

# Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Core Funding to the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)
Total Value:	£62,500 (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	To provide core funding to the value of £62,500 to the D2N2 LEP for financial year 2019/20.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	<p>The funding will come from contingency funds. It has been previously agreed all four local authorities who are members of the D2N2 LEP will make an equal contribution of £62,500 to match the core funding of £250,000 provided by National Government to the D2N2 LEP (this follows on from Delegated Decisions 1405, 2293, 2415, 2938 and 3262).</p> <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 economies in the UK. The Government has given LEP responsibility for European Structural Funds 2014-2021, Single Local Growth Fund 2015-2020, the development and delivery of Enterprise Zones and the development of a Local Industrial Strategy that will set out its strategic investment framework to 2030. Local Authorities 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 LEPs with £250,000 core funding per annum, which in order to enable a draw down has to be matched in equal amounts locally. The LEP Board (on which Nottingham City Council is represented by Councillor Mellen) agreed match funding would be provided by each of the four upper tier authority members.</p> <p>NCC has provided this match funding for the previous five years, this decision seeks approval to release the match funding for this financial year 2019/20.</p> <p>The funding will be released to Derbyshire County Council, the Accountable Body for D2N2, subject to an appropriate funding agreement.</p>

<b>Other Options Considered:</b>	<p>Option to not provide funding. This option was rejected because in order to draw down £250,000 core funding from Government the D2N2 LEP has to match this amount locally. An agreement for the 4 upper tier local authorities to provide this match funding was reached through the LEP Board.</p> <p>Without this funding the D2N2 LEP will not be able to unlock access to significant funds to support growth.</p>
<b>Background Papers:</b>	None
<b>Published Works:</b>	<p>Delegated Decision 1405 - Core Funding to the D2N2 LEP - 28/03/2014</p> <p>Delegated Decision 2293 - Core Funding to the D2N2 LEP - 07/01/2016</p> <p>Delegated Decision 2415 - Core Funding to the D2N2 LEP - 08/04/2016</p> <p>Delegated Decision 2938 - Core Funding to the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership - 08/09/2017</p> <p>Delegated Decision 3262 - Core Funding to the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership - 06/09/2018</p>
<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.
<b>Equality:</b>	EIA not required. Reasons: This decision does not relate to changes to policy, service or functions.
<b>Decision Type:</b>	Portfolio Holder
<b>Subject to Call In:</b>	Yes
<b>Call In Expiry date:</b>	06/08/2019
<b>Advice Sought:</b>	Legal, Finance

**Legal Advice:** This report raises no significant legal issues. The role of accountable body for the D2N2 LEP has transferred from the City Council to Derbyshire County Council. On that basis the report author should consider if some form of funding agreement (if not requested by Derbyshire CC) should be put in place. Advice provided by Andrew James (Team Leader Contracts and Commercial) on 30/04/2019.

**Finance Advice:** As part of the D2N2 LEP Nottingham City Council are required to make a contribution and this equates to the £62,500 as detailed in this decision.  
Contingency funding for £62,500 has now been agreed to fund this contribution (agreed July 2019) Advice provided by Susan Tytherleigh (Senior Finance Manager) on 18/07/2019.

**Signatures**

David Mellen (Leader/ PH Regeneration, Safety and Communications)
<b>SIGNED and Dated: 30/07/2019</b>
Chris Henning (Corporate Director for Development and Growth)
<b>SIGNED and Dated: 22/07/2019</b>