

Scrutiny Topic Suggestions for 2018/19 – Growth

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| Review of the Sustainability of External Funding | SAMT | Local Enterprise Partnerships and Combined Authorities Partnerships Regeneration | 5/9 Low Priority | <p>Members felt that further clarity was needed on DCC and European monies due to Brexit.</p> <p>Scrutiny could add value by mapping areas of uncertainty but they questioned whether the committee's work could lead to truly effective outcomes.</p> <p>Members felt that this should already be in place by Finance as part of the budget setting process. They felt there should be w wider Member discussion around risks to the Authority and this was supported by Executive Members present.</p> <p>Members recommended initial discussion with Finance with a possible presentation to all Members. A decision could be taken on whether to progress a review after this point.</p> | <p>Officers are actively involved in D2N2 and SCR LEP officer groups which discuss future sustainability of funded support programmes.</p> <p>D2N2 Growth Hub has a Business Support Matrix which is updated every three months, detailing the support offered from funding programmes.</p> <p>D2N2 Growth Hub has submitted an ERDF application to continue the business support service across D2N2 for 5 years beyond 2019.</p> <p>SCR LEP have three-year delivery plans in place 2018-2021 on Skills, Employment & Education; Business & Investment; Place; Transport. The Business and Investment delivery plan commits to continuing to deliver and add to the business support offer to 2021.</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>Skills Bank phase 2 is still being designed and will be rolled out later in 2018 until 2021.</p> <p>D2N2 are submitting an application to the Careers and Enterprise Company for a Careers Hub in the D2N2 region.</p> <p>D2N2 are looking to sustain the existing Enterprise Advisor Network support offered to schools beyond 2018, to support delivery of the recently published Careers Strategy.</p> <p>Bolsover Business Growth Fund grants – if this pot was extended, potential to use as match funding to support future Growth Hub services or continue to provide a local funded programme once other funding has ended.</p> |

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| Review of Creation of a Logistics Hub in the vicinity of the M1(J29A) | Cabinet | Regeneration | 2/9 Leave Out | Members in the group discussing this topic were informed that this was already being considered at a strategic level by Executive and plans had been discussed with DCC. Depots across the County were also being looked at as part of the One Public Estate work. Members agreed that Scrutiny could not add value as this was already being progressed. | No further comment to add given members comments |
| Review of Bolsover Castle...then what! | Scrutiny Councillor | Tourism Economic Development | 9/9 High Priority | Members reviewing this topic felt that there was clear scope for Scrutiny to have an impact. It was noted this was a priority issue for Old Bolsover Town Council, Friends of New Bolsover and Creswell Crags as well. Members noted that this would complement existing activity within the area including the desired transformation of the old cricket ground; the potential development of the town centre as a hub for | English Heritage have identified the need for hotel accommodation as a priority to increase the number of overnight stays which would support a wider event programme that the Castle could deliver. Marketing Peak District and Derbyshire ERDF funded Market Towns programme includes Bolsover Visit Sleep Cycle Repeat identifies the key gaps in accommodation/services to support tourism (includes |

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| | | | | <p>craft/art businesses to complement the offer at the Castle; New Bolsover Model Village; and the potential for a Heritage Bus Tour.</p> <p>Members were clear that the Castle needs to be self-financing but were conscious that the Market Towns had significant assets that could enable further</p> <p>Members felt a key issue was lack of accommodation/caravan sites to encourage a longer stay.</p> <p>Areas of query were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do we currently do enough? • Could we deliver things better? • How is the Council and partners maximising tourism to the District? • How are partners maximising income | <p>Bolsover town and surrounding areas).</p> <p>LEADER funding is available to support tourism growth in rural areas</p> |

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| | | | | brought in to the District? | |
| Review of Support available for Start-Up Businesses in the South of BDC area | Scrutiny Councillor | Economic Development | No score given – insufficient detail. | <p>Members reviewing the topic felt there was insufficient detail provided in order to evaluate the topic fully.</p> <p>Queries raised where as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is this related to premises or funding support? • Is this an issue for small, medium or large businesses? • What provision is there in general across the District? | <p>In terms of funded business support for start-ups there is a range of existing activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is the Bolsover Business Growth Fund which has been opened up to the whole of the district and can support start-up costs, including capital costs of moving into new premises. • Business support is delivered by the two Growth Hubs, SCR and D2N2 and can be accessed by businesses district-wide. Includes provision for start-up support. • The SCR LaunchPad programme - support specifically aimed at start-ups; and SCR Y-Accelerator programme – aimed at innovative new start ups – can be |

