



**D2N2 LEP Area  
Minutes of the ESI Funds Sub-Committee  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 1.30pm – 3.30pm at**

**Derby Arena, Royal Way, Pride Park, Derby DE24 8JB.**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	Apologies, Minutes of last meeting (19 <sup>th</sup> March 2018) and process of actions (paper)
2.	Written Procedures update
3.	Management Information Reports (papers) ERDF ESF EAFRD
4.	ESF Full Appraisal: Grads for D2N2
5.	Extension of Opt - in arrangements for the ESFA ESF programme
6.	ESF Commissioning - Active Inclusion and Health & Wellbeing
7.	Update on Greater Nottingham SUD
8.	Any Other Business

**Item 1.** Apologies, Minutes of last meeting (19<sup>th</sup> March 2018)

**1.1**

Dawn Ward (DWard)	FE Representative - Burton and South Derbyshire College
Andrew Pickin (AP)	Business Representative
Rob Mayo (RM)	Rural Reference Group
Sanjiv Kohli (SK)	NSDC
Melanie Fischer (MF)	Managing Authority EAFRD / RPA
Alex King (AK)	RPA (EAFRD)
Mike Carr (MC)	NTU (representing Professor Edward Peck)
David Williams (DW1)	Butt Foods
Ian Morgan (IM)	Business Representative / Wellglade
Cllr Tony King (Cllr TK)	Derbyshire County Council
Alan Smith (Alan S)	Derby City Council (representing Cllr Rawson)
Peter Gadsby (PG)	Ark Capital Ltd
Paul Harris (PH)	Rolls Royce
Diane Beresford	East Midlands Chamber of Commerce
Roger Allonby (RA)	Managing Authority EAFRD (RPA / DEFRA)
Frank Horsely	Derbyshire County Council

**1.2** The Chair asked for confirmation that the minutes of the last meeting were accurate.

The minutes were agreed to be accurate and were therefore approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

### 1.3 Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

### 1.4 Actions from the meeting 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Progress of actions:

Agenda Item from 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2018 meeting	Action identified from 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2018 meeting	Action update at 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2018 meeting
Item 4	Invite ERDF projects of scale and impact to present at future Committee meetings. (IW)	To be progressed for the next meeting.
Item 7	Send the ESFA a letter seeking a case by case project extension before Easter 2018. (MW)	Action completed.
Item 7	Invite ESFA to extra-ordinary meeting before the end of April. (MW)	Extra-ordinary meeting held on 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2018.
Item 7	Keep members informed and invite them to the meeting with the ESFA. (Secretariat)	Extra-ordinary meeting held on 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2018.

### Item 2. Written Procedures update

IW reported that 3 projects had been circulated using written procedures by EAFRD with responses required by 19/04/2018. These would be discussed at Item 3 on the agenda at the EAFRD update.

IW explained that the Update on the Extension of Opt-in arrangements for the ESFA ESF programme would be discussed further at Agenda Item 5.

### Item 3. Management Information Reports

#### 3.1 ERDF - Ian White DCLG, ERDF Managing Authority

IW presented an update on the ERDF performance management to show progress against spend and output targets at the LEP area level.

IW explained to the members of the sub-committee that the performance management update reflected the current state of play in terms of the programme progress. He pointed out that a

number of projects were in the transition stage from gaining approval for project change requests to receiving variations to funding agreements. It was noted MI data could not be updated until funding variations were fully in place and approved therefore some of the detail in this report may not reflect the current state of play.

The members were asked to note:

