

MINUTES of a meeting of the **D2N2 INVESTMENT BOARD** held on 20 July 2022 via Microsoft Teams

PRESENT

E Fagan (In the Chair)

Councillors W J Clarke (Gedling Borough Council), K Girling (Nottinghamshire County Council), C Hart (Erewash Borough Council), P Gilby (Chesterfield Borough Council), J White (Bassetlaw District Council) A Williams (Nottingham City Council) and D Williams (D2N2 LEP), and J Bradley-Fortune (Inclusion Representative).

Also in Attendance: A Athwal (BEIS), J Battye (DCC) T Goshawk (Faithful & Gould), J Harrison (Bassetlaw District Council) W Morlidge (D2N2 LEP), M Neal (Nottinghamshire County Council) P Seddon (Nottingham City Council), S Wainwright (DCC) and C Williams (Derby City Council).

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Hassall (Derby City Council) B Lewis (Derbyshire County Council),

08/22 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** There were no declarations of interest

09/22 **MINUTES RESOLVED** to confirm the non-exempt Minutes of the meeting of the D2N2 Investment Board held on 16 March 2022

10/22 **MILESTONES UPDATE – LOW CARBON GROWTH FUND** The Board were asked to note the Milestones report on the D2N2 LGF and Getting Building Fund Programmes

The report shows the Milestones that each project will be held accountable to and will be continuously monitored through to Final Business Case delivery. Details of each individual project were provided at the meeting and recommendations followed each project giving their milestone progress. Further verbal updates were given by some of the promoters at the meeting.

Local Carbon Growth Fund

Smart Parc Low Carbon Heating and Cooling (Smart Parc) - The Investment Board were recommended to note the milestones and await the final business case for approval in September 2022

Heat Pump Skills Academy (Bolsover District Council) - The Investment Board were recommended to note the milestones and await the final business case for approval in October 2022

PPROHLET (University of Nottingham) - The Investment Board were recommended to note the milestones and await the final business case for approval in September 2022

The Sixes – H2 Buses (Trent Barton) - The Investment Board were recommended to note the milestones and await the final business case for approval in November 2022

Mine Water Heat (Bolsover District Council) - The Investment Board were recommended to note the milestones and await the outcomes of the September study deadline before making a decision to proceed with the project

Board Members made a number of comments and asked questions which were duly noted or answered

RESOLVED to approve the recommendations above, as detailed in the report.

11/22 **CAPITAL PROGRAMME BUDGET** In relation to the Getting Building Fund (GBF) by the end of March 2022, £44.15m out of the total grant of £44.4m had been spent on projects.

By utilising the Freedoms and Flexibilities of the GBF grant the remaining project, Drakelow Park, had £0.253m due from GBF, £2.347m from Growing Places Fund and £5.05m from Stoke and Staffs LEP, which D2N2 were holding in a reserve. All other projects spent their allocations before the 31st March 2022.

Appendix 1 shows the spend profile for each project.

Board Members made a number of comments and asked questions which were duly noted or answered.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

12/22 **PROJECT FOR APPROVAL – HYDROGEN FUELLED WASTE COLLECTION** Board Members were informed of a request from South Derbyshire District Council, for funding through the Low Carbon Growth Fund to support the Hydrogen Fuelled Waste Collection Project.

The project being put before the Investment board had now been assessed and was being recommended for consideration and approval based on its full compliance with the LAF. D2N2 would contract with South Derbyshire District Council and

following an approval D2N2 would release £310,000 of funding through the Low Carbon Growth Fund.

This innovation project was to pilot the operational introduction of hydrogen powered refuse collection vehicles (RCVs) to deliver local authority waste collection services. It would include the operational and vehicle performance testing of two hydrogen dual fuel (hydrogen/diesel) powered RCVs and the refuelling infrastructure required.

As an innovation project the Council would monitor and track the performance of:

- The hydrogen/diesel hybrid fuelled RCV in a large rural geographical district and compare this with the current diesel powered RCV.
- The hydrogen infrastructure and the additional operational adaptations required for hydrogen RCVs, compared to the current diesel RCVs.

South Derbyshire District Council (SDDC) had 21 RCVs in its fleet that currently serviced an area of 131 square miles. As a rural District there was a need to pilot the operational capability of Hydrogen RCVs as potentially they were better suited than other low emission vehicles (such as electric) for rural geographies with long distance collection routes.

The performance, operational capability and good practice learnings from this pilot would be useful to other rural Districts in the D2N2 area that were looking to transition to zero carbon emission vehicles. The trial would identify the feasibility of hydrogen fuel use in rural area, the benefits of the specific hydrogen technology required and would provide an opportunity to identify any challenges prior to wider adoption and potential next steps.

The overall responsibility for the delivery of this innovation project was South Derbyshire District Council who would work in collaboration with three supporting partners:

- Toyota Motor Manufacturing (UK) Ltd – supplying the dual fuel RCV base in the north of the district.
- ULEMco – consultants and suppliers of the RCV dual fuel conversion
- Hydrogen refuelling supply – the hydrogen supply service will be procured through a tendering process. Potential suppliers have already been identified and their indicative supply solutions and costings are part of this bid application.

John Kinderman, South Derbyshire District Council, attended the meeting and provided a presentation to compliment the report in terms of the Strategic, Economic, Financial, Commercial and Management case for the project.

Members made comments and asked questions which were duly noted or answered.

RESOLVED to approve the £310,000 grant to South Derbyshire District Council to support the Hydrogen Fuelled Waste Collection Project subject to:

(1) confirmation that the project provided Value for Money from the external economic case assessment; and

(2) a profile of drawdown of Low Carbon Growth Funding.

13/22 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** The next meeting of the Investment Board would take place on a date to be confirmed.

14/22 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC FROM THE MEETING** **RESOLVED** that under Section 100(a)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that in view of the nature of the business, that if members of the public were present exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 would be disclosed to them and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED AFTER THE PUBLIC HAD BEEN EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING

1. To confirm the exempt minutes of the meeting of the D2N2 Investment Board held on 16 March 2022 contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information).

2. Project for Approval – Springvale Hydrogen (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information))