

## **D2N2 INVESTMENT BOARD**

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **D2N2 Investment Board** to be held on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am**

This meeting will be held via Microsoft Teams.

### **AGENDA**

#### **PART 1 – NON-EXEMPT ITEMS**

1. Apologies for Absence
2. To receive any declarations of interest (if any)
3. To confirm the non-exempt minutes of the meeting of the Investment Board (IB) held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023
4. Capital Programme Update
5. Project for Pre-Compliance approval - The Stone Centre
6. Date of next meeting – TBC

#### **PART 2- EXEMPT ITEMS**

(The Board is asked to move that under Section 100(a)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that in view of the nature of the business, that if members of the public were present exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 would be disclosed to them and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information)

7. To confirm the exempt minutes from the last meeting
8. Springvale Hydrogen Project-for discussion. Paper to be tabled at the meeting

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **D2N2 INVESTMENT BOARD** held on 19 October 2023 via Microsoft Teams

**PRESENT**

E Fagan (In the Chair)

Councillors W J Clarke (Gedling Borough Council), J Dawson (Erewash Borough Council), P Gilby (Chesterfield Borough Council), N Peatfield (Derby City Council), C Renwick (Derbyshire County Council), J White (Bassetlaw District Council) and A Wynter (Nottingham City Council)

Also in Attendance: N Cockrell (Bassetlaw District Council), T Goshawk (D2N2 LEP), P Seddon (Nottingham City Council), S Wainwright (DCC) and J Fearon (West Notts College)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors K Girling (Nottinghamshire County Council) and D Williams (D2N2 LEP)

**23/23**      **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** There were no declarations of interest

**24/23**      **MINUTES RESOLVED** to confirm the non-exempt Minutes of the meeting of the D2N2 Investment Board held on 7 September 2023.

**25/23**      **CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE** Board Members were provided with an overview of the LEPs Low Carbon Growth Fund Programme, including an update on progress against the financial targets for this year.

**Low Carbon Growth Fund progress update**

Following the approval of 7 projects on to the Low Carbon Growth Fund capital programme the LEP had to date approved 4 projects through the Investment Board and had a further project to be considered for approval at this meeting.

**Smartparc Low Carbon Heating and Cooling** – The project had progressed well with spend and the infrastructure for the scheme had began to take shape. The project would be linked to new occupiers on site to establish new low carbon heating and cooling for the developments when they come on site.

**PPROHLET** – Since the last meeting LEP officers have received an update from the University of Nottingham who had confirmed that the supply of goods and equipment had increased in recent months. The University would be submitting expenditure details to the LEP in coming months and had seen an increase in activity.

**Springvale Hydrogen** – The project had seen some delays for the procurement of specialist hydrogen equipment as supply chains continue to delay delivery of procured goods. These however are being resolved and assembly has ramped up in the last 2 months on the project.

**Hydrogen Waste Collection** –The project previously encountered issues with regards to the supply of Hydrogen which had now been resolved. The waste collection vehicles were now in service and were recording data from the trial to be reported back to the Investment Board when ready.

**Hydrogen Buses** – D2N2 are continuing to work with the Bus company to try and develop the project. A deadline of the end of October has been stated for the project to make a decision and a verbal update will be brought to this meeting.

**Heat Pump and Green Skills** - The project was approved at the September Investment Board meeting and had now progressed to the grant offer stage. LEP officers were working through the procurement process with the project sponsor to ensure that the process has been completed in line with the approval.

**Mine Water Heat** – The project had a pre compliance approval for £200,000 worth of funding agreed at the September Investment Board. The project was currently working through contracting processes and would begin the testing imminently.

### **Early-Stage Angel Investment Fund**

The LEP has now had three expressions of interest submitted as part of the procurement process for ESAIF. A scoring panel was brought together to review the submissions individually and then met to jointly evaluate the projects and give a recommendation from a quality perspective. The project now sits with the procurement and legal teams to confirm who the successful body to deliver the fund will be.

Following on from the confirmation, the LEP officers would work with the successful body to discuss the creation of the fund and how this is likely to be marketed to target the businesses that we will look to support. The LEP will look

to engage in launch events and envisages that these will be held in the new year once the formal legal proceedings have been established for the fund.

### **Low Carbon Growth Fund Budget.**

Appendix 1 to the report showed the budget for the Low Carbon Growth Fund and the spend that had been recorded to date on the 7 projects.

**RESOLVED** (1) to note the progress report on the D2N2 Capital programme; and (2) to note the update on the Early - Stage Angel Investment Fund

**26/23**      **PROJECT FOR APPROVAL- NUCLEAR SKILLS ACADEMY** In September 2022, D2N2 allocated £1.38m from LEP reserves to allocate to projects which would help to promote the creation of Jobs, Homes and Learners. The funding is subject to projects submitting a business case that is fully compliant with the D2N2 Local Assurance Framework (LAF).