Allocations:-

- 108.6% of the current PA1 (Innovation) allocation of £18.238m has been programmed against three live projects (£13.5m ERDF) and two successful projects at outline stage (£6.276m). We have capped the two outline stage projects to 85% ensuring we stay within the PA1 allocation.
- PA2 commitment is 92.2% (£4.363m) of the priority axis allocation (£4.732m) against one live project (£3.6m), and a contribution to 3 SUD projects (£0.763m).
- PA3 commitment is 105% (£45.6m) of the priority axis allocation (£43.438m). Eleven projects are live worth £25m and 1 project at full application stage from the High Growth Call (£700k). There are 6 successful projects at outline stage worth £13.3m with two projects capped at 70% to ensure we stay within the PA3 allocation. A further £6m is a contribution to 3 SUD projects and £500k to bring forward a second phase of ERDF-backed international trade provision.
- £16.2m (74.9%) of the PA4 (low carbon) allocation of £21.6m has been programmed against three live projects (£5.9m), four projects at full application stage (£7.476m), and 3 SUD projects (£2.824m).
- £4.65m (93.9%) of the current PA5 (Climate Change) allocation of £4.9m has been programmed against 1 live project (£3.15m), and 1 project approved at full application stage (£1.5m).
- £4.5m (93.8%) of the current PA6 (Environment & Resource Efficiency) allocation of £4.8m has been programmed against 2 projects.

Performance:-

- Following decommitment and reprofiling in Q4 2017, D2N2 projects were contracted to spend £48.26m by the end of Quarter 1, £37m had been claimed resulting in an overall slippage rate of 23.26% down from 36.39% at the last quarter.
- In terms of progress against the financial performance framework targets the overall target for 2018 is £49.9m and the total claimed is £43m - a variance of

£6.9m down from £17m reported at the March Committee meeting. However, there are still concerns in achieving the target in PA4 and PA5.

- In terms of key performance framework output targets for 2018, the PA1, PA3 and PA5 targets have already been achieved, but there is still progress that need to be made against the remaining priority axis.

### **Current Performance D2N2 – Key messages:**

The managing authority have undertaken a series of meetings with those projects that were suggesting decommitment of resource and/or underperformance against expenditure and output targets. As a result of these meetings and actions to decommit and progress project change requests by grant recipients it was reported that the position on performance at the end of Quarter 1 2018 has improved.

A further consideration for the programme was the 2018 n+3 targets. This was reported as an annual hurdle for spend targets from 2018 onwards. IW informed the members that any underspend against an annual target is decommitted from the programme. N+3 targets and performance framework targets have been set at LEP area level and are proportionate to the Operational Programme targets.

IW presented management information reports that demonstrated contribution against the performance of framework financial and output targets.

Sub-committee members requested an update on the PA4 situation. IW reported that commitment is currently at 74.9% and it was agreed that a recommendation was approved for D2N2 to launch a PA4 call in October 2018. IW also confirmed there will be at least two future ERDF Calls windows before the Programme closes for new applications. These call windows will be in October 2018 and March 2019.

The Managing Authority will work with the LEP Officers on a future programme of Calls to ensure the maximum level of commitment for D2N2. The next ESIF sub-committee meeting will receive a report relating to this matter.

### **3.2 ESF - Tim George (ESF) DWP Managing Authority** **Progress on ESF**

TGeo introduced Andy Gibb as a new member of the ESF team.

TGeo provided the sub-committee with an update on the Managing Authority's (MA) progress of the programme so far at a National and local level.

#### **National ESF Programme Update**

Data on the values of MoUs/funding agreements remains unchanged from the last update.

- (i) Current ESF commitment has increased to £1.4bn which equates to 47% of total programme allocation.

- (ii) There are 162 Direct Bid Funding Agreements totalling £355m and 146 CFO MOUs valued at £1.045bn.
- (iii) There are currently no live ESF Open calls. The next round of calls is being planned for June.

### The CFO Position

The MA continues to work closely with the CFOs to establish their position regarding their future involvement in the programme and to address any potential barriers to their doing so. Below is a high level update on their claims to date:

- (i) HMPPS (formerly NOMS) c£82m of claims have been received and processed for HMPPS up until Q4 2017 of which c£46.1M is ESF.
- (ii) DWP have had payments of £3,275,470 ESF issued against their quarter one claims and £3,077,154 ESF against Quarter 2 claims. Claims submitted for Q3 amount to c£6.5m and payments totalling £3.598M have been issued. Q4 claim has been submitted with indicative ESF spend of c£6M.
- (iii) BLF £7.3m of claims have been received and processed for BLF up until Q2 2017. They have submitted 37 claims against quarter 3 expenditure and payments of £3.383M have been issued to date. Q4 claims have been submitted with an indicative ESF spend of c£14.5M

### ESFA

Claims to the value of £27m (£13.9m of ESF) were submitted up until Q2 2017. The MA agreed for the ESFA to submit nil claims in Q3 to allow system development work to ensure compliance in future claims. This will address concerns raised by the Certifying Authority and required a change in the claim payment model. Q4 claims have been received following this development work and checks have been started to allow the claims to be paid.

