<u>CITY OF NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ECONOMIC</u> <u>PROSPERITY COMMITTEE – 25 JULY 2014</u>

Subject:	Managing the Business of the Economic Prosperity Committee	
Presenting	Nottinghamshire Chief Executives	
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representative):		
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Key Decision	Yes 🛛 No	Subject to call-in Yes Xo
Value of decision: N	Jil	🗌 Revenue 🗌 Capital
Authorities affected	I: All Nottinghamshire local	
authorities		with relevant authorities: Notts. Chief
		Executives – 11 July 2014 zens/constituent authorities):
Exempt information	i: None	
Recommendation(s)):	
It is recommended the	at the Economic Prosperity	Committee agrees to:
(i) structure futur	re meetings as outlined in p	paragraphs 2.3 to 2.5;
()	v .	istrict/Borough representative on the
Employment a	and Skills Commission;	
· · ·	istrict/Borough representation nire Business Engagement	ve to the Nottingham Growth Board and to Group;
		er relevant stakeholders) to attend meetings of to the business before the Committee.
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1 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 To improve the administration of the EPC and maximise its impact.

2 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 At the meeting of the Economic Prosperity Committee on 16 May 2014, Leaders asked for a review of the management arrangements of the Committee with a particular focus on:-
 - setting and agreeing agendas
 - horizon scanning for upcoming issues and ensuring they are allocated to future meetings so members knew when key future issues would be discussed

- developing an agreed work programme which tracked and implemented Committee decisions with clear responsibilities
- building in updates to the Committee for other groups.
- 2.2 As reported to the last Committee, the regular meetings of Nottinghamshire Chief Executives have been re-scheduled to fall three weeks before meetings of the EPC. This will provide an opportunity for discussion on the draft agenda before the papers are dispatched and allow liaison between Chief Executives and their Leaders.
- 2.3 With regard to the business of the Committee, it is proposed that future agendas are organised around:
 - (a) consideration of a strategic theme, to include oversight of key projects/initiatives within that theme;
 - (b) feedback from and into D2N2
- 2.4 In practice, this would mean the first part of each meeting being devoted to one of the following thematic areas with examples of the type of business that might feature under each theme being shown as detailed below.

Theme	Sub-theme
	N2 Skills and Employment Board and sub-groups
	NN Futures – local authority owned company.
Employment and skills	DWP / SFA commissioned activity
	Employer and apprentice hubs
	FE colleges
	Variety of separately commissioned projects (i.e.
	Growth 100; NBV start-up support; Funding
	Circle)
Business growth	Nottingham Investment Fund / N'Tech
	D2N2 Growth Hub
	Growth Accelerator / Manufacturing Advisory
	Service / UKTI
	Innovation centres / incubators
	Nottingham Means Business
	'Invest in' programmes in several boroughs /
	districts
	Invest in Nottingham team
Place marketing	Experience Nottinghamshire
	Various tourism functions / activity at borough /
	district level
	Heritage / culture / leisure offer and assets
	Town centre renewal / redevelopment
	Nottingham Enterprise Zone
	Nottinghamshire Business Investment Zones
Infrastructure and assets	Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire
	Local Transport Plans / programmes
	Major housing sites

2.5 The second part of each meeting would include a small number of 'standing items' that will provide an opportunity for feedback from the D2N2 Board, along with the

various other bodies that have linkages with it. In doing so, it is hoped that this would not only help to raise awareness of what activity is taking place but also prompt questions and invite challenge that can be pursued by N2's representatives on the D2N2 Board and other bodies. Standing items would also include regular updates on growth deal projects and ESIF together with a six month performance report on the 'state' of the economy.

- 2.6 Turning to the matter of governance and representation, the diagrams at Appendix 1 show the current arrangements. These are undoubtedly complex and seemingly cumbersome and over-elaborate. However, the scope for rationalisation is limited given the requirements of the LEP (for example to have a dedicated ESIF Programme Board), the fact that some bodies cover the whole of D2N2 (for example, the Local Transport Body and Employment and Skills Commission) and the need to engage 9 local authorities in N2 as well as the business community.
- 2.7 In time, and subject to how the EPC evolves, it may be possible to subsume the work of other bodies within the EPC. For now though, it is proposed to address some inconsistencies and weaknesses in District/Borough representation.
- 2.8 The absence of any District/Borough representation on the Nottinghamshire Business Engagement Group, the Nottingham Growth Board or the D2N2 Employment and Skills Commission fails to sufficiently recognise the locality links with businesses and District/Borough contributions to the County, City and conurbation economies.
- 2.9 While it is not practicable for every District to be represented on everything, it is proposed:-
 - that N2 recommends to the D2N2 Board the inclusion of a District/Borough representative on the Employment and Skills Commission
 - that a representative of one of the 'conurbation' Districts/Boroughs be nominated to the Nottingham Growth Board
 - that a District/Borough representatives be nominated to the Nottinghamshire Business Engagement Group.
- 2.10 Finally, one of the outstanding items for the EPC to resolve is business representation on the Committee. At the February meeting, it was agreed to invite the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire private sector representatives on the D2N2 Board as advisors to the Committee. That has not proved forthcoming, so as an alternative, it is proposed to invite private sector representatives and other relevant stakeholders as and when appropriate.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

Doing nothing is an option but that is not considered to be in the best interests of the Committee.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

4.1 At present, the only resource that is dedicated to the management of the Committee is the sum of £30,000 to support the host authority with secretariat responsibilities.

4.2 At this stage, it is not proposed to allocate any further resource but rather to keep this under review and subject to clarification about the Committee's role in relation to the European Structural Investment Fund and a future decision on Combined Authorities.