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| | | | | | <p>accessed by businesses district-wide.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officer time is available to businesses who need additional signposting and/or support to access the services available to them. • NBV and D2 Business Starter offer funded 'Starting-up in Business' courses, which are open to all and delivered at various locations across the D2N2 region. Could be explored to see if they can deliver in the South of the district if demand there? • NBV also offer start-up grants to businesses in the D2N2 region. • Bolsover Business Network has been developed and is being built upon ongoing – events have been delivered both North and South of the |

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| | | | | | <p>District, open to all businesses (including pre-start up) – currently developing a Communications Plan/Strategy for the network and will work with the Communications & Marketing team on this</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of business events have been delivered aimed specific groups – i.e. growth sectors, women, start-up, micro & SMEs. • Currently reviewing the business pages on the corporate website and the Business Bolsover comms/branding - (will include info relevant to pre and new start-ups) – will work with Scott's team on this |
| Review of Activity to promote tourism | Scrutiny Councillor | Tourism Economic Development | 9/9 High Priority | Members reviewing the topic felt there was scope for Scrutiny to have an impact and | A range of activity is currently taking place across departments. |

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| within the District | | | | <p>that it was potentially a good topic for mini-review.</p> <p>Members felt that more publicity was required for Bolsover Castle, Hardwick Hall and Creswell Crags. It was noted that this was a clear area for improved employment opportunities.</p> <p>Executive Members noted that a Brochure was being produced already which could lead Scrutiny to duplicate. *Advice to be sought from Communications and Marketing before proceeding.</p> <p>It was noted that this could be merged with the other topic related specially to key sites such as Bolsover Castle.</p> | <p>Economic Development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit Sleep Cycle Repeat Destination Management Plan, included a review of tourism and accommodation offer/gaps in North Derbys/Notts - linked to the attractions and cycle trails - which involved partners from the LAs and the destination management organisations. MPDD undertake the destination management function for the district include marketing and promotion. Local Visitor Economy Group – a business network aimed at bringing the attractions and retailers together to look at ways to do joint promotion, extend visitor length of stay and spend - not effective as attractions/retailers didn't have resources to follow up actions set by the group. <p>Communications & Marketing:</p> |

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| | | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four town centre guides have been sent to print (an initial 2,500 of each) to help promote the towns to residents, visitors and tourist and what's on offer. These may be expanded upon in future years to cover all parishes in the District. An events guide will also be produced in 2019. • A number of promotional films are currently being prepared to help promote the District and will cover areas such as each town/village, tourism, business, community, etc. • We are also looking at what small scale events can be staged to help attract people to the area. • A meeting has taken place between Communications and Economic Development to ensure there is no duplication and we make the best use of our resources. |

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| Review of Formation of a Joint Venture Company to sell BDC expertise to the private sector – Tenancy Management for Private Rented Sector | Scrutiny Councillor | Economic Development | 9/9 High Priority | <p>Initially Members felt this wasn't necessary and duplicated the JV company we already had, and we were already looking at selling services i.e. procurement and payroll. It was suggested the topic be narrowed to specifically relate to Tenancy Management for the Private Rented Sector.</p> <p>Members agreed the principal was sound but queried if staffing issues would arise i.e. capacity of staff to deliver existing service plus new external service.</p> <p>Members felt that we needed to be clear that our existing provision as a 'landlord' was efficient before embarking on extending what we currently offer to the private sector.</p> <p>Comments noted were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further clarification to define the purpose of the business | Need to identify whether there is a potential market for this service, and that it was viable before embarking on any other work. Resource required to undertake comprehensive market testing. |

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| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to consider benefits to the authority's income Vs disadvantage of taking business away from private sector (including potential business rates income to us, as we would be competing against them). <p>It was noted that Ashfield had looked at something similar which could be a useful external source.</p> | |