

Introduction to the role of Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs), local economics and links to wellbeing

Purpose

- 1.1 To provide an overview of the role of D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) as the principle economic development body for Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire
- 1.2 To provide a summary of the economic landscape, opportunities and challenges across D2N2 area, including health and wellbeing-related elements
- 1.3 To initiate discussion on practical opportunities for drawing together the health and economic agendas for wider public benefit.

Recommendations

- 2.1 To note the economic data shared in the presentation by D2N2 and consider the impact of this on JSNA and future health and care investment plans in Derby.
- 2.2 To identify opportunities for future joint working and a mechanism for future relationships between the LEP and Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs) in D2N2

Summary

- 3.1 D2N2 is the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) for Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.

There are 38 LEPs in England. They play a central role in deciding local economic priorities, and undertaking activities to drive economic growth and create local jobs. D2N2 is one of the largest LEPs in England, covering an area with a population of more than two million people and with an economic output of over £42.9 billion GVA (Gross Value Added) (ONS report, February 2016). The LEP's Chief Executive is Sajeeda Rose and its Chair Elizabeth Fagan.

The LEP is led and governed by a private sector-led Board; which is made up of high profile and respected leaders from the D2N2 area's businesses, local authorities, skills and training providers, community and voluntary services organisations, and other sectors.

Our vision is that, by 2030, D2N2 will have a transformed high-value economy, prosperous, healthy and inclusive, and one of the most productive in Europe. We will be the spark in the engine that powers UK growth.

- 3.2 D2N2 economic strategy builds on the strong track record of D2N2 businesses in creating new jobs and contributing to strong economic growth. It also recognises the challenges in the D2N2 economy. In particular the need to tackle the productivity challenge. We produce too little output for the number of hours we work, we have too many people in lower paid jobs and not enough people in higher paid occupations.

There is a significant variation in the socio-economic conditions experienced by communities across our area. Industry, the way we work and our high streets are changing through digitalisation, our society is ageing and there is a growing gap between the skills needed by our employers and the skills of our population which must be addressed if productivity and social mobility is to be improved.

Whilst we must adapt to economic, social and technological changes and trends, including raising our skill levels to respond to the demands of the future economy, we have opportunities and strengths that we can build on, including the potentially transformative impact of High Speed Rail in D2N2.

- 3.3 The LEP recognised the importance of good health and wellbeing in the population to maintaining a strong economy and also of the role that the health and social care sector plays as a large and growing local employer and driver of skills. D2N2 wishes to explore avenues for improving the relationship with Health & Wellbeing Board through, for example:

- Options for regular contact and/or information sharing e.g. via LEP or Health and Wellbeing Board governance, shared networks or other existing communication routes;
- Utilising the capacity generated through Stakeholder Managers within Building Better Opportunities programme (3 x European Social Fund programmes operating across D2N2 area focussing on supporting those furthest from the labour market to address barriers and move towards work). For more information visit the [D2N2 Technical Assistance website](#);
- Shared or joint strategy, joint commissioning or programme alignment
- In Derby – building on the work of the Derby Opportunity Area (local investment to tackle poor social mobility in Derby), particularly to benefit outcomes for young people.

Supporting information

- 4.1 Please see presentation (attached) to be delivered to the Derby Health & Wellbeing Board.

Public/stakeholder engagement

5.1 The data presented in support of this paper forms the evidence base for the D2N2 Strategic Economic Plan. This plan has recently been subject to full stakeholder engagement and consultation and is currently being revised and amended to reflect feedback. The draft SEP can be viewed at:
<http://www.d2n2lep.org/write/FINAL - CONSULTATION draft D2N2 SEP.pdf>

Financial and value for money issues

7.1 There is a strong and growing evidence base that shows that there is a clear relationship between good work and good health. Good health reduces pressure on health and care services and participation in good work reduces pressure on employment, welfare and crisis / advice services and actively generates public income through regular income tax and NI contributions.

Legal implications

8.1 n/a

Other significant implications

9.1 n/a

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