



North East
Derbyshire
District Council

Council Plan 2023 - 2027

A summary of progress for **A great place to work**
for the period ending 31st March 2024 (Q4)





A great place to work

This quarter, the following progress has been made on *a community with growing, commutable employment opportunities*

Support existing businesses (including the Council) to maintain and grow workforce

- Derbyshire Accelerator 2023/24 - 34 businesses supported to end of March 2024 with 17 businesses receiving one to one support.
- 17 businesses supported through the Food and Drink Trail with 7 others having expressed an interest to get involved following the launch.
- Two Tourism Strategy workshops and a survey undertaken to review the priorities for 2024-27.

• **S106 monies secured for a signalised junction at Mill Lane/A61** which will then assist to unlock other development land and support the progress for Pioneer House, Wingerworth.

Support new business to start creating employment

- Town Centre retail audits carried out for the four town centres: Clay Cross, Eckington, Dronfield and Killamarsh to gain updated information on empty units and vacancy rates etc. to support new businesses.

• **3 businesses start-ups created** through Vision Derbyshire during this quarter.



- Business Support e-zine is sent out monthly. This is being developed into a newsletter that will showcase business news, business support and skills etc.
- Principle agreement with Eckington School to participate in the Culture of Enterprise initiative.
- Discussions with Chesterfield Borough and Bolsover District Councils have commenced regarding updated employment study.

Attract new businesses to the area which brings new jobs

- **Business Start-up event** held with 14 attendees, four exhibitors (Chamber (Accelerator), University of Derby, Chesterfield College, and Vision Derbyshire) and 8 businesses (two representatives from two businesses) to better inform those wishing to set up a business.

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This quarter, the following progress has been made on *a community with a diverse range of commutable employment that match the skills of residents*

Work with partners to match and develop local skills with local business employment need

- Joint NEDDC-CBC UK Shared Prosperity Funds Green Skills and Digital Skills procurement exercise underway, aimed primarily at the construction sector to support them to upskill for green technologies. Project start is planned for 1st May 2024.



- The Tourism Hospitality Charter may not go forward - set up by Visit Peak District and Derbyshire, business take up has been poor, so the programme is under review.
- Working with East Midlands Chamber and their Communications Agency to agree joint promotional activity for the Accelerator skills programme. A series of social posts and direct mail campaigns will take place as a result.
- Scheme to enhance and maximise employment and training opportunities during the construction period of the development secured by condition as part of major housing development in Calow.
- Supporting Bosch with ongoing shortage of welders, linking them with training providers.

