

**CITY OF NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ECONOMIC
PROSPERITY COMMITTEE – 4 FEBRUARY 2019**

Subject:	N2 Innovation Seminar		
Presenting authority / representative):	Kath Marriott, Deputy Chief Executive, Rushcliffe Borough Council		
Report author and contact details:	Catherine Evans, Economic Growth Manager, Rushcliffe Borough Council cevens@rushcliffe.gov.uk 0115 9148552		
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:	Not applicable		<input type="checkbox"/> Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Capital
Authorities affected:	All		Date of consultation with relevant authorities:
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/constituent authorities):			
<p>The N2 Innovation Seminar was held on 12 November 2018. The event was hosted by Sir John Peace and attended by Leaders, Chief Executives, senior Councillors and Officers from N2 Local Authorities as well as a representative from D2N2 LEP and the Universities.</p> <p>This report is intended to update the EPC on the outcomes of the Seminar and to seek approval for the proposed next steps to ensure we maintain momentum on this important area of work.</p>			
Exempt information:			
None			
Recommendation(s):			
1 To agree the proposed next steps following the N2 Innovation Seminar.			

1 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 The proposed next steps will ensure that we maintain momentum on this key area of work and ensure that it complements and is coordinated with work already taking place or planned.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The N2 Innovation Seminar was held on 12 November 2018 at Rushcliffe Arena. The day was hosted by Sir John Peace and there were three guest speakers; Chris Barnatt, Bill Grimsey and Susan Claris covering the topics of technology, towns and transport.
- 2.2 The event attracted approx. 50 attendees and included Leaders, Chief Executives, Senior Councillors and Officers from across Nottinghamshire including the County and City. The morning session consisted of 3 presentations whilst the afternoon was a workshop session hosted by ARUP.
- 2.3 The afternoon workshop allowed time for all participants to consider the future challenges and opportunities facing Nottingham and Nottinghamshire over the next 12 years across 5 themes; social, technological, economic, environmental and political.

- 2.4 Groups had to identify the areas, within each theme, that would have the greatest impact on N2. They were then tasked with producing some shared ambitions that could be agreed as areas of focus to ensure that the challenges and opportunities identified were not missed.
- 2.5 The nine ambitions identified on the day were:
- Deliver prosperity for the region
 - Be strategic in our approach to innovation
 - Develop a road map to achieve our vision, with clear practical steps and targets
 - Develop the skills we need for the future
 - Develop cohesive and healthy communities
 - Regenerate and build to create well designed homes which are fit for the future
 - We will make better use of data
 - We will improve our regional connectivity
 - We will be proactive in our approach to sustainability
- 2.6 Some initial work has been done to review these ambitions and identify where the responsibility for their delivery might sit and this includes other established groups such as the Nottinghamshire Health and Well Being Board. We also need to ensure that this work does not replicate, but instead complements, existing strategies and plans particularly the newly emerging D2N2 Strategic Economic Plan (SEP). Innovation is a key theme within that document and so there is an opportunity to explore in more detail the shared ambitions that we can jointly progress.
- 2.7 The full report produced by ARUP which captures some of the afternoon discussions is attached as appendix A. As this shows there are some actions identified that sit underneath these ambitions, one of those is to develop a road map with some clear and measurable goals.
- 2.7 To achieve this it is proposed that a follow up action planning workshop is held in before the end of May 2019 bringing together officers from local authorities and including partners such as the LEP, universities and local businesses. The objective of this workshop would be to develop a plan to ensure progress is made on the identified ambitions.
- 2.8 It is thought highly likely that an Innovation Board will need to be established or integrated within the emerging D2N2 LEP governance landscape to assist in the delivery of this plan. Due to the clear interest of a number of stakeholder bodies including the Universities, Further Education and Business sector the remit and involvement of the membership of such a board will require debate and agreement. However it is also important to widen the outcomes of the seminar to include other stakeholders
- 2.8 The LEP are currently undertaking a governance review and so it is essential to maintain momentum, it is believed it would be timely to organise this further workshop and to include colleagues from Derby and Derbyshire. The workshop would provide the opportunity to consider the beginnings of what an Innovation Board could look like, whilst focussing upon the immediate impacts, opportunities and prioritisation of innovation and how this could become part of the revised LEP structure. This would help to ensure that it has an increased level of engagement and influence particularly with the private sector and government.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 This work could be progressed by one authority taking the lead and developing an action plan. However this approach would risk a lack of engagement from partners as they are not involved in the development of this work.

4 FINANCE COLLEAGUE COMMENTS (INCLUDING IMPLICATIONS AND VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

- 4.1 There will be some costs associated with the hosting of an event.

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 The outcomes of the N2 Innovation Seminar aim to improve the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of the residents of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire by delivering a step change in how we respond to and exploit the opportunities that innovation presents.

7 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)

- 7.1 Has the equality impact of the proposals in this report been assessed?

No



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

Yes



8 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS RELIED UPON IN WRITING THIS REPORT (NOT INCLUDING PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS OR CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION)

- 8.1 The ARUP report produced following the N2 Innovation Seminar (November 2018) – see Appendix A.

9 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN THIS REPORT

- 9.1 None