

Vision Derbyshire Joint Committee Devolution/County Deal Update

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1.0 Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To update the Vision Derbyshire Joint Committee on progress on the development of a Devolution/County Deal for Derbyshire and Derby and Nottinghamshire and Nottingham, and the establishment of an East Midlands Mayoral Combined County Authority (EMMCCA) for the area.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Receive an update by presentation on the current position in respect of the development of a Devolution/County Deal for Derbyshire and Derby and Nottinghamshire and Nottingham and the establishment of an East Midlands Mayoral Combined County Authority (EMMCCA) for the area and proposed next steps.
- 2.2 Note the progress made on the development of a Devolution /County Deal for Derbyshire and Derby and Nottinghamshire and Nottingham.

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 on the development of a Devolution/County Deal for Derbyshire and Derby and Nottinghamshire and Nottingham since its last meeting in July 2022.
- 3.2 To enable District and Borough Councils in Derbyshire to meaningfully engage and participate in ongoing developments.

4.0 Report details

Background

- 4.1 At its meeting on 11 July 2022, the Vision Derbyshire Joint Committee received a report on progress that had taken place on the development of a Devolution/County Deal for Derbyshire and Derby and Nottinghamshire and Nottingham since its last meeting in April 2022.
- 4.2 The report outlined the latest position in respect of negotiations that were taking place with Government and highlighted the crucial role of the Vision Derbyshire Joint Committee and associated structures such as the Vision Derbyshire Chief Executives and the Vision Derbyshire Leaders and Chief Executives Groups could play in driving forward collaborative priorities and work across the range of priorities, in particular those linked to the Vision Derbyshire delivery programme. The report also set out the role of Vision Derbyshire in ensuring that District and Borough Councils were fully engaged in the devolution agenda.
- 4.3 The Joint Committee considered and approved proposals to align agreed activity with the emerging Devolution/County Deal and to confirm assigned Leads to support the progression of devolution proposals.

Progress since July 2022

- 4.4 During August 2022, the timescale for developing and negotiating a Devolution Deal for the East Midlands with Government accelerated significantly. Work undertaken during this time resulted in the confirmation and publication of the East Midlands Deal on 30 August 2022.
- 4.5 The Deal, which is now be subject to consultation, local agreement and legislative change, outlines the devolution of power and responsibilities to an East Midlands Mayoral Combined County Authority
- 4.6 The Deal, should it be agreed, will form the first Mayoral Combined County Authority (MCCA) and the first Mayoral election is expected to be held in May 2024.

Update on current position and next steps

- 4.6 An update on the latest position and future activity, next steps will be presented to the Joint Committee at the meeting itself.

5.0 Alternative options

5.1 This report is an update, and no decisions are required by the Committee.

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’, will provide a platform for the devolution of powers from Government to authorities in Derbyshire.

8.0 Implications for consideration – Human resources

8.1 The Vision Derbyshire Programme Team, when in place, will be ideally positioned to support with the work required for the development and implementation of the deal. Working across County Deal and Vision Derbyshire will be crucial to the successful delivery of both over forthcoming months.

9.0 Implications for consideration – Climate change

9.1 Funding for activity relating to climate change and in particular net zero ambitions is a key element and focus of a devolution deal as is the transfer of powers and flexibilities from central government to support the delivery of identified actions. A successful deal and funding from central government would be crucial in delivering the Vision Derbyshire Climate Change Strategy in meeting Derbyshire’s agreed climate change priorities and targets.

10.0 Implications for consideration – Equality and diversity

10.1 There are no Equality and Diversity issues relating to this update.

11.0 Implications for consideration – Risk management

Description of the Risk	Impact	Likelihood	Mitigating Action	Impact	Likelihood
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Document information

Report author
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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