

North East Derbyshire District Council - Growth Summary 2016/17

Unlocking Our Growth Potential

In 2014 the Council committed to a strategy to focus on unlocking the potential to deliver growth for the district. Through the Growth Strategy and the Corporate Plan 2015-2019 the Council set out its ambition to create a sustainable high performing economy. The Council established three strategic priorities to unlock our growth potential. A summary of the progress against these priorities for 2016/17 (October to March 2017) is as follows:

1. Supporting Enterprise: maintaining and growing the business base

- The D2 Business Starter Programme commenced in January 2017. The programme has been promoted to businesses across the district. It consists of a number of engagement events, 8 week group workshop programmes held across the county. The programme offers an Enterprise Adviser Service, one-to-one support, dedicated one to one counselling, ICT and Social Media Support.
- North East Derbyshire Business Network - fourth event held with over 30 businesses in attendance. Received very positive feedback with the event now well established. Also in attendance were Chesterfield College, SCR Growth Hub, Job Centre, Sheffield University, Derby City Council, and Clowne Enterprises.
- A total of 21 new companies have been added to the Key Account Management initiative during this period. (Names of companies and advice/support is listed in PERFORM).
- A number of adverts placed in NEDDC News magazine to make businesses aware of several key initiatives being delivered by NEDDC and partner agencies. Ongoing work with Communications team for the production of a Business News magazine.
- NED Business Growth Fund: To date five successful applications have been awarded a total of £15,858, generating £15,741 match funding and contracted to deliver 7.4FTE jobs, which is a unit cost of £2,143 per job (significantly higher value for money than the LEP £25,000 per job rate). Successful companies include a civil engineer, training provider, osteopath, fabricator and administrative support business. Following evaluation the fund has been extended until March 2019, with the total funding available increased to £66,500.
- Jointly planned and hosted an Innovation event with Nottingham Trent University on the 28th March at Markam Vale. This attracted 15 businesses. A further three events planned for 2017.
- Working with Duncan Hoyland, Sheffield City Region Export Coordinator to bring forward the export support programme into businesses in North East Derbyshire, with a campaign launch planned for the summer of 2017.
- Economic Development Team have been working with a Chesterfield based Company to help them locate to Grassmoor coal yard - supporting their talks with the site owners and with advice and assistance on financial support.
- BNED LEADER Approach: There are currently 8 live Outline Applications in the process, 7 from the NEDDC area. 3 projects totalling £108,606.08 have been approved to date in North East Derbyshire. Significant marketing commenced in early 2017 and included flyers circulated with 2017/18 Business Rates letters, a two week radio campaign on Peak FM and promotion on Elastic

FM, offers to attend Parish/Town Council meetings, a programme of visits to twenty-two business/industrial centres across the two districts and promotion in LEADER and partner publications and websites.

2. Enabling Housing Growth: increasing the supply, quality and range of housing to meet the needs of a growing population and support economic growth

- The Avenue, Wingerworth - Target date for determination of reserved matters planning application for first phase of housing May/June 2017, anticipated start on site Summer 2017. A 'Meet the Buyer' event agreed with Kier Homes. Workstreams continue to make progress on business, employment and leisure initiatives.
- Former Coalite Site – £7.8m public funding, and £14m of private sector commitment, secured for remediation of the site. On-site remediation commenced November 2016.
- Former Biwaters Site, Clay Cross. Marstons pub now open. St Modwens attended independent design review for the first phase of housing, March 2017. Proposals well received by the design panel.
- Callywhite Lane, Dronfield – Development brief and options appraisal for the potential expansion land completed March 2017.
- Working with Registered Providers in the area to encourage them to work across the district, a scheme in Pilsley is being discussed. Working with the landowner and Registered Provider to find a developer willing to share the risk on the site.
- Working with Rykneld Homes to bring forward regeneration opportunities on the back of development proposals from Registered Providers, land owners and housing developers. Also working with Rykneld Homes to maximise sustainable stock growth through s106 purchases with developers.
- Consultation draft Local Plan published and formal consultation undertaken 24th February to 7th April 2017. Council's approach to strategic housing sites set out within the plan and proposed release of green belt to the North of the district proposed to enable the Council to meet the District's housing needs.
- Working with local land owners to bring forward their sites and link them with developers and Registered Providers.
- 100 letters have been sent to empty property owners asking what their intentions are for the property. 38 responses received so far. The remaining empty property owners will receive letters together with reminders to those who have not responded. We will monitor those who did respond to ensure they comply with the actions they have agreed to.
- Spring Developers Forum took place in March with 65 delegates, presentations from HCA, Local Plan, Hardwick CCG and a case study about working with NEDDC as a partner. A good platform to explore the development opportunities across the district.
- Some work has been undertaken to secure outline planning on the Ankerbold Road site, Tupton however work has been paused while officers explore ways of directly developing the site, which would require a full planning application. A report will be presented to Cabinet in the next two months.