### E-CLAIMS update

The majority of Grant Recipients have now been provided with access to E-CLAIMS. Contract Managers are in touch with those organisations that do not yet have access and are working with them to provide access.

Initial feedback has been positive, with a number of organisations already submitting claims directly through E-CLAIMS.

### LEP Area Call and Progress Narrative (Management Information)

No change from previous update. The MA continues to work with the MI report developers to obtain the figures required for the actual spend section.

### Open Calls

No current Calls in the D2N2 area.

TGeo indicated an error on Item 7 of the Update Paper and clarified that Grads for D2N2 was a full application and not an outline application as reported in the paper. There were also other full applications progressing with extensions to submission dates agreed for the end of May 2018.

TGeo reported that ESF now covers all HMP provision.

There are currently CFO projects seeking extensions.

### **3.3 EAFRD – Ian White on behalf of EAFRD Managing Authority**

IW provided members with an update on the EAFRD Growth Programme.

#### **EAFRD Growth Programme Calls – D2N2 update**

D2N2 LEP area has an allocation of £5,188,825 towards the EAFRD Growth Programme. Three calls are open in the D2N2 LEP area, inviting Expressions of Interest (EOIs) for Tourism Infrastructure, Food Processing, and Business Development projects.

All EAFRD Growth Programme calls will close to Expressions of Interest on 31 May 2018. Support from ESIF sub-committee members and D2N2 Rural Reference Group colleagues to publicise the EAFRD Growth Programme funding to customers and stakeholders has been appreciated. Following the closure of the calls RPA will continue to provide support through project sponsorship and workshop sessions, assisting applicants to make a Full Application.

#### **EAFRD applications and projects in the D2N2 area**

Since the last meeting eight EAFRD Expressions of Interest have been received.

Five projects have been invited to Full Application. The D2N2 Rural Reference Group (RRG) has provided advice on local strategic fit on each project with endorsement sought from the ESIF Chair on behalf of the sub-committee. Three projects had a grant request of over £100,000 and for these projects advice was also sought from the ESIF sub-committee via written procedures.

Three Expressions of Interest received during the period were ineligible and have been rejected. Three Full Applications are in process, with a grant request of £360,055. Six projects have been approved and contracted.

The EAFRD update paper provided detail of each of the supported projects Expressions of Interest and full applications.

Sub-committee members requested an update on the status of food processing grants and asked if funding could be moved to other areas. LW reported that there would be no new calls and currently funding could not be moved. A National DEFRA meeting planned for 19<sup>th</sup> June would raise this issue. It was agreed that MW and LW would liaise to progress any decisions made at that national meeting.

#### **Item 4. ESF Full Appraisal: Grads for D2N2**

<b>Project Name</b>	Grads for D2N2: <b>Graduate Retention And Delivering skills for SMEs</b>
<b>Applicant</b>	Nottingham Trent University
<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	James Whybrow, Chris Henning.

