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## D2N2 Social Inclusion & Equalities Advisory Group Meeting

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018, 10.30am – 12.30pm

Erewash CVS, Granville Avenue, Long Eaton, NG10 4HD

### Attendees

Jane Howson (Chair)	Autism East Midlands
Rachel Quinn	D2N2 LEP
Richard Kirkland	D2N2 LEP
Laurie Moran	One East Midlands
Andria Birch	One East Midlands
Helen Kearsley-Cree	RCAN
Bev Parker	Rural Action Derbyshire
Lisa Capell	The Prince's Trust
Colin Bradley	Groundwork Greater Nottingham
Becky Cameron	Nottingham CVS
Maria Ward	Nottinghamshire County Council
Ian Newton	Enable
Ian Bond	Inspire
Sabina Talib	Derby City Council
Sarah Bull	Nottingham City Council
Rosie Morton	Derbyshire County Council
David Kelly	Nottingham City Council
Andy Marsh	Derbyshire County Council
Sandra Casey (minutes)	One East Midlands
Lisa Barton	Growth Hub

### Apologies

Hilary Porter	Nottinghamshire County Council
Jules Sebelin	Nottingham CVS
Nicki Jenkins	Nottingham City Council
Gillian Sewell	YMCA Derbyshire

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Welcome / introductions / declarations of interest</b>	
1.1	There were no new declarations of interest.	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>D2N2 Board and ESIF committee – feedback</b>	
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the D2N2 Board is recruiting a permanent Chief Executive with interviews taking place w/c 25/6/18; Jane has been involved in the selection panel but unable to attend the interview date</li> <li>Peter Richardson is stepping down as Chair of the D2N2 Board in July</li> <li>the Strategic Economic Plan is being refreshed with consultant David Wallace leading the process; the Board will agree a vision</li> </ul>	



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	<p>for the SEP at the next Board meeting, to include inclusive growth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the Board have been debating the ESIF programme and uncertainty of future programmes</li> <li>there is concern about the impact of the Metro deal on the SEP, lack of clarity over timeframe for SEP review and some resistance to inclusive growth within the Board</li> </ul>	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>D2N2 Growth Hub presentation by Lisa Barton</b>	
3.1	- see copy of presentation	
3.2	<p>Q&amp;A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Growth Hub has not previously monitored statistics about job creation but has done so since April 2018; stats will be published in August</li> <li>Growth Hub is now working with the health and wellbeing sector with an event taken place in May and future events planned to support businesses to manage employees on long term sick leave – Rachel said D2N2 are supportive of this move and are seeking ways to escalate this type of provision as a result of demand.</li> <li>no figures have been collected on whether a business is a not-for-profit organisation but advisors have suggested that 10% are VCSE organisations; targeted marketing may be required to promote the services of the Growth Hub to VCSE organisations; suggestion of a VCSE business advisor</li> <li>the BBO stakeholder managers will link with Growth Hub to see how they can work together</li> <li>other links mentioned include Midlands Mobility, universal credit/welfare reform, rural Leader programme, Midlands Engine mental health partnership, Public Health England; Sustainability and Transformation Partnership</li> </ul>	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>D2N2 Inclusion Strategy - progress review and input</b>	
4.1	- see proposal previously circulated	
4.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the proposal has been written following the workshop at the previous SIEAG meeting in February</li> <li>the overarching strategy should focus on the operating principles needed at a local level and then underpinned by an action plan to support the strategy</li> <li>One East Midlands has been consulting on an East Midlands-wide inclusion framework (EMIF) and this will be used as a reference tool for the D2N2 inclusion framework; the EMIF will include principles about commissioning</li> <li>no timeframe has been given to influence the strategy but consultation is likely to take place in the autumn</li> <li>the draft D2N2 inclusion framework will be presented to the D2N2 Board in mid July and in order for the EMIF to influence the D2N2 inclusion framework, a draft will need to be available by the end of June</li> </ul>	<p>ALL - comments on the D2N2 Inclusion Framework proposal to RQ by 29/6/18</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>any comments on the D2N2 inclusion framework proposal from the SIEAG group to Rachel by June 29th</li> </ul>	
<b>5.0</b>	<b>D2N2 update</b>	
<b>5.1.1</b>	<b>1.4 and Health &amp; Wellbeing open calls</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>amendments to the 1.4 and HWB open calls have been made following feedback from SIEAG members in February and have been approved by the D2N2 Board</li> <li>the LEP is responsible for delivery outputs and results but has very limited influence on procurement decisions or outputs/programme change requests agreed. RQ and RK are trying to map current commitment position, in conjunction with opt-ins and managing authorities for ESF and ERDF</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION: RQ/RK/DK to report on current ESF programme at the September meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>concern that match funding may be identified but due to long delays in the funding process, match funding gets re-allocated and no longer available when projects are approved</li> <li>there are 4 strands to the HWB open call - growth of the health and social care workforce; supporting individuals at risk of falling out of work due to health conditions; progression on the Inspire Local programme; promoting more inclusive HR and recruitment practices</li> <li>colleagues expressed concern that the Inspire Local progression programme will impact on the BBO programme as the beneficiaries are similar; and that health support isn't included for some beneficiaries on the current Inspire Local programme</li> <li>open calls could have a one stage application process and will be reviewed by the D2N2 Strategic Review Group in the autumn</li> </ul>	RQ/RK/DK report to September meeting
<b>5.2</b>	<b>Letter to DWP</b>	
5.2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a letter was written to Dr Catherine Blair, Head of the European Social Fund Division at DWP on behalf of SIEAG and the D2N2 ESIF committee - see letter dated 17/4/18 as previously circulated</li> <li>the letter raises the issue of the DWP decision on defrayal of expenditure</li> <li>in response DWP have advised that they will be reviewing the decision and have re-issued the Community Programme open call</li> <li>a Technical Assistance workshop on the revised Community Programme will take place at Erewash CVS on Thursday 5th July and it is hoped that clarification on the defrayal decision will be provided at the workshop</li> <li>there is potential that local authorities may support applicants by</li> </ul>	



