

# Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Core Funding to the D2N2 LEP
Total Value:	£62,500 (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	To provide £62,500 core funding to the D2N2 LEP for the financial year 2015/16. The funding will come from contingency. Nottinghamshire County Council (Notts), Derby City Council (Derby City) and Derbyshire County Council (Derbys) will also be providing £62,500 each in order that all 4 constituent D2N2 LEP members collectively match the £250,000 core funding provided by government to the D2N2 LEP.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	<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 areas in the UK. In Oct 2010 the Government committed that LEP's would have responsibility for European Structural Funds 2014-2021, Single Local Growth Fund 2015-2020 and the development and delivery of Enterprise Zones. Local Authorities will then need to work with the LEP to access these funds to support local economic 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 LEP's £250,000 core funding per annum, which in order to draw down has to be matched in equal amounts locally. LEP Board (on which Nottingham City Council is represented by Councillor Jon Collins) agreed that match funded would be provided by each of the four upper tier authority members.</p> <p>NCC has provided this match funding for the previous two years, this decision seeks approval to release the match funding for this financial year 2015/16.</p>

**Other Options Considered:** Not providing the funding.  
This option was rejected because in order to draw down £250,000 Core Funding from Government the D2N2 LEP has to match the amount locally. An agreement for the 4 upper tier local authorities to provide this match funding was reached through the LEP Board. Without this funding D2N2 LEP will not be able to unlock access to significant funds to support growth (estimated at up to £2.2b over 6 years).

**Background Papers:** None

**Published Works:** None

**Affected Wards:** Citywide

**Colleague / Councillor Interests:**

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

**Crime and Disorder Implications:** None

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

**Decision Type:** Portfolio Holder

**Subject to Call In:** Yes

**Call In Expiry date:** 14/01/2016

**Advice Sought:** Legal, Finance

**Legal Advice:** The proposals set out in the report raise no significant legal issues and, on the basis of the rationale outlined, are supported. Advice provided by Malcolm Townroe (Legal Services Manager) on 01/12/2015.

**Finance Advice:**

The cost of this decision is £62,500 in 2015/16 which can be financed from contingency and will provide match funding to the other three LEP partners. The expenditure is required, along with equal contributions with from other LEP members to secure further match funding of £0.250m from Government to support the operation of the LEP in 2015/16. The City Council, partners and the Government provided similar financing in 2013/14 and 2014/15.

Advice provided by Jim Driver (Finance Service Partner) on 30/11/2015.

**Signatures**

Graham Chapman (PH for Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration)

SIGNED and Dated: 07/01/2016

David Bishop (Deputy CE, CD for Development and Growth)

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