

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

D2 JOINT COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

LEARNING FROM TOWN DEALS

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide a summary of the presentation outlining the progress made on the Staveley Town Deal programme, including challenges and good practice to help inform future ways of working.

2.0 Discussion/Decision Required by the Meeting

- 2.1 The Joint Economic Prosperity Committee is requested to discuss the issues, challenges and opportunities covered in the Staveley Town Deal presentation and consider how best to use the learning to inform the effective development of the EMCCA pipeline of projects.**

3.0 Information and Analysis

- 3.1 Members will be aware that the D2 geography has benefitted from a number of Government regeneration grants, including Levelling Up, Town Deals and the Future High Street Fund.
- 3.2 The new East Midlands County Combined Authority (EMCCA) will provide a new delivery and funding context for regeneration projects so it is important to consider where challenges exist and how to maximise the opportunities that may be presented. Often, the preparation of early business cases, the building up of cost estimates and commencement of 'early start' work such as land assembly, contracting and partnership working do present significant challenges for regeneration projects - and specifically for securing acceptance into investment pipelines.
- 3.3. The Committee will receive an update on the progress being made in the Staveley town deal, together with an overview of the issues and challenges ever-present in the delivery of regeneration projects. This overview is intended to draw out good practice and lessons for D2 authorities to take forward in influencing and maximising access to the new EMCCA pipeline which is likely to be developed over the coming months.

3.4 Contributions, advice and experience from other local authority areas will be sought as part of the discussion following the presentation by Chesterfield Borough Council.

4.0 Recommendations:

4.1 That the D2 Joint Economic Prosperity Committee:

- a) Notes the issues, challenges and opportunities covered in the Staveley Town Deal presentation**
- b) Considers how best to use the learning to inform the effective development of the EMCCA pipeline of projects, including embedding discussions/ decisions into the work of the proposed Strategic Leaders' Board as appropriate.**