D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership Place Advisory Board

Date: Tuesday 25 February 2020, 10:00-12:00
Venue: Central Technology Ltd, Quantum Point, Sheepbridge Works, Sheepbridge Lane, Chesterfield, S41 9RX

MINUTES OF MEETING

Attendees

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This project is part-funded by the European Structural and Investment Funds Growth Programme 2014-2020 in England.
1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Central Technology Ltd – Host Introduction and Welcome

Ian Snow, Managing Director, welcomed everyone to Central Technology’s offices. He explained the business had been established in 2002 and outlined the mission of the business. He gave examples of what the business had achieved for two of its businesses.

Central Technology Ltd had been awarded Employer of the Year 2019 at the Sheffield Business Awards.

3. Emerging Place priorities

The Chair advised that his goal was to ensure that everyone remained engaged at the Place Board meetings and that they were used to disseminate useful information to a wider group. In order to maximise the time of the meeting and ensure we remained focused on outcomes, a number of working groups will feed back to the main Place board co-ordinated by the Executive Team.

In this context, the Chair affirmed that he was committed to progressing a small number of transformational priorities for the region identified by the Place Board. These would be new, large scale and transformational schemes (over and above business as usual) that could bring about significant change across the region in the context of the ambitions within the emerging Local Industrial Strategy.

A list of ten major priority schemes for the area had been drawn up as a result of consultations with the four Place Directors of the Upper Tier Authorities, the Chair and Sajeeda. These ten schemes were represented on a map that was shared at the meeting.

The purpose of identifying these schemes was to ensure that we developed a pipeline of ambitious investment propositions for the region, ready to pitch for funds from central government when the opportunity arose and in particular for the CSR.

Each project is a priority in its own right and has its own merits, and is at different stages of development. Further work was required in order to develop out the full details for each scheme – some elements within each project were more ready to be delivered than others.
The process moving forward was to consult on each of the propositions which would be led by the relevant local authority lead, which would include engagement with politicians, the private sector, and the wider public sector. The message to be communicated was that these were not replacing existing projects but were new and aspirational projects that could support the ambitions of the region.

In response to the question the Chair advised that these aspirational projects were not yet fixed but that he would like them to be fixed very soon. He did not envisage the list becoming much longer nor could he see any contenders dropping out of the process.

In response to concerns regarding the apparent lack of green projects the meeting was advised that these projects were aligned to the narrative in the LIS where the environment was at the heart of, and an important element of the LIS.

Each upper tier local authority partner had been asked to produce a detailed proposition and the Environment Agency was assured that it could link into the discussions directly with the relevant local authority to ensure that environmental impacts were fully factored.

Details of each project and the revised map would be brought back to the Place Board with a milestones track against each of the schemes to maintain focus and track progress.

4. Midlands Connect – Regional Strategy and Emerging Priorities

Simon Statham, from Midlands Connect provided a presentation to the group.

There was an overview of nine projects and the corridors had evolved from the strategy development carried out in 2017. However, this was being refreshed to reflect changes in needs and priorities, such as environment, quality of life, right homes, right jobs, and people focused.

The corridors that had been identified were then drilled down to determine what was needed for them to be transformative and to take growth further. This piece of work had looked at the geography with regard to homes, sustainability, local transport, business needs, skills and access to jobs.

Rail Programmes were also highlighted and these covered
- Nottingham-Lincoln – might be possible to get trains to run faster in the interim until HS2
- Nottingham-Derby-Stoke-Crewe

Future of Rural Mobility – working with University of Lincoln

Currently there were six topic papers being developed that covered
- Environment
- People
- Economy
- moving in the midlands
- strategic rail
- strategic highways
This work was being undertaken to determine performance to date against the updated objectives.

**Action: MV to circulate the presentation**

5. **Transport for East Midlands – East Midlands Priorities**

Andrew Pritchard spoke to his presentation, which was mainly around

- An overview of HS2 current transport proposals
- Connectivity study phases 1, 2A, and 2B
- The overall strategy impacts

Transport for East Midlands (TfEM) and Midlands Connect work collaboratively with the objective of working towards joint outcomes, which were identified as:

- Making the most of HS2
- Midland main line fit for the 21st century
- Improving access to East Midlands Airport
- A46 growth corridor
- A5 growth corridor
- East-West rail connectivity

These were detailed during the meeting.

The study into the economic benefits of HS2 had been undertaken and was now in the final recommendations stage. The report was due to be published formally in March.

**Signing off and finalising SOBC**

**ACTION: MV to circulate the presentation**

6. **Emerging Local Infrastructure Priorities**

Sajeeda Rose spoke to her presentation which was around D2N2 infrastructure priorities.

The meeting was advised that the LEP acted to bring the different authorities together to form a working group and that its initial focus was to improve D2N2 wide coordination on sustainable transport, EV infrastructure and freight across transport authorities.

The initial results of this working group were discussed, and further updates will be provided at a future meeting.

7. **Stronger Towns Fund – Emerging Priorities and Alignment with LIS**

Ruth Hyde, Hayley Barsby and Tom Goshawk spoke to the presentation.
The meeting was advised that the Government had invited 101 places to develop proposals for investment funding for the Towns Deal.

The definition of a town had changed and was now a wider geographical area which usually included a town centre. Boundary changes could be negotiated with the Government to reflect this change.

A Board needed to be convened to develop the submission, have met by 31 January 2020, and submitted by Summer 2020.

The towns with funding in D2N2 were identified as:

- Clay Cross
- Kirkby and Sutton in Ashfield
- Long Eaton
- Mansfield
- Newark
- Stapleford
- Staveley

The meeting was advised of each of the town’s proposals to date with three common themes and opportunities being identified for future discussion and sharing of best practice:

- Town Centre regeneration and local transport links
- Links to strategic transport priorities
- Cultural/heritage and visitor economy offers

A Board needed to be convened to develop the submission to the Government, but the membership of the Board was defined by the Government.

The Investment Plan had to be evidence based and demonstrate stakeholder involvement. It should also complement any existing strategies and align with the LIS. The Plan should also reflect the Government’s clean growth objectives.

The intention is to ensure that the Board is involved and LIS taken into account when formulating the Investment Plans

Chair commented on the D2N2’s role in sharing best practice, and agreed that a future update will be brought back to the board as the work progressed.

8. Trent Valley Vision

Gary Ellis spoke to the presentation.

The meeting was advised that the overarching aim was to create a coordinated scenario with regard to the Trent Valley. At present there was no coordination with regard to development, extraction, restoration of sites and protection of existing landscape.

The coordinated approach would address
- Recreational opportunities
- Housing
- New waterways providing economic opportunities
- Better wildlife management

The vision would only work if all elements worked together.

The meeting was advised that support was being sought from D2N2 to promote the Trent Valley Vision. This could be the region’s big environmental initiative. This was supported by Government Policy and worked to its 25 year plan

9. **Dates of Future Meetings**

Noted