The delivery of the fund is managed in line with the D2N2 Local Assurance Framework agreed with Government, which sets out the compliance requirements in relation to the delivery and approval of projects funded through the Economic Growth Fund.

The University of Derby had requested £1,388,826 of funding for the Nuclear Skills Academy project.

This project would complete the Phase 2 conversion of an existing building on Infinity Park (iHub) into a fit for purpose Nuclear Skills Academy (NSA). Phase 1 of the project converted office space into classroom and learning space. This was completed on an accelerated timeframe to enable training activity to commence in September 2022.

Phase 2 of the project concerns the conversion and fit-out of specialist workshop space to be ready for November 23. The conversion requires the renewal of all services to fit with the unique requirements of a nuclear engineering specialist teaching environment. Specialist workshops will be provided as follows in addition to required ancillary space:

Lathe and Milling, Maintenance, Fabrication, Learning Space, Welding Workshop, Inspection, Electronics and Electronic Principles, Scientific Lab, CNC Workshop and Design

All the specialist workshops had been designed and created with innovative pedagogy in mind, enabling experiential and practice-based learning, guided by academics, technical teams, and nuclear subject matter experts. The

workshops have designed in AV equipment, areas to huddle and discuss a particular teaching point or lesson plan, and break-out spaces to facilitate team-working and collaboration.

Changing rooms will be created, along with an appropriately sized kitchens and refectory, with a mezzanine level to provide sufficient seating. There will be self-study areas for apprentices, along with a technicians' storeroom and comms room.

Following a review of the Final Business Case submitted to the LEP the Investment Board is recommended to approve the release of £1,388,826 to the Nuclear Skills Academy project.

A representative from University of Derby attended the meeting and provided a presentation to compliment the report in terms of the Strategic, Economic, Financial, Commercial and Management case for the project

Board Members made a number of comments and asked questions which were duly noted or answered

**RESOLVED** to approve the release of £1,388,826 to the Nuclear Skills Academy project.

**27/23**      **ECONOMIC GROWTH FUND PIPELINE** At the meeting of the Investment Board on the 7 September, LEP and Accountable Body officers recommended three projects to be approved on to the LEP's Capital Programme as a result of the call for projects for the Economic Growth Fund. Following discussions at the meeting the Investment Board decided the following:

- Agree to fund and welcome on to the capital programme the University of Derby's Nuclear Skills Academy project.
- Reject the recommendation to bring Bolsover District Council's, Park Lane Pinxton project on to the capital programme.
- Review and present further evidence around high growth jobs and affordability of the Hill Crest Business Units project in Calverton.

Following the meeting, LEP officers had been working with Gedling Borough Council to seek clarifications on the issues raised by the Board and provide clarity for a final decision to be made at this meeting.

### **Hillcrest Park Project Summary**

<b>Project Name</b>	Hill Crest Park – Business Units	<b>Project Sponsor</b>	Gedling Borough Council
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<b>EGF Ask</b>	£693,884	<b>Total Project cost</b>	£1,387,769
<b>Revised EGF Offer</b>	£642,457	<b>Start Date</b>	January 2024

## **Project Description**

This project was to build four new small industrial units (B1/B2), totalling 462sqm alongside the existing units within an established business area in Calverton, increasing the EV provision for the existing units, and new EV provision for the new units. PV roof panels would be part of the new construction, as well as on the existing units, supporting the net zero carbon agenda. The existing units had full occupancy, with very low void time, and a waiting list, demonstrating a high demand for such units. This had been consistently demonstrated over several years, and most recently in May 2023 when a unit became free and was filled immediately. The Council will be responsible for delivery of the Project using the Pagabo Framework to deliver the build.

The site was located within Calverton, one of the largest Gedling villages, in a road off other employment uses. Calverton had seen population growth of 7% between 2011 and 2021 (2021 Census) and in line with the adopted Local Plan, growth will continue, increasing its importance to the Borough. By providing an increased number of business premises, this would support the growth of additional employment opportunities, as well as minimising the need to commute to other centres.

The proposed scheme would deliver 462sqm of floor space and create 18 new job opportunities. The development will also include the provision of 2EV charging points, as well as additional provision for the existing units.

