

Bolsover District Council

Meeting of the Local Growth Scrutiny Committee on 3 October 2023

Lease agreement for Vision West Notts College at Pleasley Vale Business Park

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Growth

Classification	This report is Public.
Report By	Jim Fieldsend, Director of Corporate and Legal Services and Monitoring Officer

PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT

- To inform Members about the decision of the Executive in relation to a lease of premises at Pleasley Vale Business Park and acceptance of £500,000 grant funding to deliver a Future Skills Hub.
- To provide Members the opportunity to ask officers questions on the decision of the Executive

REPORT DETAILS

1. Background

- 1.1 On the 5th September 2022 the Executive considered option relating to the Future Skills Hub following the award of funding from D2N2. The options were (1) private sector delivery form premises at Vernon Street Shirebrook and (2) Delivery by a higher education partner at Pleasley Vale Business Park. Following deliberations, the Executive resolved to opt for option 1 (a copy of the Executive report from 5th September is attached at Appendix 1).
- 1.2 Local Growth Scrutiny Committee called this decision in and the call-in was considered at its meeting on 4th October 2022 (a copy of the report is attached at Appendix 2). The decision of the Scrutiny Committee was to refer the matter back to Executive for reconsideration on the grounds outlined in the Outcome of Call-In report that was considered by Executive on 31st October 2022 (Appendix 3). The decision of the Executive was that option 1 (Vernon Street) remained the preferred option.
- 1.3 On 11th September 2023 a further report was presented to Executive explaining that the Vernon Street proposal was unable to proceed due to the lack of a

private training supplier and that an alternative involving Vision West Notts College delivering a green skills training and assessment centre at Pleasley Vale was recommended. This included the acceptance of grant funding of £500,000 from D2N2 for the creation of training and assessment centre including £150,000 in capital improvements. Full details of the proposal are contained in the report at Appendix 4.

- 1.4 The Chair of the Local Growth Scrutiny Committee has asked for this report to be brought to Committee for Members to be informed of the decision and to seek any clarification on the decision and its impacts on the Pleasley vale Business Park from the Portfolio Holder/Officers.

2. Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 The report is to update Local Growth Scrutiny on the decision of the Executive and to enable Members to seek clarification.

4 Alternative Options

- 4.1 No alternative options are available.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Members note the contents of the progress report.

Approved by Councillor John Ritchie Portfolio Holder for Growth

IMPLICATIONS:

Finance and Risk: Yes No

Details:

On behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes No

Details:

On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Environment:

Please identify (if applicable) how this proposal/report will help the Authority meet its carbon neutral target or enhance the environment.

Details:

Staffing: Yes No

Details:

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds: Revenue - £75,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £150,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i>	No
Is the decision subject to Call-In? <i>(Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</i>	No

District Wards Significantly Affected	Pleasley Wards
Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Executive <input type="checkbox"/> SLT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Details:

Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy and Environment.

- Making the best use of our assets.
- Ensuring financial sustainability and increasing revenue streams.

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
Appendix 1	Report to the Executive 5 th September 2022 (exempt)
Appendix 2	Report to Local Growth Scrutiny Committee 4 th October 2022 (exempt)
Appendix 3	Report to the Executive 31 st October 2022 (exempt)
Appendix 4	Report to Executive 11 th September 2023

Background Papers

(These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Executive you must provide copies of the background papers).