



Vision Derbyshire Joint Committee

The Chair and Members of Vision
Derbyshire Joint Committee

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Dear Councillor,

Please attend a meeting of the VISION DERBYSHIRE JOINT COMMITTEE to be held on MONDAY, 11 JULY 2022 at 1.30 pm in the Members Room, Derbyshire County Council, County Hall, Matlock DE4 3AG, the agenda for which is set out below.

AGENDA

Part 1 (Public Information)

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of interest
3. Minutes (Pages 3 - 10)
4. Delivery programme and central resource update
5. Vision Derbyshire Thematic Areas (Pages 11 - 24)
 - 4.1 – Build Proactive Communities – Delivery Programme Report
 - 4.2 – Seize Innovation – Update & SPF Business Start-Up Programme Report
 - 4.3 – Establish Relentless Ambition – Update
 - 4.4 – Live and Work Sustainably – Update & Climate Change Action Plan Prioritisation
6. Levelling-up White Paper, County Deal and Vision Derbyshire alignment

update

7. Local Government Act 1972 - Exclusion of the public

To move “That under Regulation 21(1)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.”

Part 2 (Non Public Information)

8. Devolution Deal/County Deal governance update

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gerard Rogers', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Gerard Rogers, Head of Regulatory Law and Monitoring Officer (Chesterfield Borough Council)

VISION DERBYSHIRE JOINT COMMITTEE**Monday, 4th April, 2022**

Present:-

Councillor Lewis (Chair)

Councillors Buttery
Dale
GilbyCouncillors Hart
McKeown
Purdy

*Matters dealt with under the Delegation Scheme

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

3 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Councillor Lewis was appointed Chair of the Vision Derbyshire Joint Committee for 2022/23.

(Councillor Lewis then took the Chair)

Councillor Gilby was appointed Vice-Chair of the Vision Derbyshire Joint Committee for 2022/23.

4 VISION DERBYSHIRE JOINT COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS - ARTICLES AND PROCEDURES

The Chief Executive of Chesterfield Borough Council presented a report detailing the proposed governance arrangements for the Vision Derbyshire Joint Committee.

The arrangements provided a necessary formality to evidence to Government the collective commitment of Derbyshire councils to Vision

Derbyshire as a refreshed approach to collaborative working and a viable alternative to local government reorganisation.

Thanks were recorded to the monitoring officers of Derbyshire Dales District Council and Derbyshire County Council for their input. It was noted that external legal advice had also been taken on the terms of reference, articles, and rules of procedure. These were attached at appendix 1 to the officer's report.

The main aims and objectives of the Joint Committee were outlined and emphasis placed on the flexibility that had been written in to the governance arrangements to allow all Derbyshire Councils to continue to participate in discussions alongside those that had already resolved to take up full member authority status.

RESOLVED -

That the newly established Vision Derbyshire Joint Committee applies the governance standards that have been developed and approved by the current full member authorities Chesterfield Borough Council, Derbyshire County Council, Derbyshire Dales District Council and High Peak Borough Council.

REASON FOR DECISION –

Formal governance arrangements are required to support effective decision making. This had been identified during the first two stages of Vision Derbyshire development as crucial in taking Vision Derbyshire forward.

5 ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAMME RESOURCE AND NEXT PHASE OF DELIVERY

The Managing Director of Derbyshire County Council presented a report setting out the proposals that had been developed by the full member authorities to establish a Vision Derbyshire programme resource and for the next phase of delivery.

The programme resource would allow work on the thematic ambition areas to be taken forward at pace; also ensuring Vision Derbyshire's alignment with other emerging agendas e.g., the Derby and Derbyshire Integrated Care System and County Deal proposals.

The groundwork for the recruitment of staff had already begun and other budget resources established to support with set up costs, committee administration and Vision Derbyshire communications.

RESOLVED –

1. That the Vision Derbyshire programme resource be established, as approved by the current full member authorities Chesterfield Borough Council, Derbyshire County Council, Derbyshire Dales District Council and High Peak Borough Council.
2. That the next steps in respect of Phase 4 implementation, as set out of the officer's report, be noted.

6 THEME - LIVE AND WORK SUSTAINABLY

6a) Climate Change Strategy

The Leader of Amber Valley Borough Council presented a report detailing the significant work that had been taken forward to establish a Vision Derbyshire Climate Change Strategy.