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	cash flowing projects (but unlikely to provide match)	
<b>5.3</b>	<b>Other active / planned calls</b>	
5.3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>meetings have taken place with ESFA regarding the potential of a 2019 opt in (2<sup>nd</sup> half of the ESF programme)</li> <li>the D2N2 ESIF committee have approved an uplift to current projects to the end of March 2019 to enable continuation</li> <li>further discussions on recommendations will take place at the ESIF committee meeting 16/7/18</li> <li>the Big Lottery is expecting funding cuts for the next phase of Building Better Opportunities, with decisions on the next phase being made in September and submitted for approval to the England committee; decisions are expected to be announced by the end of the year</li> <li>a request was made that future call specifications and strategic overviews should reflect current needs</li> </ul>	
<b>5.4</b>	<b>Staffing update</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Richard Kirkland is providing backfill for Matt Wheatley who is currently interim Chief Executive at D2N2 and also for Katrina Woodward who previously was skills commissioning lead for D2N2</li> <li>Rachel's role has also been expanded to include careers, skills and employment, since Katrina left the organisation</li> </ul>	
<b>6.0</b>	<b>BBO stakeholder managers - focus of work</b>	
	<p>Sabina Talib (Derby) - working with the newly elected councillors; researching the impact of universal credit; welfare reform; connecting the social inclusion strategy</p> <p>Rosie Morton (Derbyshire) - PHE locality plans; social inclusion in Chesterfield and links to BBO; welfare reform teams in Derbyshire and benefit advisors; rural transport steering group may be set up; disability and employment strategy; local BBO work plans with focus on women, carers and ex-forces</p> <p>Maria Ward (Nottinghamshire) - similar work to other BBO SMs but also Make Every Contact Count; Travel Choice project; attended BBO learning event in Leicester and reported that there is better engagement in D2N2 than other LEP areas</p> <p>Sarah Bull (Nottingham) - working with new local authority portfolio holders and DWP partnership manager; Towards Work disability advisors; financial inclusion resilience and transformation steering group; Police and Crime Commissioner (women and girls in the justice system); NOMS</p>	
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Minutes of the February meeting</b>	
7.1	The minutes of the February meeting were approved.	
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Matters arising from the February meeting</b>	
8.1	All matters arising have been on the agenda	



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<b>9.0</b>	<b>Any other business</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• there was a request for the rough sleepers strategy to be discussed at the next SIEAG meeting</li><li>• extending SIEAG membership - process to be discussed at the next SIEAG meeting</li></ul>	Agenda items for September meeting
<b>10.0</b>	<b>Date of next meetings:</b> Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> September, 2.00pm to 4.00pm Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December, 10.30 to 12.30pm  Erewash Voluntary Action, Granville Avenue, Long Eaton NG10 4HD	

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