## **Strategic Fit**

This proposal meets the objectives of the D2N2 Recovery and Growth Strategy and in particular:

- **Low Carbon Growth:** Aligned to Guiding Principle #1, is Gedling Borough Council's declaration of a climate emergency, with a target of 2030 to be carbon neutral; this project includes enhancements to the existing building in terms of PV and EV provision, as well as incorporating them into the new build element.
- **Productivity:** The proposed is aligned with this Guiding Principle, as it looks to create premises for new and existing businesses in the Borough, with approximately 20 jobs created as a result (based on the current occupancy/employment levels of existing tenants). The Gedling Plan 2023-2027 clearly sets out the Council's priority for the Economy: "To

encourage and support healthy businesses in our town and local centres, improving local skills and employment opportunities, and promoting an economy that attracts visitors throughout the day and supports leisure activity” and more specifically for business to “attracts new business investment enabling growth and the creation of jobs.” Therefore, this proposed development clearly aligns with these priorities, enabling new and existing businesses to successfully grow and develop in the Borough.

- **Connectivity and Inclusion:** the development supports the recommendations in the “Next Steps in Levelling Up the Former Coalfields” from the All-Party Parliamentary in terms of providing premises for small businesses and support the growth of areas and provide for infrastructure to address demand for employment space in rural areas. This proposal, whilst modest in nature, brings forward new space in an area suffering from a lack of opportunities and connectivity, providing it with the ability to deliver jobs locally.

The project had the full backing and support of the two transport authorities that the route runs through.

<b>Output Description</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Output Completion</b>
New Jobs Created	18	2025
Commercial Floorspace Constructed	462 m <sup>2</sup>	2024
Businesses Assisted	4	2024
GVA Uplift	£2.986m	2030

### **Further Information and Evidence**

The Investment Board members requested that two factors were investigated before any approval would be made to bring the project on to the capital programme:

- Could the level of grant intervention from the LEP Capital Programme be reduced and Gedling Borough Council fund more towards the project?
- Can GBC provide evidence that jobs will be ‘High Growth’ and give evidence as to how the council will ensure these are the tenants that occupy the space?

The following responses have been received by GBC to answer the questions of the Investment Board.

### **Reduction to the level of intervention?**

The Council’s bid was submitted based on a 50/50 contribution from both parties, which demonstrated a payback period of 28 years which is outside the

standard payback period. There was a subsequent request to accept a lower LEP contribution at 47/53, which demonstrated a payback period of 30 years, this request. The further request to move to a model of 40/60 means that the payback period to the Council extends further to 31 years, putting significant financial pressure on the Council at a time when it has seen its Government grant reduced by 33% since 2015/16, and further reductions scheduled in 2025/26 and 2026/27.

The current units at Hill Crest Park are commercial premises, charged at market rent reflecting market conditions, with annual rent increases of 3% included in the lease agreement and this would be the approach for the new units. It is understood that Board Members have suggested that rents could be increased; but with rents at market value, and developed with start-up/growth businesses in mind, this is not seen as practical and could result in long term vacant units, putting the commercial viability of the development at significant risk. In addition, it may also result in steady state businesses as lease holders, and therefore not fulfilling the LEPs wish for high growth businesses and jobs.

Having reviewed the latest financial projections based on a 40/60 model, it is clear that this would put unacceptable financial pressures on the Council, and the view of the Senior Leadership Team and the Leader of the Council is that funding based on a 45/55 split is the only model that would be acceptable, allowing the Council to achieve a payback within a reasonable timescale whilst supporting the Calverton business community and its residents.

### **How will High Growth Jobs be ensured?**

As with other Council-owned units, potential tenants will be asked to submit their business plan and cashflow forecasts to demonstrate that the business is founded on good business practices, is commercially viable, and sustainable, as well as having the potential for growth. The business plan and cashflow forecasts will be reviewed by internal Council officers from both Property and Finance but also by the independent Small Business Adviser prior to a lease being granted.

Subsequently, regular interactions with the Small Business Adviser will be put in place, as well as signposting tenants to other sources of support where needed, including British Business Bank, the Government's Export Support Service, FSB, and others, etc. Via this support, progress will be tracked against their business plan.

Based on the evidence received in the report, LEP Officers believed that there was still a credible case for intervention on the project and evidence has been provided which justifies the grant amount as well as the evidence for High Growth businesses to occupy the space. Therefore, LEP Officers recommend that the project is accepted on to the Capital programme and the Hill Crest project is allocated £642,457 of funding from the Economic Growth Fund.



Board Members made a number of comments around and asked questions which were duly noted or answered.

## Remaining Projects

Subject to the approval or non-approval of the Gedling Borough Council project the following list shows the closest scores to the original three projects presented for approval. The projects have been re-evaluated and following this exercise the LEP Officers are not recommending any of the projects to be accepted on to the EGF Programme. The table below demonstrated the primary reason(s) for not recommending a funding allocation be granted.

