

PUBLIC

MINUTES of a meeting of **VISION DERBYSHIRE JOINT COMMITTEE** held on Thursday, 20 July 2023 at .

PRESENT

Councillor (in the Chair)

Councillors Dawson, Chris Emmas-Williams (Cllr), B Lewis, (Cllr) and Pearson.

Also in attendance was Councillor .

Apologies for absence were submitted for Councillor Barker and (Cllr).

1/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2/23 DEVOLUTION AND EMCCA UPDATE - PRESENTATION

E Alexander introduced the item, providing the Committee with a devolution update. The presentation gave background and further detail to The Levelling-Up and Regeneration Bill.

The next major milestone would be in autumn, when the four councils would need to make a decision on whether to approve a draft statutory instrument, which would form the legal basis for the creation of the East Midlands Combined County Authority.

Work was now underway as part of Phase 2 of the programme to design and develop interim arrangements to ensure that the EMCCA could be fully operational from May 2024 onwards.

3/23 VISION DERBYSHIRE LIGHT TOUCH REVIEW

E Alexander introduced the item, presenting the key findings and recommendations from the Vision Derbyshire Light Touch Review and asked the Committee to approve the partnership's response.

RESOLVED to

- 1) Note the key findings and recommendations of the Vision Derbyshire Light Touch Review; and
- 2) Discuss the key findings and recommendations of the review and support and confirm the collective response.

4/23

VISION DERBYSHIRE UPDATE ON APPROACH

E Alexander introduced the item, providing an update on progress and work undertaken since the last Vision Derbyshire Joint Committee and asked the Committee to consider and agree a series of proposals for taking the approach forward.

RESOLVED to

- 1) Agree that that the current principles and those of the emerging East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA) are refreshed and aligned, to be adopted by all councils at the formation of the new approach in September 2023 and will form a fundamental basis for the revised approach;
- 2) Agree the Vision Derbyshire brand is retired and replaced by the title 'Derbyshire Strategic Leadership';
- 3) Agree the revised thematic delivery programme and appoint new leads with an updated work programme for formal agreement at a future meeting;
- 4) Agree the changes to the programme resource plans and the phased approach to establishing the programme team;
- 5) Agree funding for the programme for the remainder of the 2023/24 period to be met by Derbyshire County Council to the value of £70,161;
- 6) Agree, in principle, funding for the programme for the 2024/25 period to be met by participating Councils through redirecting current Derbyshire Economic Partnership funding and retained business rate pool funding to the value of £357,747;
- 7) Note the key milestones, activities and timeline in the Action Plan 2023/24 to deliver the necessary activities over the rest of the financial year; and
- 8) Agree that progress on the Action Plan 2023/24 be presented at the next Vision Derbyshire Joint Committee by way of update.

5/23

VISION DERBYSHIRE GOVERNANCE REVIEW

E Alexander introduced the item, asking the Vision Derbyshire Joint Committee to note the governance review and agree to formally establish a new single governance framework for Derbyshire Councils, including a new formal decision-making

committee called the Derbyshire Strategic Leadership Board.

RESOLVED to

1) Approve proposals following the review of the Vision Derbyshire Joint Committee to merge appropriate governance structures into a single new framework for Derbyshire Councils, which will include a new formal decision-making committee called the Derbyshire Strategic Leadership Board; and

2) Approve that the development and implementation of the future governance approach are phased as outlined in the report.

6/23

VISION DERBYSHIRE THEMATIC AREAS UPDATES/KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

L Hickin and R Lowe presented the item, providing detail on the Vision Derbyshire Climate Change Strategy (2022-2025) and associated Action Plan endorsed in April 2022 and October 2022 respectively. The first annual review of progress and reporting was underway.

The Climate Change Officer Group met monthly, but no meetings were held between March and June 2023 due to officer availability issues. Two meetings of strategic officers group had been held; representatives from five Councils had attended. As well as one meeting of VCS infrastructure working group.

7/23

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.