The importance of working collaboratively on such an important topic was emphasised. The Vision Derbyshire Climate Change Strategy was not intended to replace but to align in support of individual authorities' strategies.

The strategy had been developed by the Vision Derbyshire Climate Change working group, which comprised of officer representatives from all Derbyshire councils. The working group was now developing a detailed action plan to give effect to the strategy.

The working group was thanked for all its hard work and it was noted that several Derbyshire councils had already formally adopted the Vision Derbyshire Climate Change Strategy.

RESOLVED –

That the Joint Committee endorses the publication and delivery of the Vision Derbyshire Climate Change Strategy (2022-2025).

6b) Climate Change and Planning Policy

The Leader of Derbyshire Dales District Council presented a report detailing the progress made on the Vision Derbyshire Climate Change and Planning Policy work stream.

It was hoped that the Vision Derbyshire-backed Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) would become an exemplar document and one that would assist with the development of robust planning policy in relation to climate change. The SPG would be disseminated amongst Derbyshire councils with the intention of it being adopted by all.

Funding was required to create a web-based resource to host the new and innovative climate change metric that had also been developed to support both developers and/or planning officers with the respective submission and consideration of planning applications. Several external consultees had examined both the SPG and metric and liked the approach.

The Head of Planning at Derbyshire County Council emphasised the need for effective promotion of the SPG at a time when so many Derbyshire councils were reviewing their Local Plans

RESOLVED –

1. That the progress update on the Climate Change and Planning Policy workstream be noted.
2. That up to £20,000 be allocated to allow the Climate Change SPG and metric to progress by the development of a bespoke web presence and online resource to enable the consideration of climate change in planning policy and in the consideration of planning applications be agreed.

7 THEMATIC UPDATE (SEIZE INNOVATION, ESTABLISH RELENTLESS AMBITION, AND BUILD PROACTIVE COMMUNITIES)

7a) Seize Innovation

The Leader of Chesterfield Borough Council provided an update on the Vision Derbyshire Business Start-up Project.

Following a soft launch in April 2021, 278 prospective entrepreneurs had to date registered for support. 193 of these were now being actively supported by 5no. business advisers. The latter were deployed on the basis of 1no. adviser per 2no. local authority areas.

The project was also keen to engage with social enterprises and information on a community hub in Belper was shared to exemplify this commitment.

Applications were also now starting to be received for the grant funding element of the Start-up project.

Reference was then made to the start of a conversation on scoping out a brief for making Derbyshire a 'smart county' where the digital needs of all individuals and communities would be fulfilled.

RESOLVED –

That the update be noted.

7b) Relentless Ambition

The Leader of Derbyshire County Council provided an update on the Relentless Ambition theme.

Specific reference was made to Vision Derbyshire's collaboration with the University of Derby and the Derbyshire Festival of Business. To date, 86 Festival-themed events had taken place across the county since the end of September with many more scheduled.

An outline of the future Festival of Business programme was provided, and the committee's attention drawn to events that would explore the following opportunities;

- An apprenticeship hub for Derbyshire
- Shared procurement: to achieve better value for all and enable aspects of Social Value and sustainability to be incorporated into future procurement activities
- Skills research work: to understand the gaps in current training provision and the barriers to skills acquisition
- Graduate Recruitment: addressing the lack of graduate training programmes in Derbyshire councils

- Inward investment: to bring new businesses to Derbyshire
- Retrofitting of houses and the unique skills required to carry out this work.

RESOLVED –

That the update be noted.

7c) Proactive Communities

The Chief Executive of High Peak Borough Council provided an update on the Proactive Communities theme.

Specific reference was made to the success of Vision Derbyshire's work in addressing homelessness and rough sleeping.

One of Vision Derbyshire's primary roles was to engage other public and voluntary sector partners in specific projects and activities to deliver better outputs and outcomes for people and places and also to establish best practice. This had most definitely been achieved in relation to homelessness and rough sleeping both through and beyond the period of the pandemic.

Future potential areas of work were identified;

- Addressing domestic violence and domestic abuse
- The future of Independent Living Services
- Progressing a Community Impact Assessment to explore the ongoing impact of Covid-19 on Derbyshire's communities
- VCS Support arrangements
- Working with Active Derbyshire and Walk Derbyshire on new and existing initiatives

RESOLVED –

That the update be noted.

