

MINUTES of a meeting of the **D2 JOINT COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC PROSPERITY** held on 4 June 2019 at The Double Tree Hotel, Nottingham

PRESENT

Councillor B Lewis

<u>Amber Valley Borough Council</u>	<u>Derbyshire Dales District Council</u>
Councillor C Emmas - Williams	Not represented
<u>Bolsover District Council</u>	<u>Erewash Borough Council</u>
Not represented	Councillor C Hart
<u>Chesterfield Borough Council</u>	<u>High Peak Borough Council</u>
Councillor P Gilby	Councillor A McKeown
<u>Derby City Council</u>	<u>North East Derbyshire District Council</u>
Councillor C Poulter	Councillor M Thacker
<u>Derbyshire County Council</u>	<u>South Derbyshire District Council</u>
Councillor B Lewis	Councillor M Ford

Also in Attendance –

Amber Valley Borough Council – J Townsend.
 Bolsover District Council/North East Derbyshire District Council – D Swaine.
 Chesterfield Borough Council – H Bowen.
 Derbyshire County Council – M Ashworth, J Battye and D Arnold
 Derbyshire Dales District Council – P Wilson.
 Derby City Council – G Jennings.
 Erewash Borough Council – J Jaroszek
 High Peak Borough Council – S Baker
 South Derbyshire District Council – F McArdle

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of C Mills (Derby City Council), Garry Purdy (Derbyshire Dales District Council) and Richard Horsley (DEP)

14/19 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** There were no declarations of interest.

15/19 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 21 February 2018 be confirmed as a correct record.

16/19 **MIDLANDS CONNECT & TRANSPORT FOR THE EAST MIDLANDS** Given that there were a number of new members on the Committee, Mike Ashworth provided a brief overview followed by a presentation giving an update on the current position regarding Midlands Engine, Midlands Connect and Transport for the East Midlands, which included updates on current activities and the impact they would have for local authorities.

It was noted that the original intention was for Midlands Connect to be a sub national Transport Body but no progress had been made with Government, for a number of reasons. It was felt that Midlands Connect still needed to ensure Government understood there was a strong, coherent case for large scale investment around the East and West Midlands.

Particular reference was made to the East Midlands Rail Franchise and the Aviation 2050 projects and the vision for both projects.

Members noted there was a proposal for two officers to be employed by East Midlands Councils and part funded by the upper tier authorities who would have regular direct contact with the DFT officials. This was seen as being very beneficial and would hopefully increase the area's influence.

Further details were given of the Midlands Connect Governance – Proposed Charter and the Technical programmes including the National Road Fund priorities.

In relation to the identification of “Large Local Majors” across the region, these were projects likely to be in excess of £50 million where outline work could have been undertaken by June 2019. It was confirmed that schemes across Derbyshire needed to be analysed in a more measured way to confirm they would deliver growth and a local ambition that would be deliverable before 2025. It was acknowledged this was a very short timescale for this type of project and the only scheme submitted by Derbyshire had been the Chesterfield – Staveley Regeneration Route as there were no other candidates close enough for readiness for the 2020-25 period).

The Chairman emphasised the need for the boroughs and districts to be joined up in their thinking about what was required in terms of major transport projects. This was supported by the Committee. It was agreed that officers would develop a proposal in relation to suitable projects as part of the “Large Local Majors” and this would be presented to a future meeting for discussion.

Members were given the opportunity to ask questions and also raised a number of areas of concern which were duly noted and would be included in relevant discussions going forward.

RESOLVED to note the update report

17/19 UPDATE ON HS2 Joe Battye provided an update on HS2. A copy of the Agenda for the forthcoming HS2 Executive Board was circulated, at which updates would be provided on the four Delivery Boards.

The HS2 Mitigation Board had recently met and a good discussion had taken place. Sharpe Pritchards, Parliamentary Agent, had attended and provided good advice on how to galvanise thinking in the preparation for petitioning.

In terms of the Working Draft Environmental Statement, EM authorities through the Mitigation Board had submitted responses and HS2 had confirmed these were high quality submissions, though the headline feedback was limited to what the Board knew already and to date, very little had been mitigated.

The HS2 Executive Board had recognised the need for funding of the whole of the growth strategy and acknowledged the requirement for the mitigation board to be provided with additional funding. To this end, £180,000 had now been secured to help gather further evidence, with upper tier authorities also committing to a further £50k in funding.

Members were given the opportunity to make comments and ask questions. A number of issues and areas of concern were raised which were duly noted and would be included in relevant discussions going forward.

The Chairman confirmed there had been substantial debate particularly around the eastern stretch of HS2. Whilst recognising the difficulty for Local Authorities in responding, he emphasised the need for everyone to reiterate the case in support for HS2 in terms of the jobs/opportunities it could provide whilst balancing this against the mitigation, and that a critical part of the process was the meetings of this committee. A development company had been established by East Midlands Engine, which would help to ensure that benefits were maximised and it was seen as being very important that the D2 Board had a direct influence in the Development Company.

