

## D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership Business and Growth Advisory Board

**Date:** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019, 10.00am to 12.00pm

**Venue:** EPC Groupe, Venture Crescent Learning & Development Centre, Alfreton,  
Derbyshire, DE55 7RA

### MINUTES OF MEETING

Attendees	
Viv Russell	Longcliffe Quarry (Chair)
Diane Beresford	East Midlands Chamber
Ann Bhatti	Connect Derby (Derby City Council)
Amanda Brown	Derbyshire County Council
John Collins	PCA Coach
Robert Dixon	Nottingham City Council
Catherine Evans	Rushcliffe Borough Council
Natalie Gasson	D2N2 LEP
Rachel Hayward	Ask the Chameleon
Emma Knight-Strong	Green Arch Consulting
Ron Lynch	Institute of Directors
Nicola McCoy-Brown	Nottinghamshire County Council
Colete McHugh-Putman	University of Nottingham
Lynn Oxborrow	Nottingham Trent University
Chris Pook	D2N2 Growth Hub
Sajeeda Rose	D2N2 LEP
Julian Stone	Inception Associates
Lewis Stringer	British Business Bank
Nicola Swaney	Rolls Royce
Claire Twells	Smith Partnership Solicitors
Paul Wilson	Derbyshire Dales District Council
Sandra Casey	D2N2 LEP (note taker)

Apologies	
Richard Blackmore	CBI
Brenden Byczkowski	DT FDI and Export
Frank Horsley	Derbyshire County Council
Jeremy Hague	Nottingham Trent University
Andrea Huscroft	NBV
Jillian Thomas	Future Life Worth Management
Michael Watkinson	FSB East Midlands
Mark Wheddon	University of Derby
James Whybrow	Nottingham College

1. **Presentation by EPC UK** (including housekeeping and safety induction)  
[EPC – UK website](#)
2. **Introduction and Apologies**  
Viv welcomed everyone to the second meeting of the Advisory Board, including new private sector members.
3. **Actions and Minutes from the Last Meeting 18/6/19**  
There were no matters arising from the last meeting.
4. **Vision for the Business Growth Advisory Board**  
See also Viv Russell's [presentation](#)

Key points from the presentation and discussion:

- the LEP has a new governance structure which includes 4 Advisory Boards, which reflect the UK Industrial Strategy foundations of productivity
- the LEP Board has been refreshed to include more private sector representatives and there will be a more focused, partnership approach
- the Business Growth Advisory Board will meet quarterly with working groups meeting in between, with potential for virtual meetings to reduce time commitment
- the working groups will focus on performance, business engagement, business growth strategy and communications – each group will be chaired by the private sector representatives
- membership of the working groups may include members from the other Advisory Boards (Place, People & Skills, Innovation) and others recommended by Business Growth Advisory Board members
- analysis shows that more businesses in D2N2 are slightly below the national average in productivity and too few just above the average
- there was a request for greater detail in the analysis to show impact of gender pay gap divide and inclusion/diversity
- D2N2 has been collating evidence for the production of the Local Industrial Strategy (LIS)
- the LIS is a co-production with government and will be a conduit for investment in the D2N2 area
- the Advisory Boards will contribute to the LIS
- we are currently out to tender for consultants to develop the LIS from the evidence prior to negotiations with government
- the [UN Sustainable Development Goals](#) could offer a useful framework to underpin the work of the board
- D2N2 Growth Hub – the Growth Hub was discussed and the low provision for businesses outside the SME category
- the Growth Hub is now gathering data on how the service is improving productivity
- the Advisory Board are keen to look at supply chain dynamics within our ecosystem
- the Advisory Board would like to consider how data gathered from other LEP areas and from ERDF funded projects, via their end of project 'summative assessments', could inform learning
- communications from the Advisory Board needs to be a unified message in plain language

**ACTION:** Natalie to investigate cloud resource for Board papers and communications



**5. Business Growth Advisory Board Composition**

The composition of the Advisory Board will be discussed at a future date, once working groups have been set up and operating.

**6. Any Other Business**

None

**7. Dates of Future Meetings**

December 17th, 10.00am to 12.00pm; iHub, Innovation Drive, Infinity Park Way, Derby, DE24 9FU

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March 17th 2020 – MPQC Offices, Meadowbank Way, Eastwood, NG16 3SB