<b>Project Value</b>	£7,360,993	<b>ERDF value</b>	£3,669,519
<b>Proposed Start Date</b>	01/07/2018	<b>Proposed Financial Completion Date</b>	31/12/2020
<p>The project has been designed at a scale to fit the D2N2 Call Specification which seeks to increase “<i>graduate retention and stimulate graduate returners; support existing higher level students with knowledge of existing opportunities and future jobs (particularly in SMEs); embed employer-led employability: create purposeful internships which lead to jobs, develop employer led higher and degree apprenticeships</i>”. This will be achieved through a programme of SME focused activities designed to raise the capacity of SMEs to attract and retain a highly skilled workforce and to ensure a supply of highly skilled talent that is better prepared for the SME workplace. SMEs will be specifically encouraged and supported to consider higher and degree apprenticeships as a route to acquiring the skills they need. Employment opportunity profile raising will focus on the D2N2 Priority Sectors.</p> <p>As specified in the call (p.8), the project will provide a support mechanism for institutions and SMEs to create career pathways, provide SMEs with incentives to provide flexible and meaningful work experience opportunities (e.g. financial incentives and more flexible models), support disadvantaged students to improve their job prospects and, crucially, promote better links between education and skills institutions and employers. The range of project partners will enable the ‘flexible’ approach sought in the call specification and will enable activities to span both FE and HE in accordance with the needs of SMEs.</p> <p>The project will raise capacity amongst SMEs for higher level skills workforce development and planning with a particular focus on recruitment and retention. Negotiated, bespoke ‘SME projects’ will ensure the active participation of SMEs with project partners. This will ensure that the project has an impact on not just on individual SME capacity but also on the responsiveness of wider partnerships and education and training systems resulting in individuals joining the labour market being better prepared for the world of work.</p> <p>The project specifically addresses the Operational Programme aspiration (p.106) to build capacity in SMEs through project/placement/ and internship opportunities. It will also promote apprenticeships by developing a supportive environment for employer engagement.</p>			
<b>Output</b>		<b>By 2018</b>	<b>Total</b>
ESF CO23-Number of supported micro, small and medium enterprises (including cooperative enterprises and enterprises of the social economy)		406	711
<b>Result</b>			
R9- Small and medium sized enterprises successfully completing projects (which increase employer engagement and / or the number of people progressing into or within		24	533

skills provision)

### **Appraisal Overall Comments**

The proposed operation contributes to the needs/opportunities identified in the call to which it is responding and the activities described fit with Investment Priority 2.2 in the ESF Operational Programme.

The project has been developed in partnership with a number of stakeholders and has been built upon the current partnership between these businesses and stakeholders. The applicant has provided comprehensive evidence from this programme regarding the activities in the current programme and how these have been evaluated and, where necessary adapted, to meet the requirements of the Call and the Operational Programme.

There are clear links between the proposed activities and the type of outputs and results to be delivered, however there were some risks with the value for money relating to the project costs and outputs/results, however through the iterative appraisal process the applicant revised the project deliverables to nearly double the requirements of the call in terms of outputs and results in absolute terms. The application provides match funding from a number of different sources, including SME match. This form of match is dependent on the engagement of SMEs by projects and so presents some risk in terms of the delivery of the project. The applicant has provided an assurance there is sufficient uptake in the local area to ensure the required amount of SME match funding will be attained.

### **Strategic Review Group Comments**

The project gives strong strategic fit and will be delivered by a strong consortium of partners drawn from 3 sectors. Nottingham Trent University, University of Derby, Nottingham City Council, Nottingham College, Derby College and Vision West Nottinghamshire College

The project has strong alignment to existing business support structures particularly the D2N2 Growth Hub and Nottingham Jobs Hub and support will be focussed on SME's operating within the D2N2 priority sectors.

The programme will provide sustained and active engagement of SMEs with key local education and skill providers which will help raise awareness of the skills provisions offered by local universities, colleges and local authorities and in return will increase the capacity of the D2N2 system to provide a workforce with the relevant skills and attributes that employers need; to improve graduate retention and to increase D2N2 SMEs capacity to attract and retain higher skilled employees.

### **Sub-committee Comments**

Sub-committee members commented on the need to link with other business support. It was reported that this would be part of the on-going monitoring if the application was successful.

The sub-committee recognised a strong strategic fit with reasonable value for money.

**Recommendation**

**The sub-committee confirmed a high degree of local strategic fit and advised to proceed to contract with the conditions included in the appraisal.**

**Item 5. Extension of Opt - in arrangements for the ESFA ESF programme**

Declarations of Interest: James Whybrow, Nicola McCoy-Brown and Cllr Reg Adair.

RK presented the background and progress in relation to the extension of opt-in arrangements for the ESFA ESF programme.

