



**North East
Derbyshire**
District Council

Council Plan 2023 - 2027

A summary of progress for **A great place to work**
for the period April to June 2025





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.

- The Derbyshire Accelerator Programme for 2025/26 is now underway, with initial funding provided by East Midlands Chamber while the Council awaits UK Shared Prosperity Fund support. So far this year, 44 businesses have received non-financial support—towards an annual target of 60. Additionally, 44 enterprises have adopted new technologies or processes, already exceeding the yearly target of 20.
- Regular promotion of council and partner job vacancies to over 3,000 email subscribers. These updates consistently achieve open rates above 50%, showing strong interest and engagement from our subscribers.

• We continue to support local businesses through regular networking opportunities. In Quarter 1, we hosted two key events: the Clay Cross Business Network on 5 June, attended by 23 representatives from 16 businesses, and the Manufacturing Supply Chain Cluster on 6 May, with 12 attendees from 8 businesses. In addition, our Tourism Officer has engaged with 10 tourism-related businesses through ad hoc meetings and direct contact.



- We've welcomed a T Level student from Chesterfield College, who will be gaining hands-on experience and supporting our Engineering team over the next year as part of their placement.
- Establishing the £1m UK Shared Prosperity Fund programme for 2025/26 with internal stakeholders whilst awaiting the receipt of funding.

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

- Marketing of business units at Baileys Square, Clay Cross is ongoing in partnership with commercial property consultants Fisher Hargreaves Proctor. Three units are currently at the legal stage, two are progressing through Heads of Terms, and four others have registered interest. The goal is to have all units under offer by autumn 2025.

• We've developed and updated a standard lease agreement to support businesses using Council-owned facilities. This ensures a consistent, clear, and efficient process for setting up agreements—making it easier for businesses to access and use our spaces while ensuring legal and operational requirements are met.

Progress against our objective:



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- Preparations for the next phase of the district-wide Shop Front Enhancement Scheme were carried out during this period in anticipation of receiving UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) support. Once funding is

received, the scheme will reopen for new applications—offering grants to help improve the appearance of high street shopfronts and business premises across North East Derbyshire.

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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

- Digital Skills project to continue for 2025/26 when UK Shared Prosperity funding is received. Proposed target to deliver digital training to 40 people from new businesses. Training offer includes AI, digital marketing and cybersecurity.

