

**CITY OF NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ECONOMIC
PROSPERITY COMMITTEE – 25 JULY 2014**

Subject:	D2N2's Local Growth Deal - Outcomes		
Presenting authority / representative):	Ian Curryer, Chief Executive, Nottingham City Council		
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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: Nil	<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>a) Government announced the results of the Local Growth Deals negotiations on Monday 7 July.</p> <p>b) This paper updates the EPC with the outcomes from D2N2's Local Growth Deal including the worth of Local Growth Fund money that the D2N2 area will benefit from beginning in April 2015.</p>			
Exempt information: None.			
Recommendation(s):			
<p>a) That the Economic Prosperity Committee notes the update below and reviews its priority projects set out in the D2N2 Strategic Economic Plan head of possible future LGF bidding rounds.</p>			

1 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 N2's Economic Prosperity Committee forms a key pillar of D2N2's governance and will be keen to better understand the outcomes of D2N2's Growth Deal, and the implications for the funding of projects by the Local Growth Fund.

2 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1.1 The D2N2 Strategic Economic Plan was published at the end of March 2014 and Local Growth Deals were announced across all LEPs on 7th July 2014 and is attached as an Appendix.
- 2.1.2 As well as a funding allocation (£174.4m from 2015/16 -2021), the Deal sets out the framework for a series of freedoms and flexibilities to be negotiated with Government departments over the next few months.
- 2.2 Local Growth Fund is a capital programme and the key projects directly relevant to Nottingham and Nottinghamshire are:

- **Southern Growth Corridor (£6.12m)** (Nottingham City Council) – Bus priority measures (East-West across city centre)
- **Gedling Access Road (£10.8m)** (Nottinghamshire County Council) – Regeneration route
- **A57/A60 Worksop (£3.24m)** (Nottinghamshire County Council) – Major junction improvement
- **Bioscience Expansion, Nottingham (£6.5m)** - expansion of floor space next to Biocity to accommodate business growth and allow space for new start-ups.
- **Nottingham Skills Hub (£30m)** - project to integrate FE provision and employment opportunities across the city to meet the demands of business. It will provide a new College building in the heart of Nottingham's Creative Quarter, with employment sites in communities, which will complement existing Work Programme, Youth Contract, Employer and Apprenticeship Hubs.
- **Nottingham Broadmarsh / Southern Gateway (£10.3m)** - transport strategy to allow expansion of the southern side of city centre, including transformation of Broadmarsh shopping centre and improved connection to station.
- **Newark Southern Link Road (£7m)** - a new single carriageway road linking the A1 and A46 on the south side of Newark, serving a major urban extension on south side of Newark.
- **Vision University Centre, Mansfield (£2.61m)** - The Vision University Centre will create a new teaching and learning space with state of the art facilities to support local people gain higher level vocational skills. Creating opportunities to access higher level skills locally will support increased progression among young people and ensure employers can access the higher level skills they need.
- **Harworth Access Road (£1.1m)** - junction improvements to enable employment and housing development at Harworth.
- **D2N2 Sustainable Travel programme (£12.5m)** - the Cycle City Ambition Package in Nottingham, the Connected and Cycle City and City Centre Place making projects in Derby.

Provisional allocation to projects starting in 2016/17 and beyond (amount of total Government funding):

- **DfT Pipeline Nottingham Enterprise Zone (£6m)** - The Nottingham Enterprise Zone is a top Growth Plan priority. An integrated sustainable transport package is proposed comprising Improved pedestrian routes; New bridge over railway; Upgraded bridge over canal; Upgraded cycle links; Bus infrastructure; Cycling facilities package; and Green infrastructure.

- **Hucknall, Rolls Royce (£5.8m)** - Mixed-use employment and housing development with associated community, educational, health facilities and green space bringing transformational economic change to the Hucknall and wider Nottinghamshire area.
- **D2N2 Sustainable Travel programme (£5.8m)** – Further projects to support sustainable travel across Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire

Government also confirmed support to:

- **D2N2 Growth Hub** - Provide £525,000 funding towards a D2N2 Growth Hub to simplify business support and create a seamless customer experience for businesses
- **Superfast Broadband** - Provide flexibility for D2N2 to re-allocate underspends to enhance delivery of broadband projects to ensure superfast broadband is delivered

2.3 In addition the Sheffield City Region secured additional funding for Harworth/Bircotes infrastructure works and provisional allocations for Worksop and Vesuvius schemes.

3 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 The Growth Deal demonstrates little actual devolvement of powers. The Government narrative still considers LEP Governance to be fragmented and therefore requires ongoing sign-off of projects through an agreed assurance framework; virements between projects are not allowed and ongoing quarterly monitoring will be required.

3.2 Delivery of these often large capital projects will be a real challenge particularly if we are to put in place effective local procurement etc.

3.3 Moreover, although the Government has supported delivery of Broadband, this will be covered through under spends should they arise.

3.4 There are expected to be further rounds of Local Growth Funding and there may be opportunities to accelerate delivery if under spends occur elsewhere.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

4.1 The projects are worth a total of £90-£100m of LGF funding to the N2 area over the next 5-6 years.

5 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES (INCLUDING LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS)

5.1 Not applicable.

6 SOCIAL VALUE CONSIDERATIONS

6.1 Not applicable.

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

Due regard should be given to the equality implications identified in any attached EIA.

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

8.1 N/A.

9 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN THIS REPORT

9.1 D2N2's Local Growth Deal as published by Government on 7th July 2014

10 OTHER COLLEAGUES WHO HAVE PROVIDED INPUT

N/A