

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

**COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –THURSDAY 19
SEPTEMBER 2024**



Title of Report	DISTRICT-WIDE REGENERATION FRAMEWORK	
Presented by	Tom Stanyard Senior Economic Development Officer	
Background Papers	Council Delivery Plan 2023-2028	Public Report: Yes
Financial Implications	<p>Identified projects within the Framework utilise existing internal budgets or external funding, e.g. UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF)</p> <p>The Council approved the five-year capital programme for the period 2024/25 to 2028/29 at the Council meeting on 22 February 2024 which included investment of £22m over the period of the programme, of which there is £3.7m of investment in council owned land to support regeneration and bring employment to the district which will be subject to the development of further business cases.</p> <p>The Council funds its capital investments from business rates reserves in order to minimise borrowing costs.</p> <p>Signed off by the Section 151 Officer: Yes</p>	
Legal Implications	<p>UKSPF projects are covered by a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC).</p> <p>The Economic Development team works closely with colleagues in Legal Services to ensure compliance as the projects progress.</p> <p>Legal advice will be provided on projects as required.</p> <p>Signed off by the Monitoring Officer: Yes</p>	
Staffing and Corporate Implications	<p>Delivery of the projects identified in this Framework will require capacity and officer input from the Economic Development team and other services including but not limited to legal, property, finance, HR and procurement both at the scoping phase of each project but ongoing throughout at each stage of their delivery</p> <p>Delivery of these projects and the projects identified within the existing Coalville Regeneration Framework will utilise the capacity of the Economic Development team over the life of the current Council Delivery Plan period until 2028,</p>	

	meaning that new projects can only be considered as others complete.
	Signed off by the Head of Paid Service: Yes
Purpose of Report	To request Scrutiny Committee comments on the proposed structure and content of the District Wide Regeneration Framework.
Recommendations	THAT COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE CONSIDERS THE DISTRICT WIDE REGENERATION FRAMEWORK AND PROVIDE COMMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION BY CABINET ON 22 OCTOBER 2024

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In January 2023, the Council published the first Coalville Regeneration Framework, a document which explored some of the issues and opportunities within Coalville and identified eleven key projects which would help towards creating the right environment in Coalville for people and businesses to thrive.
- 1.2 In November 2023, Council approved a new Council Delivery Plan for 2023-2028 (CDP). One of the priorities is planning and regeneration. A key aim within that priority is to “Support towns, villages and communities across the district to improve for people and businesses”.
- 1.3 The CDP identifies that this will be achieved by developing a new regeneration framework and identifying projects and initiatives which will fulfil it. This district-wide approach will sit alongside the existing Coalville Regeneration Framework.

2.0 STRUCTURE

- 2.1 A draft of the District-wide Regeneration Framework is appended to this report as Appendix 1. Once considered and approved by Cabinet it will be published.
- 2.2 It is proposed that the structure of the District-wide Regeneration Framework is as follows:
 - Foreword from Leader of the Council.
 - A contextual introduction which highlights large scale developments in the district and important projects which the Council may have limited influence over.
 - A set of data led infographics which help to illustrate why the district is in high demand as a place to live and work.
 - A comment on our vision and approach to the identification of projects within the framework.
 - The list of projects that make up the framework.
 - An overview of how success will be monitored and reported.

2.3 The projects within the District-wide Regeneration Framework, set out below, will be annually reviewed in line with our commitments set out in the Council Delivery Plan.

2.3.1 **Enabling Health and Wellbeing**

- Castle Donington 3G Pitch - The development of new 3G pitch provision in the village of Castle Donington
- Leisure provision opportunities research - The commission of a Community and Recreational Facilities strategy which will identify the need and opportunity for new leisure facilities across the district as well as being an evidence base to support the Local Plan and unlock potential S106 monies to support the delivery of such facilities.

2.3.2 **Reducing the need to travel by car**

- Reopening the Ivanhoe Line - Supporting Network Rail and the Campaign to Reopen the Ivanhoe Line (CRIL) toward the reopening of the Ivanhoe Railway Line
- Kegworth Quietway - The creation of a new cycling quietway at Long Lane, Kegworth

2.3.3 **Supporting our Economy and Local Centres**

- Kegworth Marketplace - Working with Kegworth Parish Council on the reimagined public realm space in Kegworth's Marketplace.
- Coalville Regeneration - Continue to monitor progress of the projects within the Coalville Regeneration Framework and update it annually with new initiatives as projects are completed.
- Employment workspace site development - Identify and develop sites which will help provide employment opportunities and meet local need.
- North West Leicestershire Ambassadors Programme - Starting with a Pilot scheme in Coalville, the Ambassador Programme will empower local champions on every high street in our Towns and Local Centres.

2.3.4 **Conserving and Enhancing our Heritage**

- Moira Furnace - Develop and enhance the Moira Furnace visitor experience and undertake repairs to conserve and protect the Furnace
- Ashby Canal - Support the continued development and restoration of the canal and collaborate with the Ashby Canal Association on future joint funding bids.

2.3.5 **Conserving and Enhancing our Natural Environment**

- National Forest - Support the National Forest Company to deliver the Heart of the Forest Masterplan
- Visitor Economy Action Plan – The creation and implementation of a Visitor Economy Action Plan.

2.4 It is intended that the District-wide Regeneration Framework remains a 'live' document and that annual reviews will be undertaken to assess project progress and to consider new projects as they complete.

3.0 NEXT STEPS

3.1 The delivery of the District-wide Regeneration Framework will require effective governance arrangements to be put in place at the outset at both the programme and project level, drawing resources across the authority (and where the necessary internal expertise is not available) the procurement of external support.

3.2 We will continue to engage with the following key stakeholders who are directly involved in the above projects prior to Cabinet on the 22 October:

- East Midlands Education Trust / Castle Donington Parish Council
- Kegworth Parish Council
- Moira Furnace Museum Trust
- Ashby Canal Association
- National Forest Company

3.3 It is intended that the District-wide Regeneration Framework will be taken to Cabinet for 22 October 2024. Once the principles of the Framework have been approved, Officers will finalise the graphic design and production before publication. These production costs will be met through existing budgets within the Economic Development team.

Policies and other considerations, as appropriate	
Council Priorities:	Planning and regeneration
Policy Considerations:	Council Delivery Plan
Safeguarding:	No safeguarding considerations.
Equalities/Diversity:	No equality/diversity considerations.
Customer Impact:	The framework sets out a range of projects which will support and benefit residents and businesses.
Economic and Social Impact:	The framework sets out a range of projects which will support and benefit residents and businesses.
Environment, Climate Change and zero carbon:	Several projects identified will improve green spaces within the district and contribute toward the Council's Zero Carbon Roadmap.
Consultation/Community Engagement:	Officers have and will continue to engage with stakeholders to help further shape the delivery of the projects identified within the District-wide Regeneration Framework
Risks:	Risks have been and will continue to be considered within the preparation of the District-wide Regeneration Framework.
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