8 LEVELLING UP WHITE PAPER AND COUNTY DEALS UPDATE

The Managing Director of Derbyshire County Council presented an update on the Levelling Up White Paper and County Deals.

A new devolution framework was being created and Derbyshire and Derby was among nine county areas that had been identified by the Government for a potential devolution deal. This was noted as a significant opportunity.

In their letter of invitation, the Government had specifically acknowledged Vision Derbyshire as an innovative approach to service transformation.

Three levels of deal were available with differing levels of power and flexibility. A template submission had already been made to the Government for a Tier 3 deal on a Derby City, Derbyshire County, Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire County footprint. A Tier 3 deal would require any future Combined County Authority to be led by a directly elected mayor.

The work that Derbyshire councils had taken forward on Vision Derbyshire was viewed as a key factor in being chosen as a pathfinder area, providing Derbyshire County with a unique selling point and a voice for its collective ambition.

Further work was required to ensure the alignment of Vision Derbyshire with the County Deal process in parallel with progressing an on-ongoing dialogue with Government.

A broader response to the proposals set out in the White Paper was also highlighted as a logical next step.

RESOLVED –

That the update be noted.

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Vision Derbyshire Joint Committee

Build Proactive Communities Delivery Programme

Date:	11 July 2022
Key ambition area:	Build Proactive Communities
Sponsors:	Cllr Garry Purdy – Derbyshire Dales District Council Andrew Stokes – High Peak Borough Council
For publication:	Yes

1.0 Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To update the Vision Derbyshire Joint Committee on progress made so far on the Build Proactive Communities thematic and outline development of the programme plan.
- 1.2 To seek approval to progress the five areas of work outlined in the report.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Note the appointment of Cllr Garry Purdy as Leader Sponsor for the Build Proactive Communities Theme
- 2.2 Agree to progressing the five projects identified in the report.
- 2.3 Nominate relevant officers to form an overarching group of strategic officers who can participate in work to further scope out how it is progressed.
- 2.4 Nominate relevant officers to participate in five sub-groups to take the work forward when appropriate.

3.0 Reason for recommendations

- 3.1 Progressing this theme is critical for the Vision Derbyshire approach to explore opportunities for improving local service delivery and in supporting local communities to thrive.

4.0 Report details

Background

- 4.1 In March 2020 three pilot groups, were initiated during Phase 2 of the Vision Derbyshire programme. These pilots, focused on specific topics, developed and iterated a new way of working between the Vision Derbyshire councils, whilst also demonstrating how outcomes can be improved for people and places in Derbyshire.
- 4.2 The original scope set by the Vision Derbyshire Steering Group was to create a specific pilot to aid community recovery. Through a series of pilot sessions, the Steering Group agreed to focus on investigating ways in which Vision Derbyshire councils and communities could co-develop services or contracts to better utilise community capacity and improve outcomes for local people.
- 4.3 During Covid-19, councils also collectively worked together to house homeless people across Derbyshire. The Community Recovery Pilot collaborated on supporting the homeless or those at risk of homelessness and built on the progress and focus within this area caused by significant efforts to support this population during the first Covid-19 lockdown.
- 4.4 Scoping work undertaken through Phase 3 has identified additional areas of work to be brought forward for the Phase 4 accelerated delivery programme. These key areas of work are outlined across sections 4.5 – 4.26 below.
- 4.5 Recently a vacancy has arisen in the programme for a Leader Sponsor for the Build Proactive Communities theme. Cllr Garry Purdy, Leader for Derbyshire Dales District Council has agreed to Sponsor this theme. Cllr Purdy will remain sponsor of the work regarding Climate Change Supplementary Planning Guidance and will continue to champion this work until its conclusion.

Project One: Domestic Abuse

- 4.5 Domestic abuse is a complex social issue people access a range of statutory & voluntary sector provision across different tiers and systems of local government. There is an opportunity through Vision Derbyshire to build provision which provides a comprehensive and consistent response to supporting victims and addressing issues relating to domestic abuse across the county.
- 4.6 This means designing and developing a single approach for needs assessment, resourcing and delivery, and creating a single customer centred approach for advice and support services. This will connect statutory and voluntary sector provision and a develop a single needs assessment to enable better understanding of the issues relating to domestic violence. There are also significant opportunities to look at joint commissioning approaches to drive culture change across the organisations and improve safeguarding outcomes for victims.

