

Agenda Item: 4.i

One Nottingham Board

Title of Paper: Growth Plan 2: Productivity and Inclusivity

Date: 12 May 2017

1. Purpose

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| 1.1 | To seek One Nottingham’s comments on a draft Growth Plan produced in part as a response to the inclusive growth agenda. |
| 1.2 | To identify areas of activity within this plan which One Nottingham can champion and support. |

2. Recommendations

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| 2.1 | <p>To:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • endorse our draft plan for inclusive economic growth set out in the accompanying presentation • focus One Nottingham’s support on the following areas of activity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ supporting our residents from early years to employment ○ supporting local employers to implement apprenticeship reforms ○ engaging the disengaged |
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3. Background

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| 3.1 | The Growth Plan (published in 2012) helped Nottingham’s economy back to growth after the recession. Of the 42 projects set out in the Growth Plan, almost all have now been delivered and have unlocked over 8,000 jobs and supported 800 business; employment rate is up by c 10%, JSA claimant count has halved and 17,000 new jobs have been created since 2011 |
| 3.2 | <p>However, despite this progress, productivity is low (below core cities average) and too many citizens are not seeing the benefits of growth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Nottingham’s overall IMD ranking fell from 20th most deprived LA area (2010) to 8th (2015) ➤ 34,700 adults claiming any benefits in May 2016: 15.5% for Nottingham compares with 11.1% for England ➤ Sickness benefit has risen steadily over the last year and is now higher than when ESA was introduced in October 2008 ➤ Geographical variations in claimant rates eg Aspley (5.6%), Bulwell (5%) compared with Dunkirk & Lenton (1%) & Wollaton West (1.3%) ➤ Qualifications: 34.4% adults with NVQ4 but 12.3% without any qualifications (limits access to stable, well paid jobs) |
| 3.3 | The Economic Development Directorate has therefore developed a new ‘Growth Plan’ (draft attached) which sets out an evolved approach and set of activities in the context of the current economy. This focuses on the twin goals of productivity and |

3.4	<p>inclusivity and sets out an affordable programme of activities under the themes of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enterprise and Innovation • People and Skills • Infrastructure and connectivity. <p>Our new priorities with particular relevance to the inclusive growth agenda are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Supporting our residents from Early Years to Employment ➤ Engaging the Disengaged ➤ Implementing the Neighbourhood Regeneration Strategy – seeing benefits of city regeneration extended. ➤ Focus on job creating sectors offering entry level jobs, such as; construction, retail, health and social care, visitor economy etc. ➤ More targeted support to reflect the diversity of our communities, e.g. ESA claimants, BME, Refugee/Asylum Seekers, 16-24 year olds, disadvantaged wards ➤ And putting citizens at the heart of our Smart City approach <p>The plan has been approved by CLT and has been shared with Cllr Webster as the new Portfolio Holder for Business and Employment – we will finalise the plan in consultation with him.</p>
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