

Article 18 –

Other Joint Committees

16.1 Infrastructure and Investment Board

Introduction

The D2N2 LEP Board is responsible for determining the economic strategy for the region and setting the priorities for funding within its remit through the collective work of private sector representatives, the current D2 (Derby and Derbyshire) and N2 (Nottingham and Nottinghamshire) Joint Committees and other public sector bodies.

The D2N2 LEP has a small Executive Team supported by resources and officers of the constituent local authorities, primarily through financial contributions to the staffing establishment and undertaking work in advisory or task and finish groups. Support from the private sector primarily comes through the provision of expertise and time, for example in attendance at board and group meetings. The Executive Team is organised to support the Board structure, with the Director of Place responsible for each sub board reporting to the Chief Executive.

Each project and programme funded through the LEP is managed by the Chief Executive of D2N2 and the Director of Place within the Executive team.

This document sets out the governance arrangements for the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership's Infrastructure and Investment Board. The Board is responsible for overseeing the administration of the LEP's Local Growth Fund on behalf of the D2N2 LEP Board.

The D2N2 Infrastructure and Investment Board is a public-private partnership formed by the voting members specified in clause 3.

Terms of reference

1. Board Name

D2N2 Infrastructure and Investment Board ("the Board")

2. Purpose

To oversee on behalf of the D2N2 LEP Board ("the LEP Board") the administration of the Local Growth Fund for schemes to delivery bodies

across the administrative areas of Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.

3. Membership

Voting members	Observers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Derby City Council (two members) • Derbyshire County Council (two members) • Nottingham City Council (two members) • Nottinghamshire County Council (two members) • Derbyshire district and borough councils (two members) • Nottinghamshire district and borough councils (two members) • Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership (Chair plus nominated private sector representative) • Further Education (one member) 	Nominees of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheffield City Region Local Enterprise Partnership
	Occasional invitations to contribute: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highways England • Network Rail • Homes and Communities Agency • DFT • BEIS
Principal Advisors to the Board (non-voting): TBC	

The Board, as set out above, comprises fifteen voting members. The Board may co-opt additional members to represent other sectors; such co-opted members will not have voting rights. Conditions of appointment are:

- (i) Local Authorities (upper tier/unitary): membership rests with the position which the member holds within the authority rather than with the individual, so councillors will be replaced if they change office. It is for each authority to determine which post holders are to act as its representatives.

- (ii) Local Planning Authorities (district/borough) within Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire: it is for the constituency of planning authorities within each County to determine its own arrangements for selecting a representative, who is expected to sit for a minimum term of one year and a maximum of three years. It is also for the constituent authorities to determine how their joint interests should be represented and how those districts and boroughs not directly represented should be engaged in the decision-making process.
- (iii) D2N2 LEP: representatives are expected to sit for a minimum term of one year and a maximum of three years.
- (iv) Any co-opted member - would be reviewed annually by the Board with a maximum term of three years.
- (v) In each case, substitutes may attend meetings where the nominated member is unable to do so, but should be able to provide written confirmation that they do so with the approval of the organisation represented.
- (vi) Each member will be required to participate in decision-making in the best interests of the Board whether or not these are consistent with those of their own organisation.

The Board will review its constitution after six meetings of the Board or every two years, whichever is the sooner.

4. Conflicts of Interest

Members of the Board are required to declare, on appointment, that they will act in the best interests of the LEP area, not for their organisational or geographic interests.

The rules for declaring personal interests will be those that apply to the council to which the councillor has been elected. A register of Board Members' interests will be maintained and will be available for public inspection.

5. Gifts and Hospitality

Officers shall, whether engaged in promotion of their own authority's interests or those of the Board, be bound by the relevant code of conduct of their own employing organisation.

6. Accountable Body

Derbyshire County Council shall be the Accountable Body to the LEP's Local Growth Fund, which will be responsible for the following:

- Ensuring that decisions are made in line with the LEP Assurance Framework.
- Ensuring that promoters confirm their projects conform with any requirements with regard to equalities, social value, environment, State Aid, procurement etc.;
- Ensuring (through the Section 151 Officer) that the funds are used appropriately;
- Maintaining the official record of IIB's proceedings and holding copies of all relevant IIB documents relating to any funding streams the Accountable Body is responsible for;
- Ensuring IIB decisions at formal meetings are recorded.
- Responsibility for the decisions of the IIB in approving projects (for example if subject to challenge);
- Ensuring there are arrangements for local audit of funding allocated by the IIB at least equivalent to those in place for Local Authority expenditure.