**Background**

1.1 On Thursday 8 February 2018 written procedures were circulated seeking recommendations from the ESIF committee on the offer from the ESFA to extend the opt in arrangements to current programmes by value (up to 50% of the original ITT value) and / or time to allow for continuation of provision until 31 March 2019. The programmes under consideration are;

a SKILLS Local

b EMPLOY Local

c CAREERS Local, and;

d D2N1 Youth Engagement.

Currently all the above contracts are due to end in July 2018.

**ESIF committee response to the ESFA offer of extension in value and time**

2.1 ESIF Committee members were not able to agree to the ESFA offer by written procedures. Instead, due to its importance, Members wished to fully discuss the issue at a full ESIF Committee meeting. To support this process, ESFA officials were invited to attend this meeting and provide financial information, performance data and business cases to allow the Committee to receive a clear assessment of the impact on funding plans already agreed by the Committee and the credibility and value for money of business plans before any funding extensions would be agreed.

2.2 On 4th of May 2018, an extraordinary meeting of the ESIF committee was held with ESFA officials in attendance to give information on the performance management process (PMP) being used to extend ESFA contracts in time and value and performance data on individual

### **3. The ESFA Provider Management Process (PMP)**

3.1 The ESFA are currently undertaking the April PMP which will consider the extension of contracts to March 2019 and give providers the opportunity for growth to continue delivery that will otherwise end in July 2018. The parameters for growth will require providers to submit a business case and requests will be considered based upon current performance and levels of delivery against outputs. Any request for an increase in starts must be supported by a proportional increase in progressions into employment, learning and apprenticeships.

3.2 Within the April PMP the ESFA have received 2 requests to access performance reserve for the EMPLOY Local and SKILLS Local programmes. These were agreed by ESIF Committee in November and have no impact on the current MoU with the ESFA.

3.3 Upon advisement from the ESIF committee the ESFA have the opportunity to use the July PMP to revise the D2N2 MoU to accommodate growth in provider contracts to sustain provision between August 2018 and March 2019. To facilitate provider growth within the PMP the ESFA will need to agree a revised MoU with the Managing Authority. Any revisions to the existing MoU will need to be approved by the ESIF committee. The MoU does not reflect individual contract decisions but will allow growth to be managed within the revised MoU parameters. Any decision to grow individual contracts will be made by the ESIF committee under instruction to the ESFA.

3.4 The ESFA will be undertaking future PMP points bi-monthly in July (based upon June performance data), September and November 2018 with the final PMP in January 2019. Providers will be able to request growth and contract changes (up to the ceilings in the MoU) at all PMP points by submitting robust business cases. This managed process to provider growth will allow greater flexibility for the ESIF committee and ESFA to manage any requests for growth in time and value. In all instances any provider requests for growth will be agreed by ESIF committee before instructing the ESFA to make any changes. This approach presents an opportunity to minimise the risk for continuity of provision within a managed approach to impact on plans for the second half of the programme.

3.5 A revised MoU with the ESFA allows for flexibility to allow provider uplift in the PMP to alleviate the risk to continuity of provision from August 2018 to March 2019. Any provider uplift will only be agreed using the provider business case, performance data, evidence of need (pipeline) and continued strategic alignment with the ESIF Core Delivery Principles. In effect nothing is agreed at individual contract level until the ESIF committee agrees to it using evidence provided by the ESFA.

### **4. Extra ordinary ESIF committee meeting - discussion by individual contract level**

4.1 The performance information that the extraordinary meeting considered was ESFA individual contract reports for March 2018 which give performance against contract profiles

particularly the relationship between starts and positive progressions. LEP officers modelled the growth required to ensure continuity of provision to March 2019. These costs