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>£ request</b>	<b>Reasoning for not recommending for funding</b>
National Stone Centre	2,600,000	The project requires £2.6m of funding from the EGF, a reduced allocation means there will still be a significant funding gap for the project.
Stodman Street	500,000	The application offered no added value from the project that was already taking place through Newark and Sherwood's funding. The request for funding is to cover inflation.
SONE Headquarters	750,000	The project delivers a move in premises for a company headquarters. The project is unlikely to meet subsidy control requirements. One option is that it could be funded through debt financing for the business
Project 22	1,510,000	The project has multiple unknowns still such as planning etc, the project is not near a deliverable stage yet so could not be put forward for funding.
ADMC	1,300,000	The project offers little additionality to the current activity and would not deliver all the outputs outlined in the application. There may be other means of intervention for this project.
Mansfield Woodhouse Station Gateway	210,299	The project doesn't offer many outputs for delivery and adds little value to the D2N2 Programme. The funding is as a result of inflationary pressures.
Air and Space Institute	500,000	The application offers little added value and few outputs could be gathered from the funding ask as the project is a Towns Fund project.

LEP Officers recommend that no further projects from the list above are adopted on to the D2N2 Capital Programme due to the reasons listed. The LEP will now reconsider the funds for future use.

**RESOLVED** (1) to approve that the project is accepted on to the Capital programme and the Hill Crest project is allocated £642,457 of funding from the Economic Growth Fund; and

(2) that no further projects from the list above are adopted on to the D2N2 Capital Programme due to the reasons listed and that the LEP now reconsider the funds for future use

**28/23**        **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** The next meeting of the Investment Board would take place on a date to be confirmed.

**29/23**        **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC FROM THE MEETING RESOLVED** that under Section 100(a)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that in view of the nature of the business, that if members of the public were present exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 would be disclosed to them and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information

### **SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED AFTER THE PUBLIC HAD BEEN EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING**

1. Growing Places Fund (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information)).

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Author	Sarah Wainwright/Tom Goshawk	Total no of sheets	18

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<b>Summary and Recommendation(s)</b>
<p>This paper sets out an update of the progress for all capital programmes undertaken by the D2N2 LEP.</p> <p>The Investment Board are asked to approve the proposed funding changes between the MRC, Derby project and Nuclear Skills Academy to release £314,966 back to the D2N2 LEP's reserves.</p>

## **D2N2 INVESTMENT BOARD**

**19<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

### **Capital Programme Update**

The D2N2 Capital Programme now consists of 4 programmes, the Local Growth Fund (LGF), Getting Building Fund (GBF), Low Carbon Growth Fund (LCGF) and the Economic Growth Fund (EGF).

A review of each programme has taken place and a summary is shown in the tables below.

During this review an underspend in the Getting Building Fund has been identified from the MRC, Derby project. The projects original budget was £15.765m and the final spend has come in at £15,042,755. So based on the intervention rate of 43.6% the LEP is due back £314,966 for the Getting Building Fund and £100,789 back to the Growing Places Fund which will go towards the repaying of the repayable grant that this project took out. Which was originally £2.2m and being paid back using business rates collected from the Infinity Park site. An invoice will be submitted to Derby City Council for £415,755 to recoup these funds

To ensure all Getting Building Fund can be evidenced as spent we therefore need to reallocate this £314,966 to another project which can evidence it has been spent and it is proposed to use the Nuclear Skills Academy. This will then release £314,966 which can be returned to the D2N2 LEP's reserves.

#### **Original Funding**

Getting Building Fund MRC, Derby	£6,875,000
Economic Growth Fund      Nuclear Skills Academy	£1,388,826

#### **Proposed Funding**

Getting Building Fund      MRC, Derby	£6,560,034
Getting Building Fund Nuclear Skills Academy	£314,966
Economic Growth Fund      Nuclear Skills Academy	£1,073,860
Return to reserves as unallocated	£314,966

A formal change request has been submitted to MHCLG and has been approved by the Minister.

**Local Growth Fund**

<b><u>Year approved</u></b>	<b><u>Project</u></b>	<b><u>Promoter</u></b>	<b><u>Funding Allocation</u></b>	<b><u>Update</u></b>	<b><u>Output contracted (to Q2 24/25)</u></b>	<b><u>Outputs achieved (to Q2 24/25)</u></b>
2016	A46 Corridor-Employment Units	Rushcliffe Borough Council	£3m	Employment Units delivered. Awaiting further development to delivery indirect jobs.	532 jobs 463 homes	47 jobs 463 homes
2017	A46 Corridor-Cotgrave Town Centre			The centre has opened and jobs delivered	70 jobs	89 jobs
2020	A46-Chapel Lane			Business Units open	107 jobs	76 jobs
2017	A52 Wyvern	Derby City Council	£6.72m	Highways work and bridge complete. Development units are well progressed with occupiers taking up space	515 jobs	287 jobs
2015	A57/A60 Worksop	Nottinghamshire County Council	£1.83m	Infrastructure works have been completed and development of housing and employment land continues on a phased basis.	981 jobs 758 homes	904 jobs 854 homes

