



**D2N2 Social Inclusion & Equalities Advisory Group Meeting**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018, 2.00-4.00pm**

**Erewash CVS, Granville Avenue, Long Eaton, NG10 4HD**

**Attendees**

Jane Howson (Chair)	Autism East Midlands
Rachel Quinn	D2N2 LEP
Richard Kirkland	D2N2 LEP
Colin Bradley	Groundwork Greater Nottingham
Jules Sebelin	Nottingham CVS
Maria Ward	Nottinghamshire County Council
Sarah Bull	Nottingham City Council
Rosie Morton	Derbyshire County Council
Andy Marsh	Derbyshire County Council
Michael Henry	Communities Inc
Hilary Porter	Nottinghamshire County Council
Jenny Kirkwood	RCAN
Jill Jefferies	NNRF
Debbie Webster	St Ann's Advice Centre
Sandra Casey (minutes)	One East Midlands

**Apologies**

Nicki Jenkins	Nottingham City Council
Nina Dauban	Nottinghamshire Community Foundation
Laurie Moran	One East Midlands
Bev Parker	Rural Action Derbyshire
Lisa Capell	The Prince's Trust
Sabina Talib	Derby City Council
Andrew Redfern	Framework

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Welcome / introductions / declarations of interest</b>	
1.1	There were no new declarations of interest.	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>D2N2 Board and ESIF committee – feedback</b>	
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>there have been a number of changes at the LEP with Elizabeth Fagan from Boots appointed as Chair and David Williams from Geldards appointed as Vice Chair</li> <li>recruitment for the Chief Executive is ongoing and Sajeeda Rose has been appointed interim Chief Executive, with Matt returning to his role as ESIF &amp; Growth Plan Manager. Interviews for the CEO are expected to take place in October</li> <li>following a ministerial review, LEPs are required to have a majority of private sector Board members. This may impact on future VCSE representation if their organisation is not classed as private sector, although there is an option for 5 places to be co-</li> </ul>	



	<p>opted to the Board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the review also proposes the setting up of a People &amp; Skills Board, which SIEAG would report to</li> <li>SIEAG has succeeded in making sure that greater emphasis on inclusion is included in the D2N2 Strategic Economic Plan and ERDF specifications</li> <li>the next D2N2 Board meeting is 18/10/18 but Jane is not available to attend. A substitute will be sought in her place</li> <li>the D2N2 ESIF committee agreed to accept the ESFA opt-in proposals for the Community Programme Grants Programme, NEET in D2N1 and Skills Support for the Workforce &amp; Redundancy</li> </ul>	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>D2N2 Strategic Economic Plan summary - draft</b>	
3.1	- see copy of draft plan previously circulated <b>NOT TO BE CIRCULATED BEYOND SIEAG MEMBERSHIP</b>	
3.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the previous SEP focused on job creation but this SEP will focus on productivity, inclusion and innovation</li> <li>data shows that Gross Value Added, Gross Disposable Household Income, skills profile and healthy working life expectancy all below national average; benefit claimant figures stagnated and there is a diversity of economic performance across the D2N2 area</li> <li>concerns raised about the potential for SEP focus on a small number of 'productivity and high growth' sectors. Much of this likely to impact positively on productivity but not necessarily on inclusion. However considering the statistic that 82% of businesses in D2N2 are at micro level and the majority of people are employed in lower value sectors then these ought to receive similar focus in order to meet inclusivity objectives. There is a potential disconnect between SEP aspirations and needs of local people; D2N2 has a low skill, low paid economy which attracts business but will not increase productivity ratings; how is inclusion actually addressed in the SEP; potential to measure success by improvement in the Social Mobility report ranking</li> </ul>	ALL: Rachel will co-ordinate feedback about the SEP from SIEAG
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Presentation – skills activity in D2N2</b>	
4.1	- see also handout: <i>Key priorities for the skills &amp; employability commission</i>	
4.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rachel is currently reviewing the LEP skills and employment strategy and asked SIEAG members to comment on what was missing and future needs</li> <li>discussion points included potential need to start careers guidance at primary stage; incentivising employers to upskill own employees; moving from education-led to employer-led strategy; no jobs for life/lack of continuity of staff; need to support people to be more resilient/transfer skills/prep for transition; lack of careers advice in special schools and those educated at home</li> <li>recommendations included encouraging employers to provide</li> </ul>	RQ: to feed comments into draft Skills & Employment Strategy in advance of formal consultation



	<p>solutions; balance between work experience and qualifications; improving pathways in to work; enabling opportunities for community engagement; support for both employees and employers in the workplace; recommendation to speak to organisations that provide apprenticeship advice (Babington/Deere)</p>	
<b>5.0</b>	<b>D2N2 update</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1.4 Active Engagement and Health &amp; Wellbeing programmes are expected to be launched in October</li> <li>• 6 ERDF open calls are also expected to be announced in October</li> </ul>	
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Rough Sleepers Strategy – carried forward from previous meeting</b>	
	<p>It was not clear from the previous meeting notes who raised this for discussion. The item was not discussed as there was no-one attending the meeting with any information.</p>	
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Minutes of the June meeting</b>	
7.1	<p>The minutes of the June meeting were approved, subject to the amendment that Michael Henry had sent his apologies for the meeting.</p>	
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Matters arising from the June meeting</b>	
8.1	<p>All matters arising have been on the agenda</p>	
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Any other business</b>	
	<p>Extending SIEAG membership – terms of reference and the potential to widen membership of SIEAG will be on hold until the new D2N2 Chair has reviewed D2N2 governance. Discussion to take place at next meeting.</p>	
<b>10.0</b>	<p><b>Date of next meetings:</b> Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 10.30 to 12.30pm</p> <p>Erewash Voluntary Action, Granville Avenue, Long Eaton NG10 4HD</p>	