- 4.7 Tackling violence against women and girls has also become a key priority for Government, and the Home Office has published a strategy in July 2021 setting out their plans. The strategy outlines an ambition to increase support for victims and survivors, increase the number of perpetrators brought to justice, reduce the prevalence of violence against women and girls in the long term and bring forward a radical programme of change in the whole system’s response to these crimes. Government also indicated that this strategy would be followed by a dedicated and complementary domestic abuse strategy, yet to be published.

Project Two: Covid 19 Community Impact Assessment

- 4.8 A significant amount of collaboration, effort and funding has been provided to support vulnerable residents across Derbyshire communities through the pandemic. There are opportunities to build on the improved partnership working and goodwill created between sectors to seek new ways of working that might not have previously been possible.
- 4.9 There have been improved networking and relationships between organisations at a county and local level, including:
- Increased trust amongst partners and across sectors, particularly the voluntary and community sector
 - Building on the response and using networks to tackle other social issues in collaboration
 - Sharing and using insights from at risk, hard-to-reach and vulnerable communities.
- 4.10 With such a huge challenge like Covid 19 recovery it is important to understand the nature of the impact because this can support identifying solutions to tackle any issues. It is recommended that a comprehensive Community Impact Assessment can support the prioritisation of needs ensure a focus for recovery efforts. It is important that the Councils can outline who has been most affected and how the public sector can best support.
- 4.11 This impact assessment can then form the basis for supporting the development of a shared strategy, to develop a shared vision and drive a more consistent, collaborative approach across Vision Derbyshire councils to improve community outcomes, providing a strategic focus for the coming years.

Project Three: Voluntary and Community Sector support

- 4.12 The way that Derbyshire Councils support voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations is not consistent and joined up. Each council has different ways in which it works with, supports, and funds the sector. If councils could collectively

agree a set of principles for how they will work with the voluntary and community sector, it would support the sector to maximise its potential and be more resilient.

- 4.13 The current Derbyshire Compact was designed to provide a shared partnership framework to support Derbyshire councils in their work with the VCS. This Compact however, was developed and agreed in 2003 and consideration is needed on whether this document is still fit for purpose and what alternative arrangements could be established, reflecting the current public sector landscape and its relationship with the sector.
- 4.14 Many Derbyshire councils also fund local VCS infrastructure support organisations, such as CVS's and volunteer centres. These organisations can provide the sector with a single front door to offer vital support to the VCS as and when needs arise. By knowing the local area and local needs, local infrastructure organisations can help the VCS to attract funding, operate good governance, recruit and manage volunteers, develop new local provision and influence the public sector.
- 4.15 Building on the fantastic effort from the sector to support people during Covid and the work that the County Council and CCGs have done on aligning their frameworks for commissioning infrastructure providers, this project would look at a shared infrastructure framework with the District and Borough Councils, accommodating for their needs and supporting their priorities. This work could provide the foundations for a wider joined up approach to VCS funding and a wider approach to building community capacity and empowering local people.
- 4.16 Derbyshire County Council recently took a report to Derbyshire Chief Executives on their current review of funding to the sector. There was broad support from Chief Executives in attendance to explore collaborative work on VCS provision and support, including Derby and Derbyshire CCG.

Project Four: Independent Living / Low level support

- 4.17 There is a recognition that many people require additional support to remain in and live independently in their own homes.
- 4.18 The Council has been funding a range of legacy low-level support services for many years. The current Older People's Independent Living service is delivered by District and Borough Councils and a VCS provider. Eligibility for these services are not based on assessed need, are not sufficiently targeted and are not a statutory duty for Adult Social Care to fund or provide.
- 4.19 Contract monitoring data suggests that many of the current recipients of this service are social housing tenants and have been receiving their support for many years. Recent data from a desktop review in one district and borough area suggests that a

significant proportion of current users of the service have no or very low support needs and a very small proportion do have a need, but that this need is still unlikely to meet the Care Act eligibility criteria.

