

# Clean Growth and Regeneration Council Plan Performance Report Quarter 2 2021-22

## Progress on Council Plan deliverables and key measures

### A prosperous and green Derbyshire

- ✔ **Completed the viability assessment to progress the Chesterfield to Staveley Regeneration Route, which will create new homes and jobs for the area**

Rating: Good

Expected completion date: 31 Dec 2021

The viability assessment is now complete and work is continuing with the preparation of an Outline Business Case as part of the next stage. It is anticipated that the Outline Business Case will be completed in Quarter 4.

- ✔ **Developed and agreed the Council's approach to Good Growth to maximise low carbon economic opportunities**

Rating: Good


Expected completion date: 31 Mar 2022

A range of 'good growth' activity is being undertaken to maximise low carbon opportunities within the Derbyshire economy, This includes the £2m Green Entrepreneur Fund which is providing grants to businesses to help them de-carbonise and develop green technologies and supporting a scholarship fund. Good progress is being made across all 3 separate funding strands with: 15 Expression of Interest (EOI) applications being received for the Small Grant Scheme, 4 of which have been approved. 11 of these projects have been referred to the Low Carbon Business Network and Decarbonisation programme and Growth Hub. 7 EOIs have been approved for the Demonstrator strand, 1 of which has been approved. 5 EOIs have been received for the Scholarship Fund, 4 of which have been approved. Other 'good growth' activities are being progressed through continued implementation of the Covid recovery strategy and include: a market town renewal programme (submitted to the Community Renewal Fund for funding); development of a low carbon transport programme (electric vehicle charging, hydrogen infrastructure, e-bikes etc) and digital connectivity.

- ✔ **Implemented year 1 of the Covid-19 Economic Recovery Strategy Action Plan including rolling out a new £1m Business Start-up programme to support business growth and a £2m Green Entrepreneurs scheme to support innovation in low carbon technologies**

Rating: Good (Strong in Q1) Expected completion date: 31 Mar 2022

As part of the Business Start-up Programme new business advisers started in their positions in July. Since the launch of the scheme in August, 210 clients have already registered as part of the business start-up programme, confirming high levels of demand. The Green Entrepreneur Programme is progressing well, an update of which has been provided as part of the separate deliverable relating to good growth to maximise low carbon business. The second board meeting for the Green Entrepreneur Programme took place in September where numerous projects were approved for funding.

 **Implemented year 1 of the Covid-19 Employment and Skills Recovery Action Plan including delivery and expansion of a careers hub and development and implementation of a youth hub**

Rating: Good

Expected completion date: 31 Mar 2022

Progress continues to be made in delivering the Council's Employment and Skills Recovery Action Plan, albeit more slowly over the summer months due to limited access to training providers such as colleges. Announcements on the Community Renewal Fund have been delayed by Government and this is impacting on delivery of some of the Recovery priorities as partners are waiting for funding. The Festival of Business was launched in September to around 125 people at a face to face event in Derby, with information being supplied to over 1000 invitees.

 **Provided support and advice to local businesses as the UK leaves the European Union, helping them to maximise new opportunities and ensure compliance with relevant legislation**

Rating: Good

Expected completion date: 31 Mar 2022

Through the Business, Economy and Place workstream and partnership work with the Chamber of Commerce, direct support has been provided to businesses to help with compliance and new opportunities emerging from the UK leaving the European Union. The Chamber of Commerce has taken on additional staff to deal with increases in demand. The full impacts of Brexit supply chains and labour availability are only now starting to emerge and have been conflated with the impacts of Covid-19 to date. More detailed analysis is being undertaken across economic partners to fully understand the dynamics.

Trading Standards have continued to provide both bespoke advice, and generic signposting advice, where appropriate. Trading Standards have re-established direct inspections and interventions with businesses, within food, animal feed and product safety sectors, and are using those face-to-face contacts to consolidate EU Exit requirements and guidance.

 **Attracted more businesses to relocate to Derbyshire or expand through delivery of the "Invest in Derbyshire" plan**

Rating: Good

Expected completion date: 30 Sep 2022

The European Social Fund funded programme, led by Marketing Derby, is meeting all planned performance and budget deliverables. As part of the project a prospectus for the county is being produced as well as the production of promotional films to promote the investment opportunities.






 **Worked with Derbyshire businesses to support the creation of apprenticeship opportunities in key economic sectors, connecting people to local job opportunities**

Rating: Good

Expected completion date: 31 Mar 2022

To date, 143 apprentices from 83 different employers across Derbyshire have been supported via the transfer of Apprenticeship Levy. The total value of funds committed to support this is £1,014,851.

## Key

	<b>Deliverables</b>	<b>Measures</b>
	Strong – performing strongly	Strong – more than 5% better than target (2% better than target if the target is greater than 95%).
	Good – performing well	Good
	Review – will be kept under review to ensure performance is brought back on track	Review – more than 2% worse than target.
	Action – additional action will be/is being taken to bring performance back on track	Action – more than 10% worse than target.
	No commentary has been received	Data not available/Target not set.