3. Unlocking Development Potential: unlocking the capacity of major employment sites

- Coalite – Above ground remediation works on the Bolsover commercial plots 6 to 8 has commenced November 2016. The Environment Agency has issued the environment permit to trigger the below ground works in January 2017. We are involved in this consultation process in conjunction with Public Health England to ensure that all appropriate controls are put in place for the site.
- The Avenue, Wingerworth - highway infrastructure being pursued through the A61 Growth Corridor project; arts council bid being developed for Ambition For Excellence fund; meet the buyer event arranged for SME's on 17th May 2017; closed road circuit and associated business activity still being pursued.
- Callywhite Lane, Dronfield - low profile of electrification of the midland mainline has an impact on the delivery of any improvements to this site and until there is further clarity it will delay progressing a fully developed scheme.
- Egston Park, Clay Cross - now having a regular dialogue with St Modwens as part of development team approach working towards a planning application being submitted in June 2017

Markham Vale

- The Seymour Link Road serving Markham Vale North was officially opened in March. The new road gives access to businesses that will be based on the north side of Markham Vale through Erin Road to Junction 29a of the M1 motorway.
- Two of the plots available for development on Markham Vale North have already been snapped up by Great Bear Distribution and Ferdinand Bilstein UK which are both set to create up to 400 new jobs each over the next few years.
- The construction of 13 workshop units on Harper Way is progressing very quickly to the extent that they are nearing the point where they will be wind and rain proof. Also discussions are at an advanced stage with the first potential occupier. The development will provide 13 workshop spaces in various sizes all available for purchase. The units range in size from 1,244 sq. ft. to 3,050 sq. ft.
- The regeneration work on the northern phase of Markham Vale, including the newly opened Seymour Link Road has been nominated for the civil engineering equivalent of an Oscar. The site has been nominated for an EMMA otherwise known as an East Midlands Merit Award from the Institution of Civil Engineers. The results will be announced at the Awards Ceremony in June.

The following is a more detailed breakdown of some of the performance measures against our Growth priorities.

NEDDC Growth PI Summary (2016-17 – End of Year Position)

2015/16 Out-turn	Description	2016/17 End of year	16/17 Target	Trend	17/18 Target	18/19 Target
£252,099	Major Planning fees received (PI)	£341,451	£350,000	▲	£350,000	£350,000
£198,545	Minor Planning fees received (PI)	£326,364				
£450,644	Combined Minor and Major Planning fees	£667,815				
83.8% (26/31)	Process all major planning applications 10% better than the national minimum (50%) (CP)	94% (29 out of 31)	60%	▲	60%	60%
80% (221/277)	Determining "Minor" applications within target deadlines (PI)	87% (272 out of 313)	70%	▲	70%	70%
92% (399/432)	Determining "Other" applications within target deadlines (PI)	96% (432 out of 449)	85%	▲	85%	85%
3.8 yrs (1758 dwellings)	Supply of available and deliverable housing sites at 1st April (5 year supply)	Due Dec 17				
0 ha	Area of new employment floor space built (hectares / square metres)	Due Dec 17				
466	Enable the development of at least 1,000 new residential properties within the district by March 2019 (CP)	Due June/Jul 17			-	1,000
£105,333	Achieve an increase of £950,000 in additional New Homes Bonus from the government by March 2019 (CP)	£524,259 16/17 (Cumulative £629,592)	-	▲	-	£950,000
214	Work with partners to deliver an average of 100 affordable homes each year	0 completed	100	▼	100	100
0	Through the Private Rented Sector Leasing Scheme deliver 5 additional units of affordable housing each year	0 completed	5	—	5	5
£193,685	Average house price	£203,900	-	▲	-	-

2015/16 Out-turn	Description	2016/17 End of year	16/17 Target	Trend	17/18 Target	18/19 Target
5	Bring 20 empty properties per year back into use by March 2019	0 completed	20	▼	20	20
97.91%	% of business rates collected in year	97.78%	97.7%	—	97.7%	97.7%
£289,560 (£16,127,042)	Optimise business growth as measured by gross NNDR by 1m by March 2019 (CP) (Baseline £15,837,482 2014/15)	-£104,042 (£16,023,000) (Cumulative £185,518)	-	▼	-	1m
55.4%	Percentage of NNDR arrears collected	55.5%	55.4%	—	55.4%	55.4%
£589,804 + (1.48%)	Change in rateable value of commercial property in the district	£38,272 +(0.09%)	-	—	-	-
£1,070,435	Level of income generated through letting property owned by the Council but not occupied by the Council	£989,684	£934,620	▲	£935,620	£935,620
Exceeded budget by £33,256 (Budget £347,253)	Commercial Property financial performance in line or exceeding budget forecast.	£436,726 Exceeding budget by £89,473	£375,163	▲	£377,913	£376,453
Below budget by £14,551 (Budget £62,483)	Coney Green financial performance in line or exceeding budget forecast.	£66,857 Exceeding budget by £4,374	£56,733	▲	£54,843	£52,901
1	Number of Business Growth Fund grants awarded	4	5	▲	4	-
£4,000	Value of Business Growth Fund grants awarded	£11,858	£20,000	▲	£16,000	
0	Number of BNED LEADER grants awarded (scheme total)	3	9	▲	3	5
£0	Value of BNED LEADER grants awarded (scheme total)	€108,606	€411,653	-	€351,269	€344,913
-	Apprenticeships started (Apprenticeship levy from October 2016)	0 The new Levy and programme is not up and running yet	8 FTE	-	8 FTE	8 FTE
31	50 businesses supported through Key Account Management by March 2019	62		▲		50

2015/16 Out-turn	Description	2016/17 End of year	16/17 Target	Trend	17/18 Target	18/19 Target
1.7%	Percentage of residents aged 18-24 claiming Job Seekers Allowance	0.8%	-	▼	-	-
1.5%	Percentage of Derbyshire residents aged 18-24 claiming Job Seekers Allowance	0.9%	-	▼	-	-
1%	Percentage of all district residents 16-64 claiming Job Seekers Allowance	0.9%	-	—	-	-

Exceptions (for those not meeting 2016/17 targets)

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Work with partners to deliver an average of 100 affordable homes each year	<p>0 Additional units of affordable housing 2016/17 – Not Achieved</p> <p>No Affordable homes will be completed in 2016/17. Lead officer expecting to deliver an average of 100 homes when taking into account previous years numbers. We have secured committed sums this year and that money will be used to unlock stalled affordable sites across the district.</p>
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Through the Private Rented Sector Leasing Scheme deliver 5 additional units of affordable housing each year	<p>No properties bought back into use – Not Achieved</p> <p>100 letters have been sent out to owners of long term empty properties in the District, a further 300 will be sent out by the end of April. This will open up conversations with owners and give the Empty Property Officer the opportunity to sell the advantages of Private Sector Leasing to owners.</p> <p>A good working relationship has been developed with Action Housing and there is regular liaison between the Empty Property Officer and the development manager.</p> <p>A Private Landlord event is due to be held on 10 May 2017 which Action Housing have confirmed they will attend, this will give them the opportunity to advertise the Private Sector Leasing Scheme to owners of Empty Properties and increase take up of this scheme in the District.</p>
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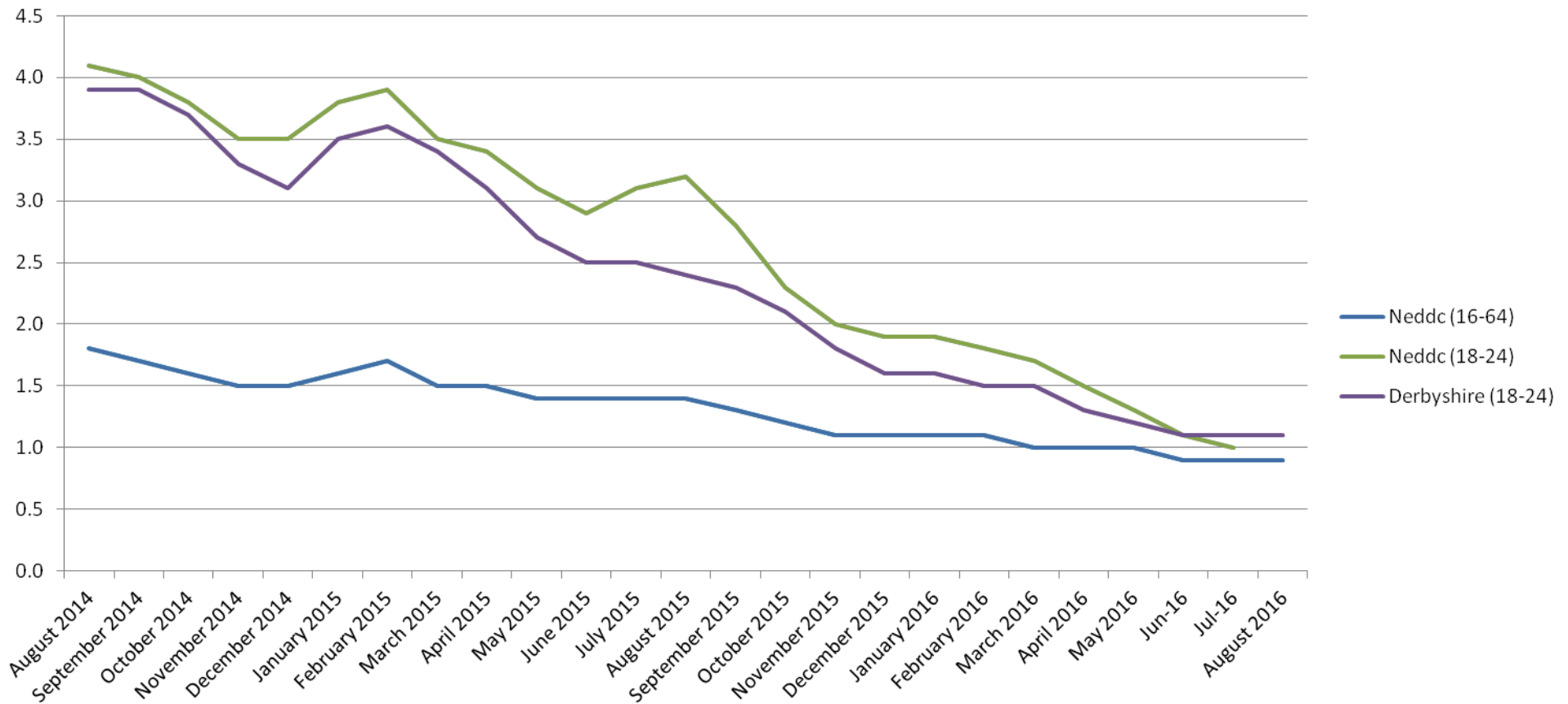
Bring 20 empty properties per year back into use by March 2019	<p>No properties brought back into use 2016/17 – Not Achieved</p> <p>100 letters sent to owners of long term empty properties in NEDDC in March, as at 03/04/2017 35 have responded and 13 have requested contact from the Empty Properties Officer. Of the 35 who have responded 8 owners of properties that</p>
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require refurbishment have indicated that their property will be reoccupied within 6 months. 300 further letters will be sent out to owners of long term empty properties by the end of April 2017. Owners who don't respond will receive a further 2 letters each with a questionnaire enclosed, asking what their intentions are with the property and reminding them that where empty properties cause a nuisance or a negative impact on the local community, the Council has the powers to take legal action against them.

A good working relationship has been developed between Action Housing, the Empty Property Officer is currently identifying properties in the District that may be suitable for Private Sector Leasing or the Sustainable Tenancy Project, this would see the empty properties brought back into use.

A good working relationship has also been developed between the Empty Property Officer and Environmental Health, a number of properties have been identified as causing a nuisance and the Empty Property Officer is working closely with team members to try and get the property back into use and also ensuring that the appropriate letters are sent in line with the legal process

Jobseekers Allowance Percentage Trend Chart NEDDC and Derbyshire



NE Derbyshire Average house Prices Oct 2007 - Jan 2017