- 4.20 The County Council took a report to Derbyshire Chief Executives in October 2021 on their proposals to review current funding and provision of the Older People’s Independent Living Service. There was broad support from Chief Executives in attendance to explore collaborative work through Vision Derbyshire and the County Council has since received Cabinet approval in March 2022 to consult on cessation of the current service offer and to bring a report back to Cabinet with the results and future proposals in November 2022.
- 4.21 The Consultation will seek the views of people currently receiving this service with a view to ending this low-level provision by March 2024 or earlier if possible. The intention is to remodel future service provision into a short-term targeted offer that will be more widely accessible and will maximise people’s independence and help them to remain living at home for longer.
- 4.22 In line with this, there is a pressing need for County Council and District and Borough Councils to work together to review the results of the consultation and develop a robust Equality Impact Analysis to inform mitigations for the proposed cessation of the existing service and to inform the specification for the new proposed targeted, needs based offer.

Project Five: Walk Derbyshire

- 4.23 Derbyshire has a strong infrastructure of walking groups that has been established over the last 20 years as a partnership between the County, District and Borough Councils. However, the past two years of the pandemic has highlighted the importance of walking for individuals within their own neighbourhoods and its potential for tackling health inactivity and inequality.
- 4.24 To fully realise the opportunities presented by walking in terms of health, climate change, town centre regeneration etc there needs to be a whole system approach. This involves County and District/Borough Councils working together, with the Police, Health and Voluntary Sector to create walkable communities which are safe and accessible and encourage both social and nature connectedness.
- 4.25 Derbyshire County Council Public Health and Active Derbyshire are funding ‘Walk Derbyshire’ which will take this whole system approach and deliver marketing, workforce development (for the paid and non paid workforce) and pilot opportunities to bring together the system partners with local communities to increase walking opportunities, remove mental and physical barriers.

- 4.26 ‘Walk Derbyshire’ has the potential to join up partners across the whole county and make a real impact on residents lives by making walk a part of everybody’s life.

Governance and scoping the work

- 4.27 The Build Proactive Communities theme has a wide brief and, because of this, there is no natural or dedicated group of officers which can take forward all the varied projects and areas of work. It is therefore recommended that a strategic, overarching group of senior officers is necessary to support the management and co-ordination across all projects and programmes within the Build Proactive Communities theme. Without this there is a risk that the work becomes a set of disparate projects. A meeting of this group first may be necessary to support the scoping out the work as described in the report above. This would also need to understand how appropriate elected members can be involved in the development of work.
- 4.28 However, to bring the relevant expertise around the table to drive forward the particular pieces of work, it is vital that Vision Derbyshire Councils take these five projects back to their own authorities and consider who put forward relevant officers to engage with the work.

5.0 Alternative options

- 5.1 None

6.0 Implications for consideration – Financial and value for money

- 6.1 None. Any costs arising from the projects within the theme will be either met through council budgets or subject to business cases and/or additional reports brought to the Joint Committee.

7.0 Implications for consideration – Legal

- 7.1 Within the articles of the Joint Committee, agreed at the 4 April 2022 Vision Derbyshire Joint Committee, ‘Section C’ under ‘functions and responsibilities’, oversight of the Vision Derbyshire Delivery Programme is delegated to the Joint Committee. Discussing and agreeing matters relating to the delivery programme therefore falls under the decision making remit of the Joint Committee.

8.0 Implications for consideration – Human resources

- 8.1 None

9.0 Implications for consideration – Climate change

9.0 None

10.0 Implications for consideration – Equality and diversity

10.1 Equality Impact Assessments (EIA’s) in relation to specific project and programme activities will form a key part of Vision Derbyshire Joint Committee considerations to ensure that appropriate mitigations are developed for potential negative impacts on people with protected characteristics, and positive impacts maximised. An EIA for this particular decision is not needed as the report relates to early programme development rather than an issue of policy.

11.0 Implications for consideration – Risk management

11.1 None. Any risk issues which may arise through the further development of projects and the whole programme will be dealt with on a case by case basis and through the governance structure and formal Joint Committee process.