The Director of Finance, Derbyshire County Council (S151 officer) will ensure that all funds are administered in accordance with the Assurance Framework.

7. Audit and Scrutiny

The Board undertakes to seek and to act upon the findings of an internal audit of its activity on at least an annual basis. The findings of each audit will be considered by a Board meeting, and any remedial action required recorded within the minutes of that meeting.

The aim of each audit will be to verify that the Board is operating effectively within the terms of its agreed Assurance Framework.

8. Strategic Objectives and Purpose (Terms of Reference)

The Board is responsible for:

- approving investment of the Local Growth Funding on behalf of the D2N2 LEP Board that will provide significant investment in innovation, business, skills, and employment in a common agenda for training, education, economic growth and jobs that will integrate effectively within the LEP's wider strategic plans;

The Board shall:

- take decisions on behalf of the D2N2 LEP Board for:
 - individual scheme approval
 - release of funding, including scrutiny of individual scheme business cases.
- Monitor progress of scheme delivery and spend.

- Recommend to the LEP Board a programme to respond to changed circumstance (scheme slippage, scheme alteration, cost increases etc).

9. Approvals process for project applications:

The Board has adopted an approvals process in respect of project applications as set out in Appendix 1.

10. Support and Administration

Derbyshire County Council will provide support arrangements for secretariat and administrative services, specified in its Service Level Agreement with the LEP.

The four authorities (Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Derby and Nottingham) will provide sufficient support to undertake the workload of the Board, taking into account any opinions of the Accountable Body or the Auditor. There will be named people who have specific roles with respect to the Board. These roles will usually be part of their other duties, except when the workloads are such that some full-time or single purpose part-time roles are appropriate.

The Board will form task and finish groups when required, which may comprise Board members and/or supporting officers.

11. Working Arrangements, Transparency and Local Engagement

Meetings will be convened in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972, the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and other relevant legislation.

There will be at least two meetings each year and thereafter to meet the business needs. Specifically the Board will meet:

- (a) to determine the initial decision on the composition of the scheme programme;
- (b) to make individual scheme investment decisions.

A chair and vice-chair for the Board will be elected on an annual basis.

Meetings will be deemed quorate when a minimum of five voting members or their substitutes are in attendance. Each voting member carries a vote of equal weight. Where the voting members present are

equally divided the chair will carry a casting vote. Where the elected chair is not present the vice-chair will exercise this function. No business requiring voting shall take place without either the chair or vice-chair being present.

The Board will publish agendas and minutes. Materials will be hosted on the Derbyshire County Council website but each member organisation will provide a direct link to this from its own.

It is for individual member organisations to ensure that any schemes submitted to the Board for funding have been subject to the appropriate procedures to provide the public and stakeholders with the opportunity for input before decisions are made. The Board will not take responsibility for dealing with correspondence, petitions, lobbying, consultation etc, all of which are to be handled by the promoter of the scheme in accordance with its own procedures.

FOI and EIR requests will be dealt with in accordance with the relevant legislation.

The Board will use Derbyshire County Council's complaints procedure.

12. Expenses and Allowances

The Board will not under normal circumstances make any payments to cover the costs of attendance, which must be borne by the parent organisation of the attendee. Where it does choose to do so this will be for reasons, and within financial limits, agreed by the Board.