#### Recommended growth by individual contract

Investment Priority	Contract No	Provider	Growth required
1.1	2219	EMPLOY Local - Derby Business College	£630,000
1.1	2299	EMPLOY Local Derby Business College	£771,000
<b>1.1 total</b>			<b>£1,401,000</b>
1.2	2217	D2N1 Youth Engagement - CT Skills	£350,000
1.2	2215	D2N1 Youth Engagement - CT Skills	£0
1.2	2224	Nottinghamshire County Council	£250,000
<b>1.2 total</b>			<b>£600,000</b>
<b>Total for IP 1</b>			<b>£2,001,000</b>
2.1	2218	D2N1 Youth Engagement - CT Skills	£0
2.1	2216	D2N1 Youth Engagement - CT Skills	£0
2.1	2221	SKILLS Local – Learndirect *	£1,365,154
2.1	2222	SKILLS Local – Learndirect *	£278,766
2.1	2220	EMPLOY Local - Derby Business College	£0
2.1	2300	EMPLOY Local - Derby Business College	£0
<b>2.1 total</b>			<b>£1,643,920</b>

\* Learndirect provision ends July 2018 due to inadequate inspection results

RK provided a rationale and recommendations for growth by investment priority and projects as follows:

- Investment Priority 1.1
  - EMPLOY Local – Derby Business College
- Investment Priority 1.2
  - D2N1 Youth Engagement – CT Skills
  - Careers Local – Nottinghamshire County Council
- Investment Priority 2.1
  - D2N1 Youth Engagement – CT Skills
  - EMPLOY Local – Derby Business College
  - SKILLS Local – Learndirect

RK reported on the issues regarding the continuation of the SKILLS Local programme in terms of the issue of extending the contract beyond July 2018 which would leave a gap in ESF provision to support beneficiaries with their skills need. A proposed increase in the MoU of £1.6m would allow the procurement of a new provider to deliver the SKILLS Local programme from July 2018.

RK informed the ESIF sub-committee of the recommendations from the extra-ordinary ESIF sub-committee meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018 as follows:

That the ESIF committee **APPROVE** that the ESFA MoU is increased at the July PMP point by the recommended amounts below. This will allow LEP officers and the ESFA to manage

growth within the PMP framework to allow continuation of provision from August 2018 to March 2019.

IP	Programme	Current value	Gap value *	% of original value
<b>1.1</b>	<b>Employ Local</b>	<b>£ 3,888,000</b>	<b>£1,401,000</b>	<b>36%</b>
1.2	D2N1 Youth Engagement	£2,332,450	£600,000	26%
1.2	CAREERS Local	£1,731,676	£250,000	14%
1.2	Combined	£4,064,126	£850,000	21%
<b>IP1</b>	<b>1.1 and 2.1 combined</b>	<b>£7,952,126</b>	<b>£2,251,000</b>	<b>28%</b>
2.1	SKILLS Local **	£6,300,000	£1,643,920	26%
2.1	EMPLOY Local	£1,512,000	£0	0%
2.1	D2N1 Youth Engagement	£547,200	£0	0%
<b>2.1</b>	<b>Combined</b>	<b>£8,359,200</b>	<b>£1,643,920</b>	<b>20%</b>

\* Gap value is the amount required to secure provision from August 2018 to March 2019

\*\* A new provider will need to be procured to deliver between August 2018 and March 2019

That to ensure continuation of SKILLS Local provision should the Learndirect contract terminate in July 2018 that LEP officers work with local authority skills officers and ESFA to develop a specification based upon the original ITT to procure a new provider from August 2018 to March 2019.

PR (Chair) welcomed the robust conversations resulting in sound recommendations and congratulated members on their contributions to enable these recommendations to be supported.

Sub-committee members reinforced his comment and recognised the hard work from a united committee that has enabled this agenda to be moved forward in a timely manner.

The sub-committee was reminded that if recommendations are progressed they, as a committee, will still have the option to veto requests if they do not demonstrate an evidenced based approach.

## **Recommendation**

**The sub-committee approved the recommendations from the extra-ordinary ESIF sub-committee meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018.**

## **Item 6. ESF Commissioning - Active Inclusion and Health & Wellbeing**

RQ provided a summary of ESF commissioning Active Inclusion and Health & Wellbeing.

At the November meeting, the D2N2 ESIF sub-committee discussed the challenges to secure match funding for ESF in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the 2014-20 ESIF programme. The meeting agreed strategic overviews of open call specifications for Skills, Employment and Youth Engagement.