Document information

Report author
Robert Lowe
Background documents
These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when the report was prepared.
None
Appendices to the report
None

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Vision Derbyshire Joint Committee

Shared Prosperity Fund Menu of Options – Vision Derbyshire Business Start-Up Programme

Date:	11 July 2022
Key ambition area:	Seize Innovation
Sponsors:	Cllr Tricia Gilby Emma Alexander Joe Batty
For publication:	Yes

1.0 Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To provide an overview and update the Vision Derbyshire Joint Committee on the progress of the Business Start-up Programme.
- 1.2 To discuss options for utilisation of the shared prosperity fund to support the next stages, and expansion, of the Business Start-up Programme.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Note the progress made since December 2021 on the Vision Derbyshire Business Start-up Programme.
- 2.1 Discuss the opportunity to utilise the Shared Prosperity Fund to support the next phase of the of the Vision Derbyshire Business Start-up Programme.

3.0 Reason for recommendations

- 3.1 To ensure that the Vision Derbyshire Joint Committee is aware of developments and progress that has taken place since December 2021 on the Vision Derbyshire Business Start-up Programme.
- 3.2 To ensure that funding is in place for the next phase of the Business Start-up Programme, from July 2023.

4.0 Report details

- 4.1 An officer workshop regarding the Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) and Levelling Up Fund agreed to provide an overview to the Joint Committee of the Business Start Up programme, funded by retained business rates and delivered through Vision Derbyshire.
- 4.2 As part of the wider discussion, it was confirmed that the current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was due to expire at the end of June 2023. The significant level of demand for this type of work and bespoke support was also noted and it was agreed to present to the district, borough and city councils:
- An overview of the current offer
 - The level of impact of current delivery
 - Some indication of potential level of funding needed to sustain the programme over 2 years or so.
- 4.3 The Vision Derbyshire Business Start-Up programme was launched in July 2021 and recruitment to all posts was completed by December 2021. The full team comprises five dedicated Business Start Up Advisors and one Project Officer, responsible for monitoring, marketing, and communication. The Advisors are aligned to specific geographies (one adviser per two local authority areas on average with some additional capacity to respond to higher levels of demand).
- 4.4 The total project funding is £1m which includes a grant funding pot of £550,000. The current MOU expires at the end of June 2023 (NB: based on current profiled spend, it is possible the £1m will likely last until December 2023, but not guaranteed – dependent on grant demand).

Current Impact

- 4.5 Since December 2021, the project has gathered real momentum with increasing levels of demand being demonstrated through enquiry numbers – spread quite evenly across the D2 area. There have been several notable outcomes.
- 4.6 **Outcome 1: face to face business support**
 A total of 403 clients have been enrolled onto the project. 229 are currently “Live” and are being actively supported. A further 69 ‘pending’ cases have received initial support and the clients are now taking time to develop their business ideas and plans, with regular check-ins on progress. This represents latent demand in the system. The remainder cases have been dealt with successfully, having received the necessary support and grant funding or being passported to other agencies and programmes. When businesses come to the end of their 1st year of trading, they are being introduced to the D2N2 Growth Hub to ensure a seamless wraparound support service is offered.
- 4.7 **Outcome 2: Grant Funding**

To date, 28 applications for grant funding have been received; 23 have been approved. The remainder are either due for review or awaiting further information. The total amount of funding approved from the Business Start Up pot is £71,210 but businesses have leveraged further investment of £145,828 and together, this investment is forecast to generate 1st year turnover totalling £1.7m - demonstrating the real value to the Derbyshire economy. When the same levels of return are extrapolated to the total grant pot of £550,000, this equates to total leveraged funds of £1.12m and total 1st year turnover of £13.5m, a significant contribution to the local economy. If this funding and support can be sustained for a further year or even two via utilisation of SPF, then the extrapolated benefit to the Derbyshire economy could be double or triple this amount

4.8 Outcome 3: added value through joint working

For many clients the real value of the project comes from the advice and support they are provided with, often over several months. By working alongside the individual district, borough and city councils, the team offers bespoke support at a local level including signposting to other key council services. Networking with other agencies has also been vital, and there has been a high degree of collaboration with the Push the Button project, the D2N2 Growth Hub, the University of Derby, Marketing Peak District and Derbyshire, the Chesterfield Digital High Street project, and the East Midlands Chamber of Commerce. Further connections have been made with the Department of Work and Pensions, the YMCA, the Federation of Small Businesses and Voluntary Sector Organisations. Given the move to develop a mayoral county combined authority, sustaining the Business Start Up project beyond December 2023 will mean this degree of joint working, collaboration and officer resources can be retained/ enhanced within D2 and will leave service provision in a strong place once a devolution deal has been secured.

