

**SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL****OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 27<sup>th</sup> September 2016****TITLE OF REPORT – District Deal2****REPORT OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE****LEAD CABINET MEMBER – Cllr. Brian Edwards (MBE)****PART A – SUMMARY REPORT****1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS**

This report summarises a new District Deal with the County Council for the next four years. The Deal sets out how South Staffordshire Council and the County Council will work together on three priority areas for the district – economic growth; skills and productivity; and community health. The new District Deal will become a key strategic document to support the delivery of the Council Plan priorities.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1** That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee support the new District Deal as set out in Appendix 1.

**3. SUMMARY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

POLICY/COMMUNITY IMPACT	Do these proposals contribute to specific Council Plan objectives?	
	Yes	District Deal supports all three council priorities as it demonstrates the Council's continued commitment to two tier working, and the benefits for the District, in supporting our economy, skills of our residents, and our long - standing commitment to support our residents overall health.
	Has an Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) been completed?	
	N/A	
SCRUTINY POWERS APPLICABLE	Yes	
KEY DECISION	No	
TARGET COMPLETION/ DELIVERY DATE	2020	
FINANCIAL IMPACT	No	
LEGAL ISSUES	No	
OTHER IMPACTS, RISKS & OPPORTUNITIES	Yes	District Deal2 will further enhance two-tier working by aligning key priorities for the benefit of local residents. It will also contribute to the One Public Estate agenda.
IMPACT ON SPECIFIC	Yes	District wide.

## **PART B – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### 4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 In January 2013 South Staffordshire Council and Staffordshire County Council signed a District Deal which set out a number of local projects for South Staffordshire to support and enhance economic growth across the district; details of this are set out in appendix 1.
- 4.2 In October 2015 Local Authority Leaders from across the County agreed to prioritise and develop three devolution priorities for Staffordshire and Stoke – economic growth; skills and productivity; and community health. This has led to work on a second District Deal which is the subject of this report.
- 4.5 District Deal2 presents an opportunity to build on the first District Deal and translate the principles of the devolution priorities into a local programme that will help support the aspirations of both Council's by accelerating local growth and further strengthening community assets.
- 4.6 As the Committee is aware the Council introduced the new four year Council Plan in March 2016 – 'Your Council Supporting Your Place And Your Communities' and includes three overarching priority areas: A Skilled and Prosperous District; A Safe and Sustainable District and; A Connected District.
- 4.7 The premise for the proposed deal with the County Council is based on a recognition that many initiatives and solutions relating to both the growth agenda and building the community asset base are best delivered at a local level.
- 4.8 The new Deal will further strengthen the strong two-tier working examples of partnership working between the two Councils. It will also be used as a tool to formalise a local devolution deal consistent with Devo Staffordshire, to share and utilise appropriate resources to deliver on agreed priorities at a district, community and individual level.
- 4.9 The proposed final draft of the new District Deal is attached as appendix 1. The new Deal sets out how it will further strengthen two tier working and focuses on three key devolution priorities that Local Authority Leaders from across Staffordshire had previously agreed to work on together. These being:
- Economic growth;
  - Skills and Productivity; and
  - Community health.
- 4.10 The new Deal will enhance joint working with our partners across South Staffordshire, in particular understanding current and future health related funding being invested into the district. The Deal will also support the emerging 'One Public Estate' offer and will also help develop our connecting communities programme, encouraging individuals to have more control to improve their own and collective wellbeing.
- 4.11 For each of the three priority areas within the new Deal, each one identifies specific actions and outcomes over the next four years.
- 4.12 In summary the new District Deal is set out very differently to the first Deal that was agreed in 2012. This Deal very much focuses on broader outcomes rather than specific projects and continues to strengthen two-tier working, in particular a commitment to change the culture around how we work together going forward. This new Deal also addresses wider public sector reform by engaging partners in broader change programmes.

5. IMPACT ASSESSMENT

N/A

6. PREVIOUS MINUTES

None

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

List of background papers used in preparation of report:

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