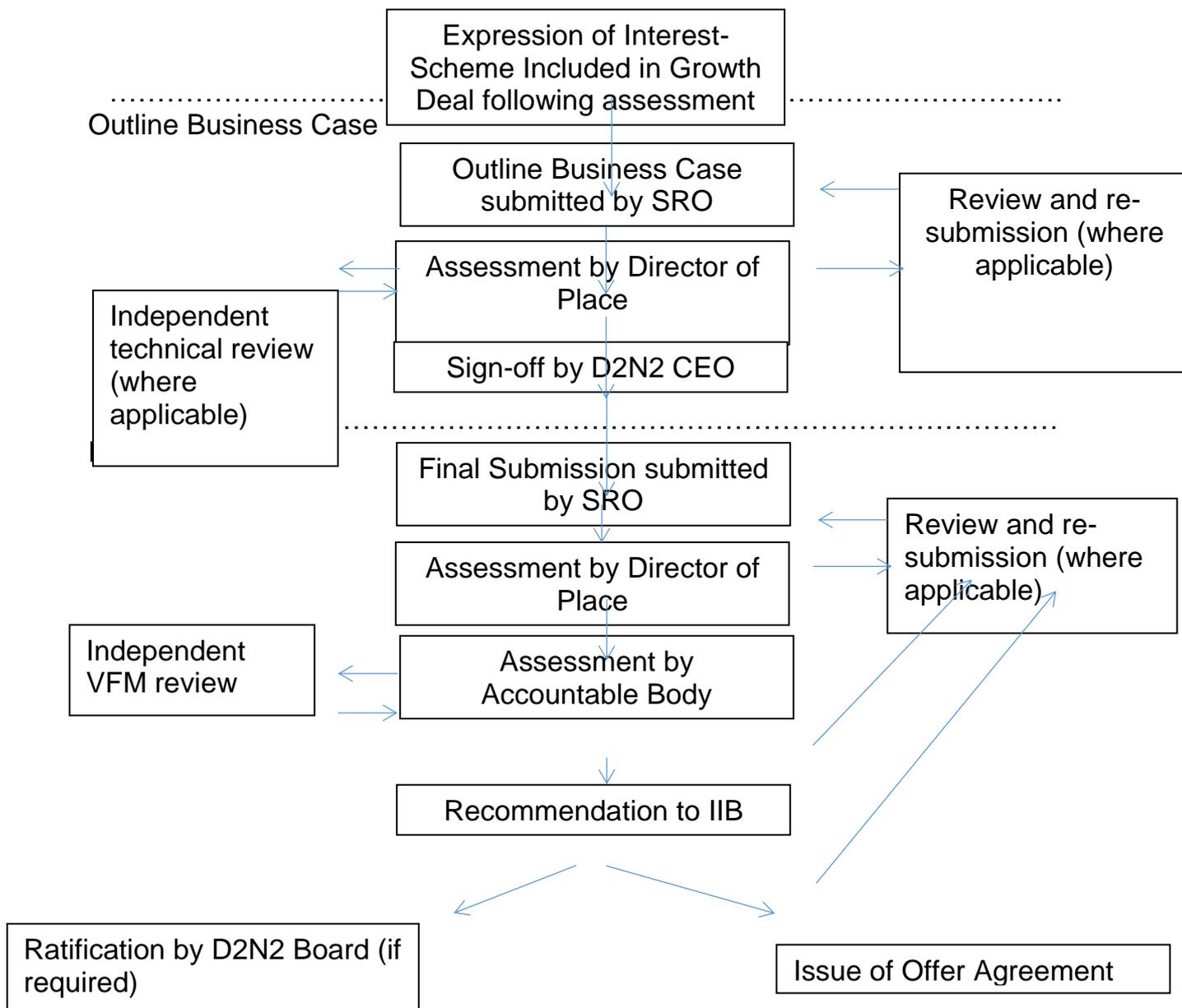
Appendix 1

Approval process in respect of project applications:

1. Promoters are requested to provide and agree with the LEP the date on when an Outline Business Case and Final Submission will be submitted for approval prior to the start of the financial year.
2. Promoters are requested to submit a valid Outline Business Case application no later than July of the financial year in which funding is to be released. Failure to submit will render a project High Risk
3. A Final Submission application (business case) is to be submitted in line with the programmed date agreed with the LEP; however this is to be no later than November 30th of the year in which funding is to be released. Failure to submit a business case in line with the programme will render the project High Risk.
4. Where a project is seen as High Risk the IIB will write to the promoter setting out the risks and requesting a written response outlining how the risks will be mitigated. If the IIB are not satisfied with the response then the IIB can remove the project from the programme.
5. In the event that a project has, in the opinion of the IIB or the LEP Board, significantly changed (by 10% or more) from what was originally proposed (i.e. spend profile, outputs and outcomes, or delivery) the IIB will write to the promoter requesting a written response detailing why the project has changed. Following receipt of the response the IIB may decide to proceed with the amended project, may request that the project revert back to what was originally approved, release only part of the funding or delete the project from the programme.
6. If a project has not commenced within 3 months of the IIB meeting at which the project was approved, the project will be reported as a High Risk project. In this instance the IIB will write to the promoter requesting a written response detailing why the project has been delayed. If the IIB are not satisfied with the response, the IIB can remove the project from the programme.
7. The IIB will be provided with quarterly performance reports by the project monitoring officer. If it is reported that a project is delayed (commencement/completion/outputs/outcomes) by 3 months or more

then the project will be reported as a High Risk project. In this instance the IIB will write to the promoter requesting a written response detailing why the project was delayed. If the IIB are not satisfied with the response then the IIB can request that the funds already paid are repaid to the LEP or decide not release any future years funding.