4.9 Outcome 4: marketing and client engagement

Engagement events have been delivered to target groups, encouraging budding entrepreneurs to come forward. At Chesterfield College there was an audience of over 200 students and based on the success of this event a similar presentation has been made to the College's adult learners. Similar presentations are being rolled out to the other Derbyshire colleges and University of Derby under-graduates. Wider engagement with 'job changers' and unemployed people is also being developed and rolled out.

Future Offer: Utilising SPF Opportunities

- 4.10 To continue to provide this vital support to business start-ups and to secure their significant contribution to the local economy, it has been estimated that an additional £875K is required in total (D2-wide) to fund the period from July 2023 to March 2025 (SPF Funding Period End Date). This is broken down as follows:

Grant Pot (including administration costs)	£481,250
Salaries, Expenses, Marketing	£393,750
Total Project Cost	£875,000

- 4.11 A contribution of **£97,222** is therefore required per local authority area (all district, borough and city councils) for the period July 2023 to March 2025 (a monthly equivalent of **£4,629**).
- 4.12 If an additional total contribution of circa £50,000 (£5,555 each) the project could be extended to include further training workshops and set up peer networking groups.

Future Impact

- 4.13 With this additional commitment, it is anticipated that grants of **£481,250** issued from July 2023 to March 2025 would equate to leveraged funds of **£1m** and total 1st year turnover of **£11.8m**.
- 4.14 In addition to the success, we can evidence by the numbers, securing this extra funding will enable us to continue to deliver the following impacts in each of the local authority areas:

“The support you have given me has been absolutely life changing. To receive a grant is fantastic, but the business advice and support, linking with Derby University has been amazing and I’m so excited that everything is falling into place. I can’t thank you enough.”

“I’m grateful for all the support I’ve received. It has been brilliant to learn more about business plans and all finance related things. I found the Excel spreadsheet daunting at first but it’s a really useful tool and I’m looking forward to using it as part of my business.”

“Thank you so much for your time to talk to me. It was lovely talking to someone who understands. I have registered for the course, thank you for pointing me in the right direction.”

“Thanks for the info and research. We’ve been very busy with “queues out the door” so we’re hiring already. All looking good.”

5.0 Alternative options

- 5.1 Do nothing - A decision could be taken to not to expand the Start-up Programme beyond this first phase. This option has been rejected due to the current benefits and potential future impact outlined in the report.

5.2 Do not utilise the SPF – A decision could be taken not to utilise SPF funding to support the next phase of the Business Start-up Programme. This option has been rejected as the aims and impact of the project meet the criteria for the SPF and a budget would have to be identified from other sources if not agreed.

6.0 Implications for consideration – Financial and value for money

6.1 There are no implications for the Vision Derbyshire Programme budget linked to this report.

7.0 Implications for consideration – Legal

7.1 Within the articles of the Joint Committee, agreed at the 4 April 2022 Vision Derbyshire Joint Committee, ‘Section C’ under ‘functions and responsibilities’, Oversee the Vision Derbyshire Delivery Programme is delegated to the Joint Committee. Discussing and agreeing matters relating to the Business Start-up Programme falls under the remit of the Joint Committee.

8.0 Implications for consideration – Human resources

8.1 The Business Start-up Programme team comprises five dedicated Business Start Up Advisors and one Project Officer, responsible for monitoring, marketing, and communication. The continued employment of these officers and the support they provide is directly related to securing future funding of the programme beyond the initial phase.

9.0 Implications for consideration – Climate change

9.0 As part of the business support offered, advisors consider issues including sustainability, energy use and carbon emissions and encourage inclusion of these as part of their wider business plans. Where additional expert assistance and support is identified, clients are signposted to other programmes including Green Entrepreneurs and specific skills training workshops such as the Carbon Literacy webinars managed by the East Midlands Chamber.

10.0 Implications for consideration – Equality and diversity

10.1 Equality Impact Assessments (EIA’s) in relation to specific project and programme activities will form a key part of Vision Derbyshire Joint Committee considerations to ensure that appropriate mitigations are developed for potential negative impacts on people with protected characteristics, and positive impacts maximised.

11.0 Implications for consideration – Risk management

Description of the Risk	Impact	Likelihood	Mitigating Action	Impact	Likelihood

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Background documents
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None
Appendices to the report
None