



D2N2 Social Inclusion & Equalities Advisory Group Meeting

Wednesday 28th February 2018, 2.00pm – 4.00pm

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

Attendees

Rachel Quinn	D2N2 LEP
Richard Kirkland	D2N2 LEP
Helen Kearsley-Cree	Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire
Laurie Moran	One East Midlands
Andrew Redfern	Framework
Lisa Capell	The Prince's Trust
Michael Henry	Communities Inc
Maria Ward	Nottinghamshire County Council
Teresa Cullen	Enable
Jill Jefferies	Nottingham/Notts Refugee Forum
Hilary Porter	Nottinghamshire County Council
Sabina Talib	Derby City Council
Sarah Bull	Nottingham City Council
David Kelly	Nottingham City Council
Sandra Casey (minutes)	One East Midlands
Jo Bradley	Facilitator

Apologies

Jane Howson (Chair)	Autism East Midlands
Kim Harper	Community Action Derby
Andria Birch	One East Midlands
Colin Bradley	Groundwork Greater Nottingham
Jules Sebelin	Nottingham CVS
Bev Parker	Rural Action Derbyshire
Rosie Morton	Derbyshire County Council
Nicki Jenkins	Nottingham City Council
Frank Horsley/Andy Marsh	Derbyshire County Council
Katrina Woodward	D2N2 LEP
Debbie Webster	St Ann's Advice
Gillian Sewell	YMCA Derbyshire
Bettina Lange	Sustrans TEM

1.0	Welcome / introductions / declarations of interest	
1.1	Sudden snow disrupted attendance leading to a number of apologies. Rachel welcomed those able to attend the meeting in the absence of Jane Howson. There were no new declarations of interest.	
2.0	D2N2 Board and ESIF committee – key points of meeting	
2.1	• Rachel updated the group in relation to changes in the Staffing	



	<p>and Board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Ralph, Executive Director left D2N2 at the end of December 2017. Matthew Wheatley has been appointed Interim CEO for 6 months and Sajeeda Rose is Interim DCEO for the same period. Recruitment for a permanent post-holder will begin imminently. • A governance review is also currently taking place which will see a number of changes to the Board, including the appointment of a new Chair. • The Board is currently focussed on delivering the revised Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) and preparing for production of a draft Industrial Strategy for D2N2. Jane continues to build closer relationships with a number of Board members; in particular private sector representatives. • The next meeting is 19th March 	
3.0	D2N2 programme update	
3.1	1.4 and Health & Wellbeing open calls	
3.1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Social Inclusion (ESF Priority 1.4) open call and the Health & Wellbeing Open call are ready to present to ESIF Officers Group in advance of submission to full ESIF sub-committee. However, a recent notification from DWP indicates that open calls in England will not open before May 2018. This first wave of calls will be focussed on LEP areas with under-commitment of ESF spending. As such D2N2 will not be eligible for this first call. As a result the LEP does not expect to be able to release these open calls before July 2018 	
3.1.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.4 Community Programme open calls – only one organisation has advised that they will be progressing to Stage 2 with their application. The other applications have been withdrawn due to concern over decisions on the interpretation of ‘defrayal’ by the DWP. i.e. that the point of defrayal will be when funding has left grant recipient’s bank account rather than when the grant has been paid. • for the last ESF 3 Programmes, the point of defrayal has been when the funding has left the lead organisation’s bank account. • the decision about the point of defrayal has been made by DWP, not the EU Commission as no changes have been made to the regulations governing this type of activity • SIEAG members agreed that a letter to protest this decision is sent to the D2N2 ESIF committee to take this up with DWP, with a copy being sent to DWP and local Conservative MPs • there is currently only one ESF Community Grants Programme in England, being run by Solent Community Foundation. It has been running successfully for a year. Rachel to research funding model and feedback at the next meeting • it was also agreed that an alternative model for investing the funding available for the Community Programme should be 	<p>RQ/LM/SB</p> <p>RQ</p> <p>RQ</p>



	investigated	
3.2	Other active / planned calls	
3.2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ESFA has issued notification of the potential for extensions in time and/or value of existing ESFA co-financed projects. This includes Skills Local, Employ Local and Careers Local. Discussions are currently ongoing with ESIF committee by written procedures as to how this might be taken up and how it might coordinated with recent plans for open call projects using remaining ESF funds from the same investment priorities. Ichard Kirkland is leading 	
4.0	Planning workshop – inclusive growth	
4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jo Bradley facilitated a planning workshop to ensure ‘inclusion’ is embedded in all D2N2 LEP activity please see separate draft report the D2N2 Strategic Economic Plan is being refreshed but has been delayed pending further information on the future requirements of the local Industrial Strategy – as these two documents will need to be interlinked. a draft SEP is anticipated by the end of April / early May for comment by local stakeholders following consultation, the draft SEP will be presented to the D2N2 Board in May 	
5.0	BBO Stakeholder Managers - feedback	
5.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maria Ward (Notts) – working with district councils on employability and skills plans to see how they fit with other skills/employability activity in the area and the county council plan. Charing the BBO Towards Work equalities group, will look to extend to include the other two BBO programmes. Carrying out mapping exercise of employability and skills services in D2N2 and will make information available via online public portals – ‘Ask Lion’ and ‘Notts Help Yourself’. Developing a new work zone on Notts Help Yourself which will be a one stop shop for all employment and skills activity in Nottinghamshire. Working on early intervention – Work & Health, including planning a local event in each district. Working with Directors of Children’s Services with the aim to run a D2N2 wide awareness event around care leavers, employment and skills – this is being led by Rosie Morton – SM for Derbyshire Sarah Bull (Nottm) - meeting with Employability and Skills forums across Nottingham City and meeting Councillors to promote BBO. Joined a Loneliness Steering Group and linking this to employment support/mental health agendas. Part of a Social Prescribing steering group and linking Towards Work and Money Sorted to activities. Working with crime reduction partnerships e.g. Nottingham Together and planning a Nottingham City partnership event. Sabina Talib (Derby) – bringing together LA departments, 	



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	VCSE organisations and BBO strands at an information sharing event 19/3/18; supporting dialogue between BBO and DWP to support UC rollout; working on health and work agenda with Better Working Future programme, CCG's, Public Health and DCC Livewell; investigating financial and social inclusion options in Derby (currently no strategy).	
6.0	Minutes of the December meeting	
6.1	The minutes of the December meeting were approved.	
7.0	Matters arising from the December meeting	
7.1	Actions and updates to be reported at the June meeting	
8.0	Any other business	
	<p>One East Midlands is developing an East Midlands Inclusion Framework (EMIF) and is inviting tenders to carry out the work. Deadline for submission is 5pm Friday 16th March 2018 and the tender details can be found by following this link: http://www.oneeastmidlands.org.uk/ITT_East_Midlands_Inclusion_Framework</p> <p>There will be a consultation on the EMIF, taking place on Tuesday 27th March, 2.00-4.00pm, in Nottingham. Members of SIEAG are invited to attend.</p>	
9.0	<p>Date of next meetings: Wednesday 13th June, 10.30am to 12.30pm Thursday 6th September, 2.00pm to 4.00pm Wednesday 5th December, 10.30 to 12.30pm</p> <p>Erewash Voluntary Action, Granville Avenue, Long Eaton NG10 4HD</p>	