

North East Derbyshire District Council

Cabinet

29 February 2024

Derby and Derbyshire Strategic Leadership Board

Report of Councillor N Barker, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership and Finance

Classification: Public

Report By: Cllr Barker, Leader of the Council

Contact Officer: Lee Hickin, Managing Director and Head of Paid Services

PURPOSE / SUMMARY

To seek approval for the Council to be a part of the Derby and Derbyshire Strategic Leadership Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Cabinet

1. Approves proposals for the establishment of the D2 Strategic Leadership Board (SLB) and the delegation of functions to this Joint Committee as set out in the Functions and Responsibilities document in Appendix 2 of the Council report.
2. Notes the draft the Terms of Reference, including the Introduction and Context, Functions and Responsibilities, Procedural Rules, and Information Procedure Rules for the SLB as set out at Appendix 2 of the Council report and the position detailed in those documents regarding scrutiny and co-option.
3. Appoints the Leader as the Council's representative on the SLB and the Deputy Leader, as substitute.
4. Notes the intention that the SLB be the body for the nomination of District and Borough representatives to the East Midlands Combined County Authority (the CCA), when established, further noting that this is subject to the CCA's agreement that this be the mechanism.
5. Agrees that the County Council act as the host authority for the Joint Committee.
6. Notes and agrees the dissolution of the D2 Joint Committee for Economic Prosperity, the enactment of which is subject to the establishment of the SLB and recommends that the Constitution is amended accordingly.

7. Notes and agrees the dissolution of the Vision Derbyshire Joint Committee, the enactment of which is subject to the establishment of the SLB and recommends that the Constitution is amended accordingly.
8. Agrees with the Council's active participation in the SLB and the associated costs of taking forward the programme of work, the maximum cost of which currently stands at £12,500 for NEDDC (assuming all Districts and Boroughs are members of the SLB) which is funded until at least March 2025 via the Business Rates pool.
9. Notes that as the functions of the SLB are executive functions, Derbyshire County Council will not have the opportunity to co-opt additional members onto the SLB and the ability to co-opt is restricted within the Terms of Reference.
10. Notes that, in accordance with section 9F of the Local Government Act 2000, constituent authorities who operate executive arrangements will need to make formal scrutiny arrangements to review or scrutinise decisions made in connection with the exercise of the functions of the D2 Strategic Leadership Board, and that the Council's existing scrutiny arrangements will apply.
11. Delegates authority to the Managing Director and Head of Paid Service in consultation with the Leader to agree the final terms of reference for the SLB and all other arrangements.

Approved by the Portfolio Holder – Cllr Barker, Leader of the Council

IMPLICATIONS

Finance and Risk: Yes No

Details:

As contained in the Council report attached.

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes No

Details:

As contained in the Council report attached.

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Staffing: Yes No

Details:

As contained in the Council report attached.

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

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: NEDDC: Revenue - £100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £250,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i>	No
Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	No
District Wards Significantly Affected	None
Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Cabinet <input type="checkbox"/> SMT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes Details: Council was consulted at its meeting on the 29 th January 2024

Links to Council Plan (NED) priorities, including Climate Change, Equalities, and Economics and Health implications.

Links to all.

REPORT DETAILS

1 **Background** *(reasons for bringing the report)*

- 1.1 As Members are aware, Council received a report on the D2 Strategic Leadership Board at its meeting on 29th January 2024. The report is attached. This outlined the proposal and the reasons for it.
- 1.2 The report to Council was seeking Council's views on the proposal. The draft minute for this Council item is attached to this report.

2. Details of Proposal or Information

2.1 These are contained in the Council report attached.

3 Reasons for Recommendation

3.1 To establish the D2 Strategic Leadership Board with robust governance arrangements in place and secure the Council's future involvement and participation in new governance arrangements as they develop and emerge.

3.2 To ensure the Council has appropriate lead Elected Member representation on the proposed D2 Strategic Leadership Board via the appointment of suitable Cabinet Members.

3.3 To ensure that the Council has appropriate delegations in place to enable the Council to participate in finalising the details of the D2 Strategic Leadership Board governance.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

4.1 Existing Joint Committees having been dissolved, the Council could take the option to not create a successor committee. There would still however, need to be an alternative vehicle to make nominations to the CCA when established.

4.2 Existing Joint Committees having been dissolved, the Council could take the option to not participate in the D2 SLB once established. This is not desirable as the Council report has indicated that the D2 SLB is a merger of two successful Joint Committees to support effective and efficient decision making. There is also significant interest in continuing to work collaboratively with Derby and Derbyshire Councils and to work collectively in partnership to tackle the county's challenges and speak as a collective where possible.

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
1	Report and appendices from the 29 th January 2024 Council meeting
2	Draft Council Minute from the meeting on the 29 th January 2024
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 Cabinet you must provide copies of the background papers)	
None	