This item presented 2 further strategic overviews for Active Inclusion (priority 1.4) and the Health and Wellbeing programme (priorities 1.4 and 2.1).

Extensive technical assistance activity has taken place in the development of these overviews to ensure the availability of local match and delivery pipeline.

ESIF sub-committee were asked to consider and endorse the strategic rationale set out in the overviews.

### **Active Inclusion**

The aim of the ESF Active Inclusion priority 1.4 is to progress activities prioritised by the LEP for the purposes of addressing poverty and social exclusion in the D2N2 area. In particular the call is to provide targeted support to those most disadvantaged in the current labour and least able or likely to benefit from 'organic' local growth, and to do so in a way which is locally appropriate and sensitive to the needs of those communities and individuals.

D2N2's approach to Investment Priority 1.4 'Active Inclusion' to date has been informed by the D2N2 Social Inclusion Framework (October 2014) and the D2N2 Community Programme (2015). These frameworks informed procurement of *Building Better Opportunities* (Big Lottery Fund opt-in) and the recent Active Inclusion Grants Programme call. This call specification reflects the current high demand for services which support individuals with multiple and complex barriers to participation and progression based on learning from existing provision through *Building Better Opportunities*. The call also reflects challenges experienced in enabling local-level delivery through a Community Grants model.

### **Health & Wellbeing Programme**

D2N2 has a good track record of creating jobs and opportunities across our area. However, poor local health outcomes remain a stubborn barrier to long term growth and success. The overarching aim of this call is to identify opportunities to maximise and capture the potential for health and wellbeing interventions to generate economic benefits.

This programme aims to align current investment models for health and wellbeing delivery (both mainstream and third sector investment / delivery) with ESF to deliver and capture greater opportunities for the local economy. Particular priority outcomes include those that deliver:

- a. improved wellbeing of the existing workforce to the benefit of the SME business-base,
- b. provide a wrap-around service to support individuals into Health & Social Care as an employment sector (with additional support for those with additional health-related barriers to work and building capacity to join up existing workforce planning and activity).

This call draws together both skills and inclusion activity and links closely to previously agreed strategic overviews for Skills (employer HR support) and Employment (for individuals with long-term health related barriers to work).

The sub-committee was asked to consider the following recommendation:

- a) consider the attached Strategic Overviews for Active Inclusion and Health & Wellbeing, attached as Appendix A and B
- b) endorse the development of specifications for Open Calls to deliver approach described in the Strategic Overviews
- c) request that DWP opens the calls to deliver the approach in the Strategic Overviews in the second wave of open call rounds (July / August 2018)

Sub-committee members welcomed the Active Inclusion and Health & Wellbeing themes noting that there is a complexity of need and multiple barriers to access employment that presents particular challenges and therefore any promotion and profile-raising was welcomed.

It was noted that potential applicants would have access to Technical Assistance to support the development of applications.

The sub-committee was informed that timeframe for 2 stage applications would limit the viability of this call and there may be the possibility of a one stage application process.

**The sub-committee endorsed the recommendations.**

#### **Item 7 Update on Greater Nottingham SUD**

JW presented an update on Greater Nottingham SUD reporting that £9.58m of the £9.8m allocation had been committed. Applications covered all priority axes. The outcome of the Euro exchange rate would determine if there was funding in addition to the £200k that remains uncommitted. When the outcome of this review is known there would be a recommendation regarding any future call. Because of commitments to date this is likely to focus on PA4 (Low Carbon) projects.

JW provided detail on the various PA allocations as follows:

- £0.74m (95%) of the PA2 (ICT) allocation of £0.78 m has been programmed against two projects at full application stage and one project at outline application stage.
- £6.02m (109%) of the PA3 (SME Competitiveness) allocation of £5.51m has been programmed against two projects at full application stage and one project at outline application stage.
- £2.82m (80%) of the PA4 (Low Carbon) allocation of £3.51m has been programmed against two projects at full application stage and one project at outline application stage.