RESOLVED to note the update report and that further discussion take place at the next meeting.

18/19 LEP BOARD REPRESENTATION Members had received a copy of the new Governance arrangements /structure chart and the Terms of Reference for the Advisory Boards. The chart showed how the External Advisory Boards, Officer Working Groups and D2N2 Advisory Boards fed into the D2N2 decision making boards

The Chairman confirmed that both member and officer appointments to the various Boards had now been agreed and it was felt that there was a good healthy spread across the district and boroughs.

It was agreed that the Place Board presentation be deferred to a future meeting.

RESOLVED (1) to note the new Governance arrangements and appointments to the various Boards; and

(2) that the Place Board presentation be deferred to a future meeting.

19/19 CHESTERFIELD STATION MASTERPLAN Huw Bowen gave a presentation on the HS2 Master plan – Chesterfield train station.

Details were given in relation to the Growth Strategy in terms of jobs, inward investment, new business start-ups, homes, place making and the visitor economy and the substantial growth potential.

Whitham Cox Architects had put the HS2 Masterplan together and details of the Vision Document were shared which showed each of the 7 objectives contained within it.

Cushman & Wakefield had produced an Investment Strategy for the Masterplan which contained 7 challenges:-

- Developing an effective planning policy framework for our growth areas.
- Making sure HS2 Phase 2b happens and securing extra services, eg HS2 train stops per hour
- Infrastructure is delivered ahead of the main HS2 proposition (c.£30m)
- Practical delivery of economic outputs and outcomes.
- How to generate non spatial benefits eg tourism, heritage, skills, schools engagement
- Also: Staveley HS2 Infrastructure maintenance depot (reliant on Large Local Majors highways funding bid)

Members were given the opportunity to make comments and ask questions. A number comments were made which were duly noted.

RESOLVED to note the update report.

20/19 BUSINESS RATE RETENTION PROGRAMME UPDATE J Battye advised that a copy of the report had been circulated in advance of the meeting and members were asked to note the progress.

RESOLVED to note the progress and that further update reports be submitted at future meetings.

21/19 PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP A STRATEGIC PLANNING FRAMEWORK FOR DERBYSHIRE D Arnold, Head of Planning, DCC, attended the meeting and provided members with the background to the Government's new approach to strategic planning and the priority it attached to this activity.

It also set out a proposal for joint working across all Derbyshire authorities to prepare a non-statutory Strategic Planning Framework for the county in

response to this new approach. Support and endorsement from the D2 Joint Committee was sought to commence collaborative preparation of the proposed Framework. It should be noted that a report on the Strategic Planning Framework was presented to a meeting of the Derbyshire Chief Executives Group on 17 May 2019, at which the Group endorsed the presentation of a report to the D2 Joint Committee for consideration and endorsement.

The Joint Committee was therefore asked to consider the proposals set out in the report, particularly the direction of travel being set by Government to undertaking joint strategic planning work and addressing the short comings in the current 'Duty to Cooperate'.

In terms of Governance, discussions with the NSPN and CCN for advice on the preparation of the Strategic Planning Framework had clearly highlighted that, based on other examples around the country, the key to successful delivery has been the establishment of clearly defined governance arrangements at an early stage.

It was considered the D2 Joint Committee would be an appropriate body to provide strategic oversight and leadership of the work, and in particular, sign off responsibilities for key stages in preparation of the Framework. Officer task and finish groups would be established as appropriate to ensure delivery of the more day-to-day activity in development of the Framework.

Should the Joint Committee accept the recommendation in the report, Terms of Reference would be developed and circulated for agreement by the Committee.

Members were invited to make comments and ask questions which were duly noted or answered.

RESOLVED to approve (1) the commencement of work to develop a non-statutory Strategic Planning Framework for Derbyshire;

(2) discussion between Derby City and Derbyshire County Council to explore the potential for the Framework to be prepared jointly for the whole D2 area (i.e. Derbyshire, Derby City, all the Derbyshire districts and the Peak District National Park Authority);

(3) the development of an expression of interest for submission to the Government's Planning Delivery Fund to support preparation of the Strategic Planning Framework;

(4) the preparation of a detailed project plan (including governance, timescales, evidence, process and consultation arrangements) for the Framework – to be subject to further discussion and endorsement by the D2 Joint Committee; and

(5) The D2 Joint Committee providing the strategic oversight and governance for the development and delivery of the Strategic Planning Framework.

22/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING To be confirmed

23/19 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC RESOLVED that the public, including the press, be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the remaining item on the agenda to avoid the disclosure of the kind of exempt information detailed in the following summary of proceedings:-

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED AFTER THE PUBLIC, INCLUDING THE PRESS, WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING

1. To confirm the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 21 February 2019 (contains exempt information)

24/19 EXEMPT MINUTES RESOLVED that the exempt minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 21 February be confirmed as a correct record.