



**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 2026 (Q4)



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

- The district's first Manufacturing Meet the Buyer event was delivered in February, strengthening local supply chains and supporting small and medium enterprise growth, with strong business attendance and positive reported outcomes, including increased confidence in local supply chain diversification.
- Resilience within the Engineering service was strengthened through the appointment of a Service Manager and the successful completion of probation for a key technical role, improving capacity and service continuity.

• **DWP Jobs on Wheels was introduced at Killamarsh Active during this quarter, providing monthly, accessible employment support within the community.**

- Planning permission was granted to support business development at Callywhite Lane, Dronfield, contributing to the delivery of employment related development.

- Apprenticeship development with local colleges progressed, with a promotional event delivered on 23 March 2026 to support recruitment into Streetscene roles, e.g. arborist and administrative staff.

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

- Supported place-based promotion of business space and regeneration activity, including Coney Green workspace promotion and Clay Cross Town Deal business communications.
- Clay Cross Baileys Square Units - lease agreement with one business remains with legal. Heads of Terms have been drafted with all units, except Unit 1, now under offer.
- The Vision Derbyshire Start Up programme transitioned to Derbyshire County Council delivery during this quarter following the end of UKSPF funding.



## 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

- The UKSPF funded Derbyshire Accelerator Programme concluded this quarter, exceeding annual participation and business adoption targets:

- Businesses receiving non-financial support (annual target 60) 9 this quarter (80 in total this year exceeding target).
  - Enterprises adopting new to the business technologies or processes (annual target 20) 6 this quarter (26 total this year exceeding target).
- The UKSPF Digital Skills project concluded this quarter achieving its annual participation target and supporting businesses with AI, digital marketing and cybersecurity skills.

- Oversight of UKSPF Programme - funding totalling £1m of which £345k has been allocated to business support and skills through Accelerator, Digital Skills and Shopfronts Enhancement Scheme. All projects now complete.

- UKSPF-supported training enabled staff progression into paid swim teaching and leisure roles across Dronfield and Clay Cross Active sites.