2019/2020	A61 Corridor	Derbyshire County Council	£8.499m	Sustainable transport and other transport interventions completed. A planning application has been submitted for the next stage of the project	6 jobs	
2016	Ada Lovelace House	Ashfield District Council	£144,000	Building refurbished into business units and is now fully occupied	11 jobs	11 jobs
2020	Ashbourne Airfield	Derbyshire County Council	£1m	Infrastructure works are complete to enable site delivery and occupiers being sought.	384 jobs	
2020	Automation and Robotics	West Nottinghamshire College	£673,000	Both workshop and manufacturing space and laboratories created for learners.	3 jobs 620 learners	2 jobs 710 learners
2021	Becketwell	Derby City Council	£8.12m	Housing development completed. Works on the public square complete with the arena due to open in Spring 2025.	250 jobs 224 homes	259 homes

2015	Bioscience Expansion, Nottingham	Nottingham City Council	£6.5m	Building complete and fully occupied.	210 jobs	377 jobs
2018	Broadmarsh Southern Gateway	Nottingham City Council	£25.3m	Enabling works have taken place and delivery of the car park is complete. Further enabling of the site is taking place.	2,300 indirect jobs 532 direct jobs	17 jobs achieved
2016	Bulwell Market	Nottingham City Council	£200,000	Works on the market completed.	30 new jobs 45 safeguarded	27 jobs
2016	Buxton Crescent	Derbyshire County Council	£2m	81 bed hotel to support the visitor economy in Buxton opened in October 2020	140 jobs	109 jobs
2020	Castleward	Derby City Council	£1.51m	School built and opened in September 2021. Homes continue to be delivered both on the Castleward and Nightingale Quarter	898 homes	710 homes
2015	Chesterfield Higher Level Skills	University of Derby	£3.842m	Building refurbished and open since October 2016.and continue to deliver to learners	42 jobs 1,049 learners	60 jobs 1241 learners
2016	Coalite	Derbyshire County Council	£5.98m	Infrastructure works have completed and	2,253 jobs	372 jobs

				development of units is taking place with several units now occupied		
2016	D2N2 Sustainable transport	Derby City Council, Derbyshire County Council, Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council	£5.8m	Various interventions including on and off road cycle lanes/paths have been installed		completed
2016	Daykene Street	Nottingham City Council	£0.18m	Building refurbished and in use.	5 jobs	5 jobs
2017	Derby Cycling and Placemaking	Derby City Council	£1.65m	Cycle route complete alongside public realm works completed.	35 jobs	35 jobs
2015	Derbyshire Broadband	Derbyshire County Council	£2.19m	Funding contribution towards the Digital Derbyshire scheme to deliver superfast broadband to businesses and households now complete	1,000 jobs	4,602 jobs
2016	Enterprise Zone Sustainable Transport	Nottingham City Council	£6m	New bridge across the railway line on the Boots EZ site with pedestrian cycle lanes complete.		Completed



2019	Gedling Access Road	Nottinghamshire County Council	£10.8m	Road infrastructure has been completed and the delivery of outputs is taking place. Employment units will follow in a later phase.	200 jobs 530 homes	570 homes
2016	Harworth	Nottinghamshire County Council	£0.704m	Infrastructure has been completed and outputs are progressing and will continue to be monitored. The development of housing and employment land continues on a phased basis.	2,066 jobs 240 homes	1,107 jobs 502 homes
2020	Hs2 Strategic Sites	Chesterfield Borough Council	£2.295m	Purchase and demolition works have completed, rebuild of the site has stalled due to market conditions.	First deliverables due 2025-26	
2015	Infinity Park	Derby City Council	£12.995m	Infrastructure development works are in place. 2 units are occupied and the site continues to be marketed	220 jobs	162 jobs 92 homes

2016	Institute of Advanced Manufacturing	University of Nottingham	£8.12m	New research and lab space created in 2017, the facility continues to support learners	60 jobs 200 learners	74 jobs 285 learners
2016	Medicity	Medicity Nottingham Ltd	£0.74m	Refurbishment of innovation, laboratory and office space which is fully occupied	190 direct jobs 125 indirect jobs	404 jobs
2019	Medical Technologies and Innovation Facility (MTIF)	Nottingham Trent University	£9.7m	Two new facilities opened, one at the Clifton site of NTU and another at the Boots EZ site. Both continue to be well occupied	180 direct jobs 29 indirect	188 indirect 76 direct
2015	Midland Mainline	Leicestershire LEP	£5m	Realignment works and station works at Market Harborough completed		Achieved
2020	Mushroom Farm	Broxtowe Borough Council	£0.160m	Business units opened in May 2021 and continue to be fully occupied	5 jobs	6 jobs
2018	N2 Town Centres	Nottinghamshire County Council	£7.625m	Multiple projects across the programme are completed and output delivery	567 jobs 176 homes	429 jobs 126 homes

