

PUBLIC

MINUTES of a meeting of the **D2 JOINT COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC PROSPERITY** held on 10 October 2022 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Councillor B Lewis (Derbyshire County Council)
(in the Chair)

<u>Amber Valley Borough Council</u>	<u>Erewash Borough Council</u>
Councillor K Buttery	Councillor C Hart
<u>Chesterfield Borough Council</u>	<u>High Peak Borough Council</u>
Councillor T Gilby	Councillor A McKeown
<u>Derbyshire Dales District Council</u>	<u>North East Derbyshire District Council</u>
Councillor G Purdy	Councillor A Dale

Also in Attendance –

Amber Valley Borough Council – S Gladwin
Chesterfield Borough Council – L Sharp
Derby City Council – T Bagshaw
Derbyshire County Council – Councillor T King, M Evans, A Marsh
East Midlands Chamber – S Knowles
North East Derbyshire District Council – Councillor J Kenyon

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of E Alexander (Derbyshire County Council), H Bowen (Chesterfield Borough Council), J Jaroszek (Erewash Borough Council), Councillor C Poulter (Derby City Council), and A Stokes (Staffordshire Moorlands District Council).

24/22 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** There were no declarations of interest.

25/22 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 25 July 2022 be confirmed as a correct record.

26/22 STATE OF THE NATION

M Evans introduced the item, outlining the key economic conditions and issues to facilitate a discussion and explore potential economic priorities going forward.

RESOLVED to:

1) Note the summary and details provided in the report and accompanying presentation and consider the key economic priorities which may drive forward any future interventions and strategy development.

27/22 IMPACT OF MINI BUDGET ON DERBYSHIRE BUSINESSES

S Knowles introduced the item, providing the Committee with context for the broader discussions that would inform economic objectives and priority setting going forward.

RESOLVED to:

1) Note the summary provided in the report and consider the key issues and business feedback shared by the Chamber of Commerce.

28/22 REVIEW OF PROGRESS IN DELIVERING COVID RECOVERY STRATEGY

J Battye introduced the item, setting out the level of progress made against the approved Derbyshire COVID Recovery Strategy. The report identified areas of potential further intervention and the economic priorities going forward which would help shape any future economic strategy, particularly having regard to the context of the emerging East Midlands Mayoral Combined County Authority.

RESOLVED to:

1) Consider the assessment of progress made by partners set out in the COVID Recovery Strategy;

2) Agree where sufficient progress has been made and which issues remain for potential further targeted activity;

3) Identify any additional areas needed to support growth and aid levelling up in the future; and

4) Request that officers in the City, County and district councils develop a revised evidence base to support economic reporting and priority setting going forward.

29/22 REVIEW OF DERBYSHIRE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AND HIGH LEVEL RECOVERY BOARD

Councillor T King introduced the item, outlining the proposed review of economic partnership arrangements across the geography, specifically the Derbyshire Economic Partnership (DEP) and the high level COVID Economic Recovery Board.

It had been agreed that the draft report be circulated to Committee members and brought back to the next meeting for sign off.

RESOLVED to:

- 1) Note the planned review being undertaken by the Chair of DEP and provide any comments in relation to the proposed scope, objectives and timescales;
- 2) Specifically consider and agree whether, or how far, the work of the D2 Joint Committee should be included within the scope of the review; and
- 3) Request that the outputs and recommendations on the way forward be shared at the next appropriate Committee meeting.

30/22 FESTIVAL OF BUSINESS

A Marsh introduced the item, seeking approval to allocate £53,000 of the Retained Business rates to pay for a second Derbyshire Festival of Business ('DFoB') under the banner of Vision Derbyshire delivered through a partnership led by the University of Derby.

RESOLVED to:

- 1) Note the project aims set out in the report;
- 2) Consider and agree the suggested project proposal; and
- 3) Agree the spend of £53,000 plus VAT from the Retain Business Rates Fund.

31/22 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC FROM THE MEETING RESOLVED that under Regulation 4 (2)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that in view of the nature of the items of business, that if members of the public were present, exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 would be disclosed to them.

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

1. To receive declarations of interest (if any).
2. To confirm the exempt minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 25 July 2022.
3. East Midlands Combined County Authority - Progress Update