

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

D2 JOINT COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

Terms of Reference for Proposed New D2 Growth Board

(1) Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide the D2 Joint Committee (D2JC) with an overview of the draft terms of reference for the proposed new D2 Growth Board and associated D2 Business Board* and seek a steer on the level of decision making and delegation considered appropriate. This report will be augmented by a presentation at the meeting on 20th July.
- 1.2 To formally recognise the work of Richard Horsley in chairing the Derbyshire Economic Partnership and thank him for his contribution.

(2) Discussion/ Decision Required by the Derby and Derbyshire Joint Economic Prosperity Committee (D2JC)

- 2.1 **The D2JC is requested to discuss and provide a steer on the draft terms of reference for the new arrangements.**

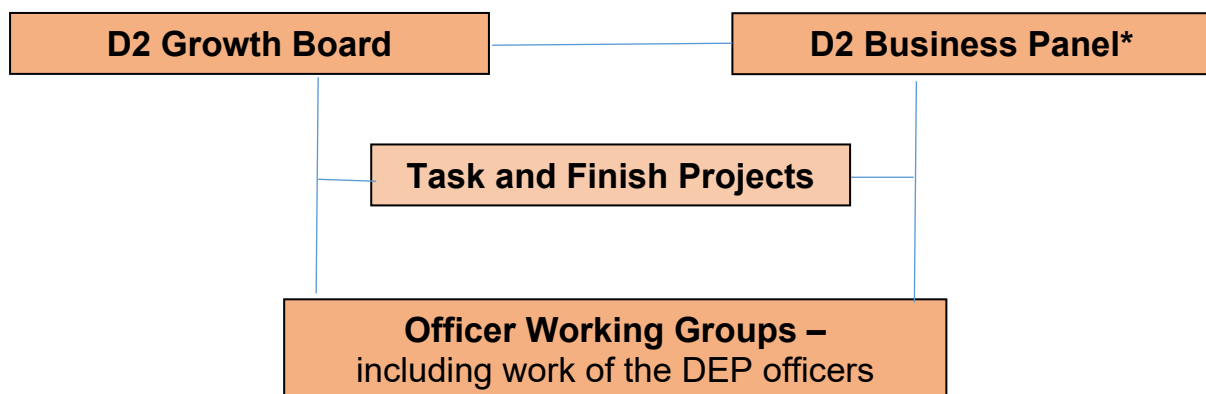
(3) Information and Assessment

Background

- 3.1 Members will be aware that at the last meeting of the D2 Joint Committee on 8 June 2023, it was agreed to create new governance arrangements that were 'capable of providing a strategic steer and making decisions to drive the growth agenda across the D2 geography', ensuring there is clarity of priorities and objectives prior to the East Midlands Combined Authority being formally established.
- 3.2 Having recognised the need to reduce the number of boards and level of duplication within the current arrangements, it was agreed to create two distinct arenas within which issues can be explored, debated and decided: a D2 Growth Board attended by all 10 local authority leaders and a complementary D2 Business Board* attended by a

representatives from key business and education and skills organisations (*name to be determined). It was considered these arrangements reflected those in the emerging East Midlands Combined Authority and provided a strong platform for corralling the 'D2 voice'.

- 3.3 It was also agreed that as part of the new arrangements, the existing Derbyshire Economic Partnership Board would be dis-established, although the work of the funded DEP officers would continue – most notably as part of the supporting officer arrangements. Richard Horsley, has now stood down as Chair of the DEP and his contribution in helping drive the collaborative efforts of all partners to deliver growth and prosperity in Derbyshire is fully acknowledged – and specifically his personal contribution in steering our recovery efforts through the pandemic.
- 3.4 The diagram below sets out the broad shape of the new governance proposals:



- 3.5 Drafting of the terms of reference is subject to on-going discussions with legal and democratic colleagues and a first draft of the proposals will be shared at the meeting by way of presentation. Key areas for consideration and confirmation by the Joint Committee prior to finalising the terms will be:
- Membership and level of representation – it is proposed the new Growth Board be made up of the Leaders of all 10 local authorities
 - Level of formal constitution – it is proposed the new Growth Board be formally constituted similar to the D2 Economic Prosperity Joint Committee – ie to be a meeting in public.
 - Level of decision making and delegation – options are subject to discussion and will be presented
 - Frequency of meetings – it is proposed to meet six times per year
 - Core purpose of the new Growth Board

- Scope of work
- Areas of responsibility and accountability – including interdependencies and relationship with officer working group and new Business Panel
- Budget

3.6 In relation to the complementary D2 Business Panel* key considerations for the Joint Committee will include:

- Confirmation of the name of the panel – bearing in mind the strong feedback from business representatives.
- Membership of the Panel – it is proposed to be made up of a selection of business leaders reflecting the economic sectors of the geography - including business representative organisations, further and higher education providers.
- Confirmation on the inclusion of cabinet portfolio holders from local authorities
- Core purpose and scope of work
- Level of responsibility and accountability
- Frequency of meetings – it is proposed to meet four times per year
- Dependencies and relationship with new Growth Board and officer working group
- Budget and resources

3.7 General terms of reference for the potential task and finish groups will be developed once the main terms have been confirmed, along with those for the officer working group but general principles will be set out in the presentation.

4. Recommendations

4.1 It is recommended that the D2 Joint Committee:

- a) Notes the content of this report and provides feedback on the proposals set out in the draft terms of reference to be presented at the Committee to enable terms to be finalised at the earliest possibility.
- b) To agree the meeting of the Joint Committee planned for September 2023 be confirmed as the first meeting of the new D2 Growth Board.
- c) To formally acknowledge the contribution of Richard Horsley in his role as Chair of the Derbyshire Economic Partnership.