

JOINT BOARD

Monday, 12 May, 2014
at Chesterfield Borough Council

Present -

Chesterfield Borough Council

Councillor J Burrows (in the Chair)
Councillor T Gilby
H Bowen
J Brobyn
M Clinton
M Evans
N Johnson

Bolsover District Council

Councillor E Watts
Councillor A Tomlinson
W. Lumley (BDC/NEDDC)

North East Derbyshire District Council

Councillor G Baxter
G Galloway

1. **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' AND OFFICERS' INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

No declarations were made.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Betty Hill.

3. **MINUTES**

The notes and the Record of Decision of the Joint Board meeting held on 10 March, 2014, and the draft minutes of the Joint Chief Executives meeting held on 24 April, 2014 were noted.

4. **CREDIT UNION REPORT**

The Joint Board considered a report on the work of the Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire Credit Union (CNEDCU).

It was noted that the Credit Union now had in the region of 2,000 members and was run by 3 full time staff and a team of 25 volunteers.

The Board of Directors had reluctantly agreed to increase interest rates by 1% which would take effect as soon as they had moved into their new premises and the relevant systems had been updated.

11 schools across Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire were now participating in a Junior Savers' scheme involving around 200 primary aged children, with each child receiving a £5 cash incentive from the Illegal Money Lending Team, to encourage regularity of saving.

As a phase 2 member of the Credit Union Expansion Programme, it is a requirement to report monthly performance data to Cornerstone who administer the programme. CNEDCU had consistently reached its monthly targets in all areas - loans, deposits and members - and currently await reward payments for this.

The CNEDCU had supported local families with low cost loans totalling just under £436,751.23.

A discussion took place around a request made by CNEDCU for CBC to convert a loan that had been made to support the family loans scheme into a grant. CBC's Chief Executive agreed that he would have a discussion with the Head of Finance and the Leader of the Council regarding CBC's financial position and whether this was something that could be considered. And, a final decision made.

AGREED - That the report be noted.

5. **LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIPS**

The Chief Executive of NEDDC/BDC provided an update on the proposed establishment of a De Combined Authority.

He reported that he had met with the DCLG recently to discuss the progress being made. It was suggested that Derby and Derbyshire were leading the way and that there was an opportunity for them to shape the agenda. Clarity had been sought about the 50:50 funding split between the SCR LEP and the D2N2 LEP but unfortunately the DCLG had not been in a position to reply.

AGREED – That the report be noted.

6. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 – EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

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 item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by Paragraphs 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

7. **BCN CONSULTANCY (BUILDING CONTROL)**

The Development and Growth Manager (CBC) and the Building and Contracts Manager (BDC & NED) submitted a report to update the Joint Board on the current financial position of BCN at the end of the financial year 2013/14 and the progress made towards exploring the potential for a strategic approach to providing a Building Control service for Derbyshire.

- AGREED:**
1. That the current financial position of BCN as at the end of March 2014, be noted.
 2. That a reserve of £50,000 be set aside to support the 3 Councils involvement in the future shaping of a Derbyshire-wide Building Control service and a sum of £75,258 be returned to the 3 Councils, from the surplus outturn position achieved at the end of the financial year 2013/14.
 3. That the work programme and proposed timetable for the feasibility study with the establishment of a Derbyshire-wide Building Control service be noted.