5 <u>RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES (INCLUDING LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND</u> <u>CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS)</u>

None.

6 SOCIAL VALUE CONSIDERATIONS

Not applicable.

7 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)

Not applicable.

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

Minutes of EPC dated 16 May 2014.

9 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN THIS REPORT

None.

10 OTHER COLLEAGUES WHO HAVE PROVIDED INPUT

Nottinghamshire Chief Executives Matt Lockley, Economic Development Team Manager, Nottinghamshire County Council.

D2N2 Local Transport Body

Develop, implement and monitor major transport schemes across D2N2

- 2 x Nottingham City Cllrs (+ officer support)
- 2 x Nottinghamshire County Cllrs
- (+ officer support)
- Leader of Gedling Borough Council
- (+ officer support)

D2N2 Board

Leaders of Nottingham City / Nottinghamshire / Newark & Sherwood + CEO support

Peter Gadsby

Trevor Fletcher

Dame Asha Khemka

D2N2 European Structural Investment Fund (ESIF) Programme Board

Manage the implementation of the ESIF programme 2014-20 Lead responsibility for endoring projects and performance management Required to comply with EU Commission regulations

Membership TBC, but likely to include nominees from N2

D2N2 Employment and Skills Commission Develop strategic approach to employment and skills across D2N2 Design specifications for EU funding streams Support Further Education capital proposals

> 1 x Nottingham City Cllr 1 x Nottinghamshire County Cllr Chair N2 Skills and Employment Board

N2 Economic Prosperity Committee

[similar arrangement in Derby/Derbyshire]

Act as local public sector decision making body for economic development and growth

Advise D2N2 on its investment priorities Oversee alignment of local plans to drive growth Consider future governance requirements

Leaders of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Councils

D2N2 LEP Officer Group [LEPOG] **D2N2 Sector Groups** Officer support to the Board Develop and manage sector action plans and skills plans Decision-making on some revenue funds Commission sector development activity using D2N2 revenue Drafting / agreement of Strategic Economic Plan and Local Growth Deal Design specifications for EU funds Chaired by CEO of Nottinghamshire County Council Various officer membership 1 x Nottingham City officer Open invitation 1 x Nottinghamshire County officer 1 x Ashfield-Mansfield DC officer (district rep) D2N2 Board Leaders of Nottingham City / Nottinghamshire / Newark & Sherwood + CEO support Peter Gadsby **Trevor Fletcher D2N2** Enterprise Zone D2N2 (ESIF) Officer Group Dame Asha Khemka and Growing Places Fund groups Develop the ESIF Programme Officer working groups leading on the Enterprise Zone and Growing Places Fund programmes Chaired by lead officer from Derbyshire County Council 1 x Nottinghamshire County officer EZ group chaired by Peter Gadsby 1 x Nottingham City officer GPF group chaired by Nottingham City Council (accountable body role) 1 x Ashfield-Mansfield DC officer Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire County officers 1 x Rushcliffe BC officer CEO Broxtowe BC (EZ Group) + officer support

N2 Skills and Employment Board

Develop local framework to feed in to D2N2 commissioning Lobby for greater local influence over skills and employment provision

Chair TBC, but private sector

1 x Nottingham City Cllr (+ officer support) 1 x Nottinghamshire County Cllr (+ officer support)

1 x Ashfield-Mansfield DC Cllr (+ officer support)

Currently supported by 3 sub-groups: CYP / sectors /

economic inclusion

(note: various discrete employment and skills partnerships at district level)

Nottinghamshire Business Engagement Group (NBEG)

Private sector leadership and oversight of Nottinghamshire Growth Plan Strategic business interface with the Council Consultation / liaison forum

Chaired by Trevor Fletcher

1 x Nottinghamshire County Cllr

1 x Nottingham City Cllr

CEO Nottinghamshire County (+ officer support)

Nottingham Growth Board

Private sector leadership and overisight of Nottingham Growth Plan Development and implementation of new growth schemes (i.e. Nottingham Investment Fund)

Lobbying for key growth priorities

N2 FPC

Leaders of Nottingham City /

Nottinghamshire / all Borough and District Councils (+CEO support) Chaired by Sir John Peace 2 x Nottingham City Cllrs 1 x Nottinghamshire County Cllr (+ officer support)

East Midlands HS2 Programme Board

Provide strategic political guidance for the delivery of HS2 with the aim of maximising the economic benefits for the region, whilst seeking to remove or mitigate any adverse impacts

> CEO Broxtowe Borough Council Senior officer Nottingham City Council Senior officer Nottinghamshire County Council Elected Member representation?

Experience Nottinghamshire Destination Management Partnership for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Marketing campaigns for the visitor economy, conferencing and events

Chaired by David Horne, East Midlands Trains

- 2 x Nottingham City Cllrs (+ officer support)
- 2 x Nottinghamshire County Cllrs (+ officer support)
- 1 x Newark and Sherwood District Cllr

Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Futures Wholly-owned arms length company Delivers apprenticeship contracts / careers advice and guidance Deliver all-age guidance contract in the East Midlands

> Chaired by Tim Richmond 2 x Nottingham City Cllrs (+ officer support) 2 x Nottinghamshire County Cllr (+ officer support)

Invest in Nottingham Club / Nottingham Means Business

N2 EPC

Leaders of Nottingham City / Nottinghamshire / all Borough and District Councils (+CEO support)

Private sector membership organisation to promote investment opportunities in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire

Chaired by Paul Southby

Board representation TBC

Various different 'invest' models operate at borough / district level

Various Borough / District business groups Private sector leadership and input into local growth proposals Strategic business interface with Councils

Various