



**North East
Derbyshire**
District Council

Council Plan 2023 - 2027

A summary of progress for **A great place to work**
for the period July to September 2025 (Q2)





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

- Quarterly Business Networks meetings continue to support local engagement. The Clay Cross Business Network met on 24 July 2025, with 29 attendees representing 25 businesses. The Manufacturing Cluster Network followed on 10 September 2025, attended by 12 individuals from 8 businesses. Dronfield Network meetings, externally facilitated, were held on 17 July and 18 September 2025, attracting 10 and 6 businesses respectively. The Tourism Network convened on 17 September 2025, with 16 attendees participating.

- **The UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) funded element of Derbyshire Accelerator Programme has commenced as the Council received funding in July 2025.** Businesses receiving non-financial support: (annual target 60) 15 this quarter (59 in total this year). Enterprises adopting new to the business technologies or processes (target 20) 5 this quarter (5 total this year).

- District wide UKSPF funded Shopfronts Scheme commenced in July 2025. £210k allocated for the scheme. 15 grants have been awarded in this quarter, totalling £180k, this includes an award of £100k to upgrade 10 units at Southgate in Eckington.

- **Planning is underway for the launch of the food waste service in April 2026. To support delivery, recruitment is in progress for 16 additional staff to meet operational resource requirements.**

- Two Council work placement students have successfully transitioned into appointed roles, reflecting the value and impact of our placement programme.
- Advertising current leisure vacancies through digital screens across the centres to increase awareness.
- Planning permission has been granted for the expansion of the coach and bus repair facility in Killamarsh (Ref: 25/00264/FL). This development supports local employment and sustainable transport infrastructure.



Progress against our objective:



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

- Coney Green Business Centre, Clay Cross is being actively promoted as a flexible and professional venue for businesses seeking workspace solutions.

- As part of the Clay Cross Town Deal, awareness is being raised around the upcoming availability of new business units at Baileys Square. These units will offer exciting opportunities for businesses to establish and grow within the Clay Cross community. Three units are in the process of being leased and a number of new units are under offer.

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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 has commenced with UK Shared Prosperity funding received in July. The proposed target is to deliver digital training to 40 people from new businesses. The training offer includes AI, digital marketing and cybersecurity.
- Funding has been successfully secured to support Lifeguard and Swimming Teacher training, with participants appointed to casual posts at the Council upon completion.



- Apprenticeships developed with local colleges for Streetscene operatives, i.e. mechanic, arborist.