

Clean Growth and Regeneration Council Plan Performance Report Quarter 2 2022-23

Progress on Council Plan deliverables and key measures

A prosperous and green Derbyshire

-  **Completed Outline Business Case and prepared a planning application to progress the Chesterfield to Staveley Regeneration Route, which will create new homes and jobs for the area**

Rating: Action (Review in Q1) Expected completion date: 30 Jun 2022

The Outline Business Case was completed on time and supplied in draft form to Government. Formal submission to Government is programmed following cabinet approval in December 2022. Work continues on preparation of a planning application and also with Government and local partners over project funding. Costs associated with the scheme are still under review.

-  **Agreed and implemented the Covid-19 Economic Recovery Strategy to drive good growth and maximise low carbon economic opportunities**

Rating: Good (Strong in Q1) Original completion date: 30 Jun 2022 Expected completion date: 31 Mar 2023

The Covid-19 Economic Recovery Strategy is now complete and signed off by the associated Board. All recovery arrangements have been stood down. A review of the Derbyshire Economic Partnership's role is also nearing conclusion considering the growth remit of and the proposed the Combined County Authority.

Continued progress is being made working with Districts through the Economic Development Workstream Group on growth and low carbon initiatives. The Green Entrepreneur Fund (GEF) Board and the Council are considering as part of the GEF programme small grants that will enable small businesses to plan and commence the decarbonising of operations, ultimately working towards a zero-carbon future.

-  **Rolled out the Green Entrepreneurs scheme, a £2m grant fund to help local business to develop and invest in green energy and carbon reduction**

Rating: Review Expected completion date: 31 Mar 2023

£609,714 has been awarded on Strand 1 of the fund to four projects, three are live, one is in due diligence (large scale demonstrator fund) with another full application is currently being assessed.

£30,705 has been awarded to 28 individuals on Strand 3 (scholarship funding).

Take up of the small grants for businesses (Strand 2) is slower than anticipated - predominantly due to the current market conditions and rising inflation costs which seems to be affecting business confidence. Currently, £94,298 has been awarded to six small businesses as a grant and there are two more awaiting a confirmation of funding decision from the Board (£40,000). There are ten proposals that have been invited to submit a full application for a small grant where the organisation is working up their submission to a total of £162,419.

Although progress is being made on the programme there is a lack of green entrepreneurial businesses coming forward. Increased marketing and a review of Strand 2 criteria are being undertaken

Delivered the “Invest in Derbyshire” plan to increase levels of inward investment into the county

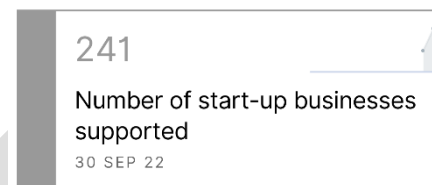
Rating: Good

Expected completion date: 31 May 2023

In Quarter 2, numbers of enquiries from businesses looking to invest in Derbyshire have dropped slightly. Key sectors continue to be manufacturing and engineering, with a rise in energy-related and green-tech enquiries.

Inflation, rising costs of materials/fuel and general economic uncertainties are all impacting on domestic and foreign direct investment markets and therefore some investment decisions are being currently paused.

The Invest in Derbyshire project enjoys a strong delivery with outputs in all categories meeting targets at the level of 90% and above.



2022-2023	241
Target	Not set

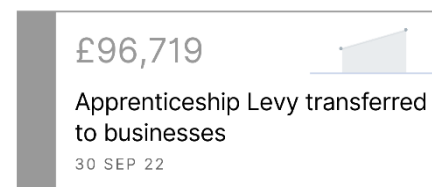
Worked with Derbyshire businesses to support the creation of apprenticeship opportunities in key economic sectors, connecting people to local job opportunities

Rating: Good

Expected completion date: 31 Mar 2023






The transfer of the apprenticeship levy proceeds to be on target with a further 13 apprentices supported this quarter, supporting a further 5 businesses. The amount of levy transfer committed in Quarter 2 is £42,151 putting the total levy so far at £96,719. Throughout Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 a total of 24 Apprentices have been supported with the Apprentice levy supporting a total of 10 businesses. The sectors where Apprentices are supported throughout Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 are Construction, with a total of 2 Apprentices, Early years with 4, Hospitality have 2 and Health and Social care being the largest area with a total of 16 apprentices at the end of Quarter 2.

The target for this deliverable continues to be discussed and in future will look to indicate the percentage of Levy spent per quarter.



2022-2023	£96,719
Target	Not set

Key

	Deliverables	Measures
	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.

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