Developing the Derby and Derbyshire Combined Authority

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Strategic Context

- Increased devolution from Government
- Some city regions and Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) areas have moved to combined authority arrangements – mostly in metropolitan areas
- Strategic Economic Plans in place for Local Economic Partnerships (LEPs)
- New Growth Deals
- Growth Deal 2

Better positions Derbyshire as a key player

What is a Combined Authority?

- New opportunity for local authorities to come together - focus on economic development and transport
- Separate legal entity to existing local authorities and an 'accountable body'
- Complements not duplicates
- Develop local responses to local issues and meet local needs
- Strongest form of governance for an area
- Provides confidence to Government

Implications and Opportunities

- Receive devolved funding from Government

- Develop local solutions for local issues

- Take greater control over our destiny

- Opportunities for DPF and other partners to have closer and stronger dialogue to influence delivery

- Better positions Derbyshire as a place as a key player…not just about the city regions

The Journey So Far…

December 2013: The ten Derbyshire and Derby local authorities (D2) agreed to undertake a governance review and agreed to meet as a Joint Committee

February to June 2014: Working Group of local authority officers reviewed all work currently supporting economic development, regeneration and transport

February to September 2014: Discussions with LEP, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Chamber of Commerce, voluntary/community sector and local businesses, and with Government departments
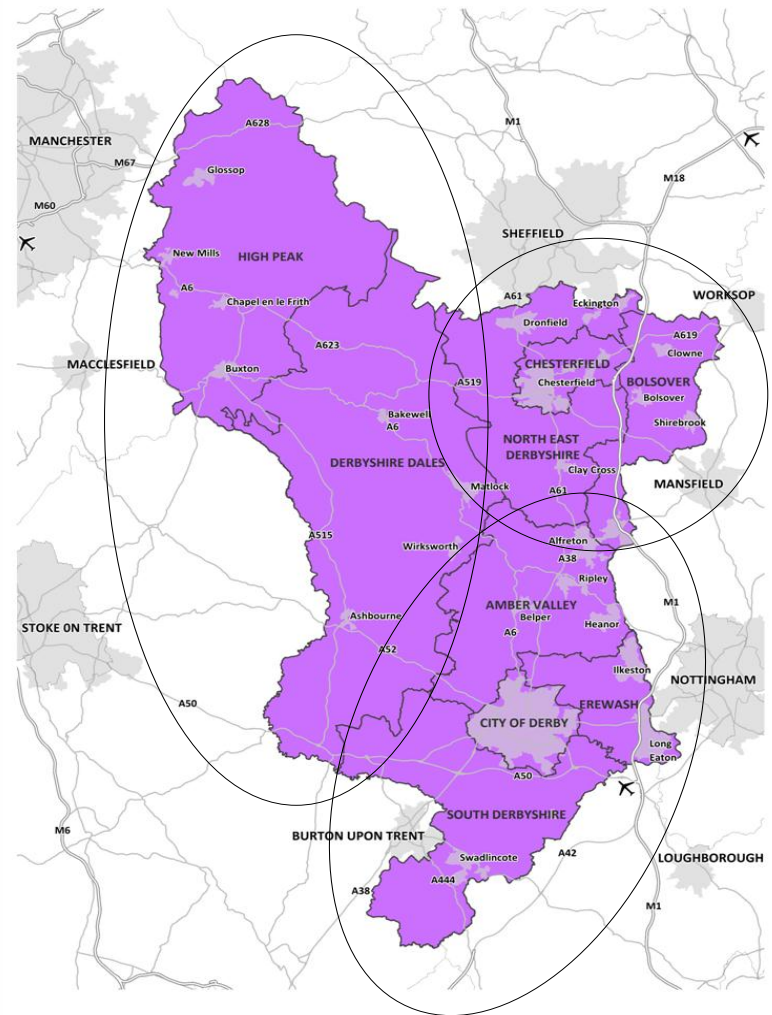
July to September 2014: All ten D2 councils agreed to develop a combined authority in principle

September 2014: Agreed that best approach is to retain the D2N2 LEP and create two combined authorities

Developing the Proposal

D2 authorities have:
- Strong sense of functioning economic geography
- Clear understanding of issues: e.g. youth unemployment, skills gaps, connectivity, housing
- Shared understanding of policy response and interventions needed
- Understanding of difference with N2 issues

Our Ambition: Skills

Skills – 21st Century Guildhall

- Secure change in the way people identify and secure education, employment and training opportunities

- Integrated approach to create a comprehensive and co-ordinated environment

- Work across all key partners to improve:
  - the provider (training companies, schools)
  - the supply (school leavers, NEETs)
  - the demand (employer)

Our Ambition: Transport

Transport – Ways to Work

- Develop and deliver a joint Local Transport Plan for the whole county

- Align investment to the strategy for skills and employment delivery

- Improves access to employment, training and education

- Removes one of key barriers to work

Our Ambition: Housing

Housing – Shaping our Place

- Deliver new and affordable housing that supports employment growth and connected communities

- Develop a range of initiatives that help stimulate the housing market

- Develop a collective and strategic approach to housing land allocation, linked to employment and infrastructure opportunities

Our Ambition: Financing

Financing the Future

- Developing innovative ways to secure funding to support infrastructure and investment projects, including better use of existing capital and resources

- Better use of our 'Power of Competence' and other freedoms and flexibilities to support economic regeneration

- Unlocking stagnant planning consents

Next Steps

- Confirm the key success measures
- Finalise nature of working arrangements
- Continue to communicate proposals as they develop with key stakeholders and through networks e.g. DPF
- Undertake public consultation
- Finalise the schemes and the review in response to public consultation
- Submit scheme, subject to approval by all local authorities, in December 2014