				continues to be monitored.		
2015	Newark Southern Link Road	Newark and Sherwood District Council	£7m	After delays funding has been agreed and the infrastructure is progressing. Housing delivery is being delivered in phase and the jobs will be delivered once the road is complete and the employment space is developed with output delivery to follow. Reprofile	3,118 jobs 3,150 homes	23 jobs 533 homes
2015	Nottinghamshire Broadband	Nottinghamshire County Council	£2.63m	Funding contribution towards the Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire scheme to deliver superfast broadband to businesses and households now complete	300 jobs	4,153 jobs
2018	Nottingham Castle	Nottingham City Council	£5m	Redevelopment of the visitor attraction.	46 direct 375 indirect	95 jobs

				The site re-opened in June 2023.		
2015	Nottingham Cycle City Ambition Package	Nottingham City Council	£6.1m	Various cycle paths/lanes across Nottingham delivered		Achieved
2018	Nottingham Skills Hub	Nottingham College	£30m	New college hub site opened in January 2021 in Nottingham city centre	67 jobs 391 learners	123 jobs 868 learners
2020	Nursing and Allied Provision	West Nottinghamshire College	£0.581m	Training facility opened in 2021 and continues to support learners	10 jobs 735 learners	10 jobs 566 learners
2016	Our City Our River (OCOR)	Derby City Council	£12m	A several phased project to deliver flood alleviation works in Derby city centre.	4,305 jobs 128 jobs	4,438 jobs 128 homes
2020	OMICS	University of Derby	£0.425m	A new training facility opened and continues to support learners	15 jobs 486 learners	10 jobs 391 learners
2018	Rail Research Innovation Centre	University of Derby	£0.903m	Facility opened in 2019 and continues to support learners		Completed
2020	Revitalising the Heart of Chesterfield	Chesterfield Borough Council	£0.15m	Public realm works complete and works on the market is	146 jobs	58 jobs

				currently taking place		
2019	Riverside, Bakewell	Riverside Business Park Limited	£3.35m	The new bridge has been completed and land clearances have taken place. The new units are being built to be occupied shortly.	245 jobs	tbc
2015	Seymour Link	Derbyshire County Council	£2.52m	The road infrastructure has been completed and we are now monitoring the delivery of the job outputs from the units on site	1,235 jobs	1,054 jobs
2017	Sherwood Energy Village	Coalfields Regeneration Trust (CRT) Property Investments Ltd	£0.5m	The new units were delivered in 2018 and job outputs have been delivered.	64 jobs	67 jobs
2018	Sherwood Visitor Centre	RSPB	£0.5m	The visitor centre has been constructed and opened in 2018. Jobs have been achieved directly from on site and indirectly through	7.4 FTE direct 28.8FTE indirect	11 direct jobs 31.5 indirect jobs

				the visitor numbers to the site.		
2016	Southern Growth Corridor	Nottingham City Council	£6.12m	The electric bus infrastructure in Nottingham has been delivered.		Achieved
2017	Sutton Indoor Market	Ashfield District Council	£0.375m	The conversion of the site has been delivered and output delivery is complete.	57 jobs	68 jobs
2020	Smart Wireless Innovation Facility (SWIFt)	Nottingham Trent University	£0.8m	The project infrastructure has been delivered and the outputs are being monitored	25 jobs	20 jobs
2018	Technology Hub	Derby College	£1.3m	The new training facility opened in 2019 and continues to support learners .	7 jobs 858 learners	9 jobs 282 learners
2016	Toton HS2	Nottingham City Council	£0.255m	Spend has been achieved for the work commissioned		Achieved
2017	Silk Mill/ Museum of Making	Derby City Council	£3.7m	The Museum opened in 2021 and the outputs have been achieved.	141 jobs	302 jobs (direct and indirect)
2016	Staveley HS2	Derbyshire County Council	£0.045m	Spend has been achieved for the work commissioned		Achieved
2015	The Spot	Derby City Council	£0.714m	The placemaking infrastructure has	11 jobs	11 jobs

				been delivered and outputs achieved		
2020	Toll Bar House	Erewash Borough Council	£0.115m	The conversion works have been completed and the outputs have been achieved	71 jobs	94 jobs
2020	Top Wighay Farm	Nottinghamshire County Council	£3m	Infrastructure works are complete and have enabled the delivery of onsite development.	402 homes	
2015	Vision University	West Nottinghamshire College	£2.61m	The new facility opened in September 2016 and continues to support learners	1,685 learners	1,865 Learners
2018	Vesuvius	Dooba Developments	£4.486m	Infrastructure works for the site have completed. The site now has a supermarket, light industrial units, a building merchants and fire station. Further phases are to follow.	351 jobs	313 jobs
2020	Woodville/Swadlincote regeneration route	Derbyshire County Council	£6.4m	Infrastructure works have completed, the first phase of the housing	567 jobs 300homes	

				development is on site with further phases to follow..		
2020	YMCA Activity Village	YMCA Robin Hood Group	£2.204m	The centre opened in 2022 and outputs continue to be monitored	137 jobs 645 learners	65 jobs 1,352 learners

