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**MINUTES** of a meeting of **D2 JOINT COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC PROSPERITY** held on Wednesday, 23 November 2022 at Council Chamber, County Hall, Matlock, DE4 3AG.

## **PRESENT**

Councillor B Lewis (in the Chair)

Councillors T Gilby (Chesterfield Borough Council), C Hart (Erewash Borough Council), J Kenyon (North East Derbyshire District Council), A McKeown (High Peak Borough Council), G Purdy (Derbyshire Dales District Council), and K Richards (South Derbyshire District Council).

Also in attendance was J Battye (Derbyshire County Council), D Fletcher (Derby City Council), G Galloway (Bolsover District Council), N Gasson-McKinley (Federation of Small Businesses), C Henning (Derbyshire County Council), L Hickin (Bolsover District Council), J Seymour (Derbyshire County Council), and G Smith (Erewash Borough Council).

Apologies for absence were submitted for Councillors K Buttery, A Dale, and S Fritchley, H Bowen, A Stokes, and P Wilson.

### **26/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **27/22 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 10 October 2022 be confirmed as a correct record.

### **28/22 BUDGET ANNOUNCEMENTS AND IMPLICATIONS FOR LOCAL PROGRAMMES**

W Morlidge introduced the item, setting out the broad approach to the discussion that would take place at the D2N2 LEP Board meeting.

**RESOLVED** to

- 1) Consider the outputs of the Chancellor's new budget and implications for local businesses, projects, and priorities; and
- 2) Identify key areas for development/ inclusion in the evidence base for a new economic strategy for the area as appropriate.

## **29/22 FURTHER REFINING THE REGENERATION PIPELINE**

J Seymour introduced the item, recommending a workstream, involving local authorities and private-sector partners to improve Derbyshire's readiness to gain access to funding to support delivery of key sites and enabling infrastructure.

### **RESOLVED to**

- 1) Agree to a task and finish workstream being set up organised by the County Council to assess and collate relevant information in line with the suggestions;
- 2) Agree active participation and nomination of relevant officers from all 10 local authorities to support the work and assemble high-level business case material for key investment sites around Derbyshire, utilising the existing SGIF system;
- 3) Agree to the regular update of information to ensure the pipeline remains fit for purpose and supports successful funding bids; and
- 4) Agree to receive further reports on progress.

## **30/22 LOCAL SKILLS IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

N Gasson-McKinley introduced the item, providing an outline of the Local Skills Improvement and the current approach to its development, including input from local authorities.

### **RESOLVED to**

- 1) Consider the background information set out in the report and additional information presented;
- 2) Agree the priorities as presented and any additional issues emerged through discussion;
- 3) Discuss how local authorities can take an active role in LSIP in the Steering Group;
- 4) Flag or share key reports that will help shape LSIP preparation;
- 5) Indicate which authorities would be interested in participating in future focus groups, events, online surveys, and consultations; and
- 6) Indicate if authorities can help expand employer reach.

### **31/22 EAST MIDLANDS COMBINED AUTHORITY: NEXT STEPS**

C Henning introduced the item, providing a summary of progress to date and next steps on the creation of the East Midlands Combined County Authority.

**RESOLVED** to

- 1) Note progress made to date on the creation of the East Midlands Combined County Authority, in particular the public consultation; and
- 2) Support efforts to ensure that the consultation is promoted as widely as possible within the area.

### **32/22 DEVELOPING OUR STRATEGIC AGENDAS**

J Battye introduced the item requesting input from Committee members on future items to be debated at the Committee meetings.

**RESOLVED:**

The topic areas set out on the agenda (below) were agreed:

- Sector focus at future meetings including involvement from other contributors.
- Bus Service Improvement Plan - update and next steps
- Low carbon transport – developing mobility hubs
- Community Renewal Fund – project close down report: evaluation of achievements and implications for future work programmes
- Shared Prosperity Fund: District updates on progress, issues for joint working and investment strategies

### **33/22 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the Exempt Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 10 October 2022 be confirmed as a correct record.