

**North East Derbyshire District Council**

**Cabinet**

**30<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

**Derbyshire Economic Strategy Statement**

**Report No: GBXR/17/14/BH of Councillor G Baxter MBE, Portfolio Holder with Responsibility for Building a Better Council**

This report is public

**Purpose of the Report**

To seek NEDDC Member endorsement of Derbyshire County Council's Economic Strategy Statement

**1 Report Details**

- 1.1 The Derbyshire Economic Partnership (DEP) has been working with a range of stakeholders and partners since November 2013 to produce the Derbyshire Economic Strategy Statement (DESS).
- 1.2 The DESS serves a number of functions:
- Provides a framework for all economic partners across the public, private and third sectors to work collectively.
  - Establishes a baseline on which the need and opportunities for investment are evidenced.
  - Delivers growth through attracting investment and funding
  - Presents a dynamic narrative of Derbyshire to support wider discussions and decisions.
- 1.3 The DESS was adopted by DCC Cabinet on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2014, and DCC officers have requested that all partner authorities formally endorse the document. The Strategy broadly aligns with the priorities and interventions contained in the Strategic Economic Plans prepared by the two LEPs (SCR and D2N2), and also aligns with NEDDC's recently drafted Growth Plan. Given the size of the Economic Strategy Statement Members are advised that a copy is available on request from Bryan Harrison on [bryan.harrison@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:bryan.harrison@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk) or telephone (01246) 217204.
- 1.4 DEP view the DESS as their 'growth deal', whose priorities and objectives are around three themes:
- Boosting investment and place-making

- Fostering enterprise and business growth
- Creating the workforce to support growth

1.5 The Strategy also sets out the economic analysis of key strengths and opportunities for growth across the County and the key measures which will be used to test success.

## 2 **Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation**

2.1 The functions of the DESS, and its core priorities and objectives as set out above, will help in the delivery of NEDDC's growth priorities and as such should be supported. It will also help strengthen NEDDC's approach to both LEPs when funding opportunities become available.

## 3 **Recommendations**

3.1 That Cabinet endorse the DESS.

## 4 **Decision Information**

<b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b> (A Key Decision is one which results in income or expenditure to the Council of £50,000 or more or which has a significant impact on two or more District wards)	No
<b>District Wards Affected</b>	
<b>Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework</b>	Create jobs, build skills, attract investment

## 5 **Document Information**

Appendix No	Title
<b>Background Papers</b> (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 Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)	
DESS – copy available on request	
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