### Getting Building Fund

<u>Year Approved</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Promoter</u>	<u>Funding Allocation</u>	<u>Update</u>	<u>Output contracted (to Q2 24/25)</u>	<u>Outputs achieved (to Q2 24/25)</u>
2020	Centre for Excellence in Construction and Digital	Chesterfield College	£0.5m	The facility opened in 2021 and continues to support learners	3 jobs 560 learners	4 jobs 580 learners achieved
2020	Digital Turbine Centre, Worksop	Nottinghamshire County Council	£0.592m	Works completed in 2021 and outputs have been achieved.	8 jobs 100 learners 75 businesses assisted	8.5jobs 706 learners 92 businesses assisted
2020	Glossop Town Hall	High Peak Borough Council	£2m	The new venue is expected to be opened in Spring 2025	90 new jobs 56 safeguarded jobs 16businesses assisted	
2020	Lindhurst, Mansfield	Nottinghamshire County Council	£3m	Infrastructure works complete and outputs	173 new jobs 475 homes	



				expected on a phases basis		
2021	Manufacturing Research Centre, Derby	Derby City Council	£6.875m	The facility opened in 2023 and outputs are being monitored	50 jobs	30 jobs
2021	Smartparc, Derby	Derby City Council	£12m	Hello Fresh on site and the next unit is expected to be operational in 2025-26	460 jobs	300 jobs
2022	Springvale Hydrogen	Bloom Developments	£0.253m	The project is subject to a change request at this meeting	17 new jobs 24 jobs safeguarded	22 new jobs 15 jobs safeguarded
2021	Transforming Nottingham's Southside	Nottingham City Council	£7.99m	This package of demolition works are completed, the project is continuing to be enabled for further development which will contribute to outputs.	550 new jobs 362 homes	
2021	UK Electrification of Aerospace Propulsion Facility	University of Nottingham	£7.6m	The equipment has been installed after delays in procurement, outputs are	300 new jobs 150 learners	52 new jobs 277 learners

				delayed in line with these procurement issues/		
2021	Worksop Access to Skills Hub (WASH)	Bassetlaw District Council	£3.5m	The facility opened in April 2022 and continues to support learners and local businesses	20 new jobs 10 jobs safeguarded 499 learners 27 businesses assisted	20 jobs  311 learners 1099 businesses assisted

**Low Carbon Growth Fund**

<u>Year approved</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Promoter</u>	<u>Funding Allocation</u>	<u>Update</u>	<u>Output contracted (to Q2 24/25)</u>	<u>Outputs achieved (to Q2 24/25)</u>
2023	Heat Pump Skills Academy	West Nottinghamshire College	£0.5m	Renovations have taken place to the teaching space and delivery of activity is taking place. Outputs are due to be monitored in future		

2022	Hydrogen Fuelled Waste Collection	South Derbyshire District Council	£0.310m	The project has implemented the changes to the vehicles and monitoring of data and the trial period is taking place	1 new job 30 jobs safeguarded	1 new job 30 jobs safeguarded
2023	Mine Water Heat Pump	Bolsover District Council	£0.9m	Pre compliance funding awarded and the project is progressing well towards a Final Business Case		
2022	PPROHLET	University of Nottingham	£1.2m	The project has experienced delays in the delivery of certain innovation components. The university are developing their own technology	20 new jobs 3 jobs safeguarded 10 businesses supported	10 new jobs 2 jobs safeguarded 4 businesses supported
2022	Smartparc Low Carbon Heating and Cooling	Smartparc SEGRO Spondon Ltd	£1.2m	The Energy Centre opened in March 2024	6 new jobs	
2022	Springvale Hydrogen	Bloom Developments	£0.718m	The project is bringing forward a change request to this meeting.	17 new jobs 24 jobs safeguarded	22 new jobs achieved 15 jobs safeguarded

**Economic Growth Fund**

<b><u>Year approved</u></b>	<b><u>Project</u></b>	<b><u>Promoter</u></b>	<b><u>Funding Allocation</u></b>	<b><u>Update</u></b>	<b><u>Output contracted (to Q2 24/25)</u></b>	<b><u>Outputs achieved (to Q2 24/25)</u></b>
2023	Nuclear Skills Academy	University of Derby	£1.389m	Works complete and facility open in 2023	20 jobs	42 jobs achieved 367 learners achieved
2024	Hillcrest Business Park	Gedling Borough Council	£0.643m	Works have commenced on site and project spend will continue to be monitored		
To be approved	Stone Centre	The Institute of Quarrying	£2m	The business case for the project is in development and will be approved via EMCCA Governance Structures.		

