)

- 2.1 Over the past year the role of local authorities has been fundamental in supporting the country through the Covid-19 pandemic. This has necessitated a short term shift in focus, and the role of local authorities in supporting their local businesses and economies through the administration of an increasingly complex set of business grants has been essential to supporting local economic resilience.
- 2.2 At the same time, the Government has begun to set out its agenda for levelling up the places and regions of the UK following the UK’s departure from the European Union. The role of local authorities in local economic development has been strengthened following the announcement of the Levelling Up Fund and Community Renewal Fund, and relationships with Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) may need to be reset following the Government’s review of the role of LEPs.
- 2.3 The Government’s white paper on Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation was postponed from October 2020, and although no date has been set for publication, it is likely to re-emerge at some point.

- 2.4 Further, as the UK continues to successfully roll out the Covid vaccine we are now emerging from a period where local authorities have necessarily been reactive to a position where we can accelerate planning for a post-Covid economy.
- 2.5 The N2 Chief Executives should steer the development of the future work programme, supported by the N2 Economic Development Officers group as appropriate.

3 Other options considered in making recommendations

- 3.1 To not develop a future work plan. This would limit the effectiveness of the EPC and reduce its ability to address issues of strategic importance.

4 Financial implications (including value for money/VAT)

- 4.1 None

5 Legal and procurement colleague comments (including risk management issues, and legal, crime and disorder act and procurement implications)

- 5.1 None

6 Social value considerations

- 6.1 None

7 Equality impact assessment (EIA)

Has the equality impact been assessed?

- (a) not needed (report does not contain proposals for new or changing policies, services or functions, financial decisions or decisions about implementation of policies development outside the Council) ✓
- (b) No
- (c) Yes – Equality Impact Assessment attached

An EIA is not required because the report does not contain any changes to policy.

8 List of background papers relied upon in writing this report (not including published documents or confidential or exempt information)

- 8.1 None

9 Published documents referred to in this report

- 9.1 None