D2 JOINT COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

Update on D2 Employment and Skills Services

1.0 Purpose

1.1 To provide the Derby and Derbyshire Joint Committee for Economic Prosperity (D2JC) with an update on the current state of progress of the East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA).

2.0 Discussion/Decision Required by the Derbyshire Joint Economic Prosperity Committee (D2JC)

- 2.1 The Joint Committee is requested to:
- a) Consider and discuss the information presented at the meeting and confirm the next steps for engagement of all local authorities.

3.0 Information and Assessment.

- 3.1 The Committee will be aware of the general progress being made in the preparation of the EMCCA. Most notably, by the date of the meeting, all relevant authorities will have considered reports to 'consent to the creation of the East Midlands Combined County Authority'.
- 3.2 The Committee will also be aware that potential representative local authorities were identified (exempt item, meeting of September 2023 refers) to participate in wider EMCCA governance structures should the proposals go ahead.
- 3.3 The agenda for the Joint Committee meeting on 14 December has focused on updates around key projects and programmes within the D2 geography that are currently adding value in helping to address economic and wellbeing challenges.
- 3.4 If the EMCCA goes ahead as planned, there will be opportunity for these projects and programmes to become part of the authority's investment pipeline.
- 3.5 The Committee will receive a verbal update on current state of play and the next steps at the meeting.

4.0 **Recommendations**

4.1 That the D2 Joint Committee:

- a) Notes the content of this covering report and that a verbal update will be provided at the Committee meeting.
- b) That Committee members undertake a discussion regarding next steps and work needed to influence the continued development of the proposed EMCCA arrangements as appropriate.