JW provided an update on full application status as follows:

- Nottingham Incubators has been invited to submit a full application with Nottingham City Council as the applicant

Two projects have now submitted full applications. These are:

- Digital Technology Hub with applicant being Nottinghamshire County Council

- NTU Enterprise and Innovation Centre with applicant being Nottingham Trent University

SUD Committee has invited one project to be included on a reserve list:

- Calverton Enterprise Units with applicant being Gedling Borough Council

This project would be held on the reserve list for 6 months as the amount committed for PA3 is now at 109%. The project would be represented to the SUD Committee for consideration before it is agreed whether it would be supported to submit a Full application.

### **Item 8. Any Other Business**

It was noted that the agenda identified the next meeting as Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018. It was agreed that the secretariat would check this as it did not coincide with the LEP board meeting planned for 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

### **Appendix A - Actions of the Meeting**

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Action assigned to</b>
3.1	An existing ERDF project would be invited to present at the July meeting.	Ian White
8	The secretariat to confirm the date of the next ESIF sub-committee meeting to be held on <b>16<sup>th</sup> July 2018 from 11.30am – 1.30pm at Derbyshire County Council.</b>	Secretariat

### **Annex B Attendee List**

<b>Name, title and organisation</b>	<b>Sector/Organisation Representing</b>
Peter Richardson (PRich)	D2N2 LEP
Ian White (IW)	Managing Authority ERDF (MHCLG)

### **Sub-Committee Members attending:**

<b>Name, title and organisation</b>	<b>Sector/Organisation Representing</b>
Matt Wheatley (MW)	D2N2 LEP
Nicola McCoy-Brown (NMcB)	Nottinghamshire County Council

Tim George (TGeo)	Managing Authority DWP (ESF)
Michael Henry (MH)	Community Sector
Katie Evans (KE)	Derby City Council (representing Alan Smith)
Cllr Reg Adair (Cllr RA)	Nottinghamshire County Council
James Whybrow (JWh)	FE Representative attending on behalf of Dawn Ward
Cllr Rawson (Cllr R)	Derby City Council (Deputy Leader)
Michael Henry (MH)	Community Sector
Chris Henning (CH)	Nottingham City Council
Matthew Easter (ME)	Sustrans
Jeremy Hague	Nottingham Trent University / HE representing Professor Edward Peck (Prof EP)

**Others in attendance (non-members - including secretariat):**

<b>Name, title and organisation</b>	<b>Sector/Organisation Representing</b>
Yvonne Dickinson (YD)	MHCLG
Eimear Scullin (ES)	MHCLG
Richard Kirkland (RK)	D2N2 LEP
Jem Woolley (JW)	Greater Nottingham SUD
Andy Gibbs (AG)	Managing Authority DWP (ESF)
Rachel Quinn (RQ)	D2N2 LEP
Lindsay Wetton (LA)	D2N2 LEP
Oliver Alderton	MHCLG

**Apologies:**

<b>Name, title and organisation</b>	<b>Sector/Organisation Representing</b>
Dawn Ward (DWard)	FE Representative - Burton and South Derbyshire College

Andrew Pickin (AP)	Business Representative
Rob Mayo (RM)	Rural Reference Group
Sanjiv Kohli (SK)	NSDC
Melanie Fischer (MF)	Managing Authority EAFRD / RPA
Alex King (AK)	RPA (EAFRD)
Mike Carr (MC)	NTU (representing Professor Edward Peck)
David Williams (DW1)	Butt Foods
Ian Morgan (IM)	Business Representative / Wellglade
Cllr Tony King (Cllr TK)	Derbyshire County Council
Alan Smith (Alan S)	Derby City Council (representing Cllr Rawson)
Peter Gadsby (PG)	Ark Capital Ltd
Paul Harris (PH)	Rolls Royce
Diane Beresford (DB)	East Midlands Chamber of Commerce
Roger Allonby (RA)	Managing Authority EAFRD (RPA / DEFRA)
Frank Horsely	Derbyshire County Council

**Dates and times of next meetings**

Monday 16th July 2018 11.30am-1.30pm – Derbyshire County Council (***to note date change from 9<sup>th</sup> July***)

Monday 24 September 11.30am-1.30pm – Nottinghamshire County Council

Friday 30 November 1.30pm-3.30pm – Nottingham City Council