

APPENDIX 2**Opportunities for Broxtowe to benefit from a County Deal.****Education and Skills**

The Council has ambitions to secure government investment to create a national skills academy as part of the ambitious proposals of the EMDevco.

Areas in Broxtowe where skills levels are lower also include Eastwood and Stapleford and parts of Kimberley. Levelling up investment (which the Council may be more likely to receive if the Council participate in a county deal) may specifically address this problem by improving access to education and skills progression in these areas.

The rolling out of successful collaborations to approve skills in other areas (e.g. Nottingham Trent University with Mansfield and Ashfield) may be more easily facilitated in the context of