



**North East  
Derbyshire**  
District Council

# Council Plan 2023 - 2027

A summary of progress for **A great place to work** for the period October to December 2025 (Q3)



Progress against our objective:



# 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

- A 24 day 'shop local' promotional campaign was delivered via Instagram, showcasing local businesses throughout December.

• **Supported staff development through UKSPF funded training, including lifeguard, gymnastics and swim teaching qualifications.**

- Delivered a Jobs Fair at Clay Cross Active in partnership with Derbyshire County Council, Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) and Economic Development, with 36 employers / providers available and 263 individuals in attendance.
- Approved commercial development applications including warehouse, office and industrial units in Stonebroom, Dronfield and Markham Vale.
- Planning continued for the recruitment of 16 additional staff required for food waste service delivery commencing April 2026.

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

- Secured tenants for approximately 80% of Baileys Square units, with further units under offer.
- Continued engagement with the Vision Derbyshire Start Up Programme.

• **Shopfronts Scheme fully committed, with 22 UKSPF funded grants awarded (£210k).**



## 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

- Delivered the UKSPF funded Derbyshire Accelerator Programme, supporting 12 businesses this quarter (71 in total) and enabling 15 enterprises to adopt new technologies or processes (20 in total).

- Delivered digital skills training (AI, digital marketing, cybersecurity) to 19 people this quarter (31 in total; target 40).
- Continued oversight of the £1m UKSPF Programme, including allocations supporting business skills and digital development.