Appendix 2: Scheme Approval Process



15.2 D2 Economic Prosperity Committee

PURPOSE

To bring together the City Council, County Council and all District and Borough Councils in Derbyshire into a robust, formally constituted arrangement to deliver regeneration and economic prosperity across the whole geographical county of Derbyshire.

This falls within the broader governance structure associated with the Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership (D2N2 LEP) and is intended to lead as soon as possible to the establishment of an Economic Prosperity Board. The Joint Committee will work closely in partnership with its Nottinghamshire counterpart and with neighbouring bodies including the Greater Manchester and Sheffield City Region Combined Authorities.

The Joint Committee intends to pursue an economic regeneration strategy through a balanced approach, with economic, social and environmental sustainability at its heart. This has to reflect the needs of a diverse area, the City of Derby and its hinterland, the spheres and influences of Manchester, Sheffield and Nottingham, local communities which have lost their former economic bases and rural areas of high environmental and social value.

The Joint Committee accepts and embraces managed and sustainable economic growth as a policy instrument to help deliver jobs and growth to communities and households to provide a foundation for the long term security of the quality of life of all the people of the area.

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1. To conduct a governance review to determine whether the existing governance arrangements for economic development, regeneration and transport in the area are effective or whether the area would benefit from changes, including establishing a new Economic Prosperity Board.
2. In anticipation that the governance review will recommend the establishment of an EPB for the whole of Derby and Derbyshire area, the Joint Committee will act as a shadow EPB and carry out the following activities whilst an EPB is being established.
 - a. To act as the local public sector decision making body for strategic economic development at the D2 level (Derbyshire and Derby City)
 - b. To develop and subsequently monitor investment plans utilising Government and EU funds for Derby and Derbyshire

- c. To be the accountable body for decision making on Single Local Growth Fund and EU funding streams allocated to the Committee by the D2N2 LEP
- d. To own, monitor and review the Derby and Derbyshire Growth Plans and associated investment plans
- e. To maintain an ongoing dialogue with the Derby and Derbyshire business community through the relevant Economic Advisory Boards (i.e. the Derbyshire Economic Partnership and the Derby Renaissance Board)
- f. To oversee the planning, alignment and performance of delivery partners and organisations in order to achieve more effective and efficient commissioning and ultimately better outcomes
- g. To hold to account relevant bodies whose work impacts on the economic well-being of Derby and Derbyshire
- h. To ensure a smooth transition of activities and functions from the Joint Committee to the EPB

Derby and Derbyshire Authorities Joint Committee for Economic Prosperity Arrangements

Introduction

The Joint Committee will be a legally constituted body with powers delegated to it by its constituent member authorities in the following areas:

- Decision making on Government and EU funds available in the area, including those delegated by the D2N2 LEP
- Decision making on future delivery arrangements, including potential pooled resources, commissioning and performance / contract management
- Reviewing future governance requirements and how best these can be met in Derby and Derbyshire
- Strategic performance management of key economic growth focussed projects and initiatives. This is to include transport and housing related initiatives and, potentially, welfare to work and skills programmes

The above delegated powers may change, subject to the outcome of the wider review into governance and the potential establishment of an Economic Prosperity Board.

1. Operating Arrangements

Derbyshire County Council shall act as the host authority for the Joint Committee and provide necessary officer support.

2. Membership

- 2.1 The Joint Committee shall be made up of 1 councillor from each of the 10 constituent authorities (8 District/Borough Councils, 1 City Council, 1 County Council).
- 2.2 All members of the Joint Committee may vote in proceedings of the Committee.
- 2.3 Co-opted non-voting members /observers eg. Chief Executives or nominees, Chief Executive of D2N2 LEP, BIS Local representative, business community representatives

3. Casual Vacancies

- 3.1 A vacancy on the Joint Committee arises when a councillor resigns from the membership of the Joint Committee.
- 3.2 Each constituent authority will fill vacancies for their representative on the Joint Committee in accordance with the arrangements in its constitution.

4. Term of Office

- 4.1 A council representative shall be appointed annually to the Joint Committee to hold office for the following municipal year and all such appointments shall be notified to the host authority no later than 31 May in each year, subject to the proviso that he or she shall cease to be a member of the Joint Committee if he or she ceases to be a member of the appointing council (and does not on the same day again become a member of that council).
- 4.2 Where possible a council will give consideration to continuity of membership to enable the Joint Committee's expertise and skills to be developed for the effective delivery of the objectives of the Joint Committee.

5. Resignation and Removal of Councillor Members

- 5.1 A council may decide in accordance with its procedure to remove its representative from the Joint Committee at any time and upon doing so shall give written notice to the host authority of the change in its representative.
- 5.2 A council representative may resign from the Joint Committee at any time by giving notice to the appointing council who will inform the host authority.
- 5.3 In the event that any member resigns from the Joint Committee or is removed from the Joint Committee by his or her council, the council shall immediately take steps to nominate and appoint an alternative member of the Joint Committee, in accordance with the agreed arrangements.

6. Non-attendance at Meetings

- 6.1 Where a council representative fails, throughout a period of six consecutive months from the date of his or her last attendance, to attend any meeting of the Joint Committee then the host authority shall recommend to the relevant council that due consideration be given to removing the member from the appointment to the Joint Committee and the appointment of a replacement member from that council.

7. Allowances and Expenses

Each council has the discretion to pay its representative on the Joint Committee special responsibility allowances and to reimburse reasonable expenses incurred. No allowance or expenses payments will

be made by the Joint Committee to council members. Any allowances or expenses which may be made to council members arising out of Joint Committee membership shall be determined and borne by the appointing council for each Joint Committee member individually.

8. Conduct

All councillor members must observe the Code of Conduct of their appointing council and any related protocols as agreed by the Joint Committee.

9. Validity of Proceedings

The validity of the proceedings of the Joint Committee shall not be affected by a vacancy in the membership of the Joint Committee or a defect in appointment.

Derby and Derbyshire Authorities Joint Committee for Economic Prosperity

Rules of Procedure

1. Chair of the Joint Committee

1.1 The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Joint Committee will be appointed by the Joint Committee at the beginning of the municipal year.

1.2 The Chair shall, unless s/he resigns or becomes disqualified, continue in office until his/her successor becomes entitled to act as chair in the following municipal year.

1.3 In the event of the resignation or disqualification of the Chair, a new Chair will be appointed at the next meeting.

2. Meetings of the Joint Committee

2.1 There shall be a minimum of six ordinary meetings of the Joint Committee held in public in each municipal year to carry out the functions of the Joint Committee. In addition, extraordinary meetings may be called from time to time.

2.2 An extraordinary meeting may be called by the Chair, by four members of the Joint Committee or by the Director of Legal Services of the host authority.

3. Quorum

A meeting of the Joint Committee cannot take place unless at least seven voting members (or their nominated substitutes) including the County Council and City Council members are present.

4. Substitutes

A nominated substitute will be appointed for each council representative by their authority.

5. Voting

All council representatives (or their nominated substitutes) may vote in proceedings of the Joint Committee. Voting will be by show of hands and by simple majority.

6. Disorderly Conduct

The Chair may, in the event of a disturbance interfering with the orderly despatch of business, adjourn or suspend a meeting for such period as the Chair considers appropriate.

7. Work Programme

The Joint Committee will be responsible for setting its own work programme taking into account the responsibilities set out in the Terms of Reference for the Joint Committee.

8. Agenda Items

8.1 The agenda for a meeting of the Joint Committee shall include consideration of any item requested by a member of the Joint Committee subject to the Director of Legal Services of the host authority receiving written notice at least 10 working days before the date of the meeting.

8.2 The Joint Committee's agenda will be issued to Joint Committee members at least 5 clear working days before the meeting (unless the Chair is satisfied that there is good reason to consider an urgent item). It will also be published on the host authority's website and by sending copies to each of the authorities and by any means the Joint Committee considers appropriate.

9. Notice of Meetings

9.1 Ordinary meetings will take place in accordance with a programme decided by the Joint Committee, and will start at the time decided by the Joint Committee.

9.2 Members of the Joint Committee will be given at least 5 clear working days' notice of a meeting of the Joint Committee (unless the Chair is satisfied that there is good reason to hold an urgent meeting).

10. Report to the Joint Committee

The publication of reports of recommendations is subject to the exclusion or any exempt or confidential information as defined in the rules on access to information in the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

11. Advisory Groups

11.1 Time limited advisory groups may be established from time to time by the Joint Committee to undertake specific task-based work.

11.2 The work undertaken by an advisory group will be scoped and defined beforehand, together with the timeframe within which the work is to be completed and the reporting time for the outcome of the work.