



North East
Derbyshire
District Council

Council Plan 2023 - 2027

A summary of progress for **A great place to work**
for the period January to March 2025(Q4)



A great place to work



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

- Training programmes and opportunities were promoted through the Business First e-news bulletin, alongside training and employment opportunities shared by partner organisations.
- **Green Skills project (funded by UKSPF)**, 29 people completed the training this quarter (target 50, 44 in total).
- Digital Skills (funded by UKSPF), 12 people completed the training this quarter (target 50, 55 in total).
- Attended Careers fair at Eckington Comprehensive to promote NED Leisure to students from year 7 -13.
- **Leisure provided a presentation and tour to students from Sheffield Football Club Community Trust.** This initiative is expected to foster a positive collaboration with the Trust, benefiting both parties through potential future gym instructors and more cost-effective continuous professional development (CPD) training opportunities.
- Aquatic and gymnastics helpers, aged 13 and above, have primarily been recruited through school connections and newsletters.
- A young person with SEN has been participating in an independent work placement at the café at one of the Leisure Centres. They have successfully achieved their Food Hygiene Level 2 qualification.
- **An investment plan proposal has been put to East Midlands County Combined Authority for an additional year of UK Shared Prosperity Funding.** This includes the continuation of the Accelerator business support project (£86k) and a further year of specialist digital skills training for businesses (£50k).
- Two Arboricultural Officers have recently been recruited. Connections with Broomfield Agricultural and Horticultural College have led to an increase in applications for grounds maintenance roles.



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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.

- Promoted businesses on the Food and Drink trail.

• Derbyshire Accelerator Programme (UKSPF funded):

- 28 businesses received non-financial support this quarter (target of 100 met in total)
- 17 businesses received non-financial support for decarbonisation (target 37, 64 achieved in total).
- 29 Decarbonisation plans this quarter (target 20, 37 in total)

- Network meetings for this quarter:
 - Clay Cross Business Network held in March 2025 (10 attendees).
 - Manufacturing Supply Chain Cluster held in February 2025 - (6 attendees).
 - Dronfield Network (facilitated externally) held in February (17 attendees) and March (7 attendees).



Attract and support new businesses to the area which bring new jobs.

- Promoted new units coming up soon at Clay Cross.
- Clay Cross - Agreements for two businesses have been drafted and sent via the Council's agent. Discussions are underway with a third potential tenant.

• Vision Derbyshire Start Up programme (funded by UKSPF):

- 7 entrepreneurs assisted this quarter (target 25, 61 in total).
- 4 businesses received non-financial support (target 53, 49 in total)
- 3 grants approved (target 5, 4 in total).
- No new businesses created this quarter nor new jobs however the target of 5 and 15 respectively have been achieved (17 new businesses and 15 jobs created).