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Meeting and Date	D2N2 Investment Board – 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2024		
Subject	Project for Approval – National Stone Centre Pre-Compliance Request		
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<b>Summary and Recommendations</b>
<p>In May 2023, D2N2 allocated £4.14million of funding to deliver economic priority projects across the region. In total 3 projects were allocated funding and will all receive awards subject to the approval of a Local Assurance Framework (LAF) compliant Green Book Business Case.</p> <p>The delivery of the fund is managed in line with the D2N2 Local Assurance Framework agreed by the LEP Board, which sets out the compliance requirements in relation to the delivery and approval of projects funded through the Economic Growth Fund.</p> <p>The project has submitted and Outline Business Case which has been independently assessed to ensure it aligns to Green Book Treasury Standards.</p> <p>The Institute of Quarrying have requested £133,500 of funding from a pre-compliance mechanism to enable the project to progress and facilitate development costs.</p>

## 1.0 Overview

Project Name	National Stone Centre Expansion	Project Applicant	Institute of Quarrying
Pre-Compliance Request	£133,500	Economic Growth Fund Grant	£2,010,000

## 2.0 Background to the project

The National Stone Centre project was submitted to the D2N2 Economic Growth Fund (EGF) call in May 2023 and accepted on to the capital pipeline in June 2024. The project will work to deliver a redevelopment and significant expansion to the National Stone Centre.

The new centre supports economic growth, skills development, and sustainability within the quarrying and minerals industry. The new facility will act as a visitor attraction and educational hub, the initiative addresses critical industry challenges, fosters innovation and delivers economic growth to rural Derbyshire.

The project sponsor the Institute of Quarrying is currently looking to develop the finalised designs for the facility and requires up front development funding to ensure that this can be delivered. To enable the delivery of detailed designs the Investment Board are requested to release £133,500 of funding through a pre compliance mechanism which will allow the project partners to progress to RIBA Stage 4 development.

## 3.0 Context

The UK quarrying industry is a substantial sector within the national economy, contributing significantly with a gross value added (GVA) of approximately £21 billion in 2023. The sector also plays a key role in growth across multiple sectors and is essential for the delivery of infrastructure and construction across the UK.

The quarrying industry, despite benefiting significantly from modern technologies such as automation, advanced data analytics, and IoT, will always rely heavily on skilled human capital to manage and innovate within these advancements. The sector is currently grappling with challenges in attracting young talent, primarily due to a lack of awareness about the diverse career opportunities available. Coupled with an aging workforce, there is an urgent need to rejuvenate the industry by showcasing the rewarding career paths it offers, from technical roles to management positions. Highlighting these opportunities through targeted educational programs and outreach initiatives will be key to securing the future vitality and innovation within the quarrying industry.

In order to combat the above issues the Institute of Quarrying alongside industry partners are looking to develop a new National Stone Centre which will include the following:

- 100-seat café / restaurant
- Four naturally lit classrooms with capacity for 120 learners
- A new 700 sqm museum space with collections to include the Peak District Mining Museum collection, rehousing of UK rocks and geology in the existing NSC, the Staffordshire University Geological Collection and the Bath Stone Collection

- 700 sqm open-air circular piazza for events

The new Centre of Excellence will additionally support education, tourism and local community engagement. It aims to address skill gaps, promote innovation and provide regional economic benefits helping a key sector to sustain and develop itself into future generations.

The Institute of Quarrying and other industry partners are aligning to match fund the development of the new facility and help with the industries future challenges.

#### 4.0 Request for Funding

The project has been worked up to RIBA Stage 3 design now and requires further funding to enable the delivery of RIBA Stage 4 (detailed design). The cost of these works will be £133,500 which the Institute of Quarrying have match funded with contributions of £460,261 to date.

#### 5.0 Outputs of the overall project

The end project will look to deliver the following outputs:

Output Description	Total
Learner hours supported	17,000 per annum
Jobs Created/Safeguarded	17
Businesses Assisted	10
Visitors per year	36,000

#### 6.0 Recommendation

The Investment Board are recommended to approve the release of £133,500 of funding as a pre-compliance funding award to the Institute of Quarrying. This funding will enable the delivery of the RIBA Stage 4 Detailed designs.

Any funding advanced to the project will be subject to clawback and the same contractual terms as other D2N2 Funding agreements, meaning that if the end asset of the National Stone Centre is not delivered then the project applicant will be liable to return the funding. The further £1,876,500 of the allocation to the project will only be released on the delivery of a Final Business Case and is likely to be appraised through the East Midlands County Combined Authority business case approval process.