

# Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Core Funding for the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership
Total Value:	£62,500 (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	To provide core funding to the value of £62,500 to the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) for the 2021/22 financial year.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	<p>The purpose of the 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 to the LEP for the European Structural Funds 2014-2021 and the 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 resources.</p> <p>Since 2013/14, the Government has provided annual core funding of £250,000 to each LEP, on the condition that this is matched by the local partners. It was agreed through the D2N2 Board that the four upper-tier local authority constituent members would each make an equal annual contribution of £62,500, to match the core funding provided by Government. The Council has provided match funding for the previous eight years. This decision requires approval to release the match funding for this financial year 2021/22.</p> <p>The role of LEPs is currently being reviewed by Government, and the Council's continued commitment to funding D2N2 should be reviewed in the light of the outcome of the Government's LEP review.</p>
Other Options Considered:	1) To not provide funding: this option was rejected because, in order to draw down the £250,000 in core funding from the Government, the D2N2 LEP has to match this amount locally. An agreement for the four upper-tier local authorities to provide this match funding is still in place, and without this funding the LEP would be unable to access funds to support growth.
Background Papers:	Delegated Decisions 2293, 2938, 3262, 3600 and 4007 (Core Funding to D2N2 LEP, 2016-2020)

<b>Published Works:</b>	None
<b>Affected Wards:</b>	Citywide
<b>Colleague / Councillor Interests:</b>	None
<b>Consultations:</b>	Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.
<b>Crime and Disorder Implications:</b>	There are no crime and disorder implications relating to this decision.
<b>Equality:</b>	EIA not required. Reasons: This decision does not relate to proposals for a new or changing policy, service or function.
<b>Decision Type:</b>	Portfolio Holder
<b>Subject to Call In:</b>	Yes
<b>Call In Expiry date:</b>	30/09/2021
<b>Advice Sought:</b>	Legal, Finance
<b>Legal Advice:</b>	<p>There are no legal issues arising from this decision. This is to approve the budget for match funding of which there will be a contractual obligation to make under the main funder terms. The D2N2 Board have determined what would be a fair allocation of the match funding contribution across the partners.</p> <p>Advice provided by Naomi Vass (Senior Solicitor) on 06/08/2021.</p>

**Finance Advice:**

This decision seeks to approval to allocate the Council's partnership commitment to the Local Enterprise Partnership for D2N2 for £62,500. In the past, as commented on previous delegated decisions, the required amount came from contingency. Due to recent events, in 2020/21, this contingency was unavailable - refer to Delegated Decision 4007. However, this was reported as a pressure as part of the 2021/22 budget exercise and budget has been allocated for the next 3 financial years, up to 2023/24, for the required £62,500. Therefore, funding has been made available.

It must be noted that the LEP is under Government review - with the outcome unknown until at least Autumn. It is as yet unclear of the future of the LEP, but it is expected there will be significant change, therefore future contributions from the Council to D2N2 will also require a review.

Advice provided by Michelle Pullen (Commercial Business Partner) on 09/08/2021.

**Signatures**

<b>David Mellen (Leader/ PH Strategic Regeneration Communications)</b>
<b>SIGNED and Dated: 23/09/2021</b>
<b>Sajeeda Rose (Corporate Director of Growth &amp; City Development)</b>
<b>SIGNED and Dated: 16/09/2021</b>