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MINUTES of a meeting of **D2 JOINT COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC PROSPERITY** held on Thursday, 20 July 2023 at Derby Silk Mill (Silk Mill Lane, Derby, Derbyshire, DE1 3AF).

PRESENT

Councillor B Lewis (in the Chair)

Councillors C Emmas-Williams, J Dawson, D Flitter, T Gilby, and A McKeown.

Also in attendance was E Alexander, K Allen, K Apps, J Battye, S Birks, E Burrows, H Bowen, J Dilley, J Forkin, S Gladwin, R Gillis, R Hattersley, L Hickin, C Henning, J Jaroszek, Councillor T King, W Morlidge, R North, A Rock, A Stokes, and P Wilson.

Apologies for absence were submitted for Councillors B Shanker, R Pearson and N Barker.

11/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Officer H Bowen declared an interest in item 5: Business Start Up - Vision Derbyshire. H Bowen's relative was currently receiving advice from the scheme for their new business.

12/23 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 08 June 2023 be confirmed as a correct record.

13/23 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Councillor Lewis welcomed new Members and officers to the meeting and gave both Members and officers an opportunity to introduce themselves.

14/23 BUSINESS START UP - VISION DERBYSHIRE

Councillor T Gilby and J Battye introduced the item and played a video, providing the Committee with a brief outline of the Business Start Up.

RESOLVED to

- 1) Note the content of the report and accompanying video and acknowledge the achievements of the business start-up project; and
- 2) Agree to the use of the video as shared, promotional collateral to promote D2 business support activity.

15/23 DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR GROWTH BOARD

K Apps and J Battye introduced the item, providing the Committee with an overview of the draft terms of reference for the proposed new D2 Growth Board and associated D2 Business Board and sought a steer on the level of decision making and delegation considered appropriate.

RESOLVED to

- 1) Note the content of the report and provide feedback on the proposals set out in the draft terms of reference to enable terms to be finalised at the earliest possibility;
- 2) Agree the meeting of the Joint Committee planned for September 2023 be confirmed as the first meeting of the new D2 Growth Board; and
- 3) Formally acknowledge the contribution of Richard Horsley in his role as Chair of the Derbyshire Economic Partnership.

16/23 LVEP: NEW OPPORTUNITIES & ARRANGEMENTS

R Gillis and J Dilley introduced the item, confirming County, City, District and Borough council membership of the new Local Visitor Economy Partnership (LVEP) Board and provided an update on the potential benefits to Derbyshire to help drive growth within visitor economy businesses.

A brief presentation was shared, and Committee members were invited to discuss key priorities for the D2 geography to develop a collaborative Tourism Action Plan and Destination Management Plan.

RESOLVED to

- 1) Note the strong and strategic position of the LVEP leading on visitor economy and destination management for the area;
- 2) Recognise the value of the sector and its contribution economic growth across Derbyshire and Derby;
- 3) Consider that sector support and development of the Visitor Economy be hardwired into the relevant plans for the emerging East Midlands Combined Authority;
- 4) Agree representation from four local authorities to become members of the LVEP Board – ideally 1x Derby City, 2x district and borough and 1x County Council representatives;
- 5) Consider and confirm any additional opportunities for project-based activity from within the current UKSPF programme to support sector

support offer and marketing campaigns; and

6) Request the LVEP forms part of the D2 governance arrangements for supporting economic growth across the D2 geography, particularly in relation to the complementary business advisory.

17/23 NEWS IN BRIEF

C Henning and R North introduced the item, providing the Committee with a roundup of key issues and progress since the last meeting, including East Midlands Combined Authority.

There was no discussion in public on the East Midlands Combined Authority, this was due to the bill still being in the parliamentary stages. It had been expected that the mayoral elections would take place in the Autumn. A lot of work was taking place behind the scenes making the necessary preparations as well as Councillor Lewis working with new Members to bring them up to speed.