D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership Place Advisory Board

Date: Wednesday 9 December 2020, 10:00-12:00
Venue: Zoom

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

DW welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Chair advised that we were sharing an immense amount of information and the chat was very worthwhile. What was being communicated was shared and thanks were given.

2. Minutes and Actions from Last Meeting

The minutes from the meeting held on 15 October 2020 were accepted.

3. D2N2 Economic Recovery and Growth Plan – Discussion on Place Priorities

SR advised that the Recovery and Growth Strategy had been launched at the AGM on 2/12/20. The focus for this meeting would be on elements specifically for this Advisory Board. We were moving from strategy into action.

WM shared the presentation and spoke to it.

- There were 4 asks of Government which were relevant to, and needed input from, this Advisory Board.
- More autonomy was given to this Advisory Board to decide how to achieve these. The other two Advisory Boards were leading on other objectives.
- There was a requirement to determine on what the sub groups needed to focus.

Questions/Comments

- **Q**: Could this be joined up with Towns Fund work as the main strands of work are around sustainable energy. **A**: Efforts are being made to link themes with Towns Fund interventions.
- Towns Fund projects are funded by immediate rounds of money but towns plans go far into the future so there is a long-term aim to support towns into the future.
- There will be a significant number of funding streams in the future and activities need to be co-ordinated. **Q**: How could the work of the Towns Fund blend with the LEP and what the Midlands Engine is doing? We need to think tactically otherwise we could find ourselves doing a lot of fragmented work. **A**: One of the strands of the Business Growth and Investment Advisory Board is to see where innovation happens and how to ensure we become better at commercialising that innovation.
- One of the workstreams for transport and infrastructure is to ensure our natural assets are best utilised.
- We are not yet at the point of deciding priorities. What buttons are we going to push to make these happen?
• The work around the ES Board and partners are leading on will help us to narrow down where our priorities should be and allow us to focus on them. If we can agree the headline priorities we can decide the actions needed.
• Members should feedback on suggestions before Christmas. The challenge is to determine what is new and what is novel and exciting that will push D2N2 to the forefront. Q: What do we need to do better and get more of?
• With reference to carbon 0 there are things for which we cannot reduce the carbon output. Q: Can we identify the reduction in carbon in our initiatives and prioritise those? A: A lot of innovation is already in existence and we need to work this out as a region and base our interventions on the current information at the time.
• There is a lot of work across the region and helpful tools developed through the local capacity support programme to measure the impact of any intervention. One of these tools is Scatter. For different interventions this advises how much carbon will be reduced and how quickly net 0 can be achieved.
• Whilst we are not badly served across the region with regard to connectivity, we are underperforming on ultra-fast broadband. We need 5G to deliver mobile connectivity.

**ACTION:**
13. Everyone to feed back to WM, by Christmas, their views on what their priority activity for the patch would be.

4. **Place Board – Activity Update**

TG updated the meeting on progress to date on the following sub groups:
- The Energy Strategy Group
- The Transport and Infrastructure
- The Housing Group
- Enterprise Zones.

WM updated the meeting on progress of the Towns Board:
- This is a meeting of the towns.
- It is ensuring best practice is being shared.
- Newark was commended for being the first to submit its application
- HS2 – 3 towns had based a significant amount of towns fund on the benefits of this project. There was a need to discuss HS2 in that context.
- This group was meeting monthly and would continue to do so as long as needed.
- The group was formed only for Towns Fund and would be wound up when the Towns Fund is over.

**Questions/Comments**
- Stapleford and HS2. Uncertain whether the station would undermine the Stapleford Towns Fund bid. The area of strategic growth was part of the core strategy and would need to be developed in any event.
- HS2 is a major issue as far as DevCo is concerned. If the station became a parkway it would be the end of the line and trains will go northwards on conventional rolling stock.
- Toton was the best station with tremendous economic growth prospects we need to continue that fight as a lot is riding on it for our area.
- Q: Had lobbying commenced? A: This was just starting. There was a need to lobby the PM as HS2 being cancelled would affect the levelling up agenda.
• **Q:** When did this Board last examine the status of Enterprise Zones and where they were in relation to others? Would this be re-examined by this Board? **A:** This was re-examined earlier this year. A considerable amount of work was taking place on the challenge set earlier to the Board. This included site discussions and being part of this Board’s remit as to how to bring them to life.

**ACTION:**
14. **TG to share the report with MC**

5. **Energy Strategy Group Update and N2 Environmental Strategy Working Group**

WB talked to his presentation.

• Key item to be delivered is a strong D2N2 energy strategy.
• Pulled together the key strengths of the region.
• Moved towards a delivery orientated approach.
• Pipeline across the region of £400m projects ready to go.
• Centre for Innovation is an aspiration.
• Midlands Energy Hub has staff based in each LEP area working on individual strategies in each area.
• A portion of the £60m Green Homes Grant will be awarded to LAs
• Retrofit is anything upward of £60k per property. The aim is to bring that down to £40k and then continue a downward trend. Current treating the hardest which accounts for the high cost. The easier properties will be cheaper.

KM updated the group on the N2 environmental strategy working group.
• A working group of LAs was established in Nottinghamshire and Nottingham just over a year ago to support D2N2 fulfil its targets within its energy strategy.
• Across N2 various deadlines range from 2028 to 2040. Some are for Councils and others are for Place. Nottingham City’s deadline of 2028 is for the whole city.
• Actions plans to meet targets to sit beneath D2N2 energy strategy. This is not a strategy group but was set up to deliver the strategy adopted by D2N2.
• Using practical ways of measuring where we are and where we need to get to. The Scatter tool has been used.
• Housing stock, leisure provision, fleet, and transport have been identified.
• Planning for sustainable new builds.
• New planning regulations brought in to demand developers to be more sustainable.
• Practical issues identified and being worked on to deliver sustainability of existing housing stock.
• Decarbonising transport and fleet.
• Worked with Western Power to enable electric vehicle charging infrastructure projects.
• Updates on grants available and how the Midlands Energy Hub and BEIS can support projects. How to inform on grants available.
• Sustainable procurement.
• How to maximise some of the indirect benefits of COVID-19, re working from home and reduction in road transport. Encouraging people to go back to public transport.
• Retrofit – looked at funds available to public sector to decarbonise.
• Carbon sequestration and the importance of biodiversity.
• Universities have joined the Group. Working with NTU on behaviour change. App for NTU students for green rewards. A similar app could be used by LAs.
• Potential of mine water heat.
• Looking at all energy sources below ground.
• Engaging with businesses. District level has good knowledge of local businesses and are keen to get businesses engaged as much as possible on the agenda.
• Trying to keep it practical.

Comments/Questions
• DW expressed his amazement at what was being delivered and planned.
• There was no doubt this this Group was achieving significant work but to map that was a time-consuming jog. Q: How could we, as a LEP try to co-ordinate this activity, especially the hydrogen piece? A: An absolute requirement is to join up the thinking and that is happening at pace.
• There were ways to examine smaller scale communities in the big energy picture. There is an opportunity for higher skilled wage jobs in the region with potential projects.

ACTION:
15. WB to share the Low Carbon Transport Study with the Group

6. Local Cycling and Walking Investment Plan

JB spoke to his presentation.
• Reinforced that the report circulated is not the current version.
• Report sets out the background since 2017.

Questions/Comments
• The Dutch have managed to justify investment by the economic outcomes. Q: Do we have a worked-up business case? A: An economic assessment has been conducted and this has indicated a strong rate of return.

This proposal was endorsed by the meeting

7. Any Other Business

There was none.

ACTION:
16. MV to circulate all presentations to the Group

Dates of meetings in 2021 are:

9 February – 1000-1200
9 June – 1300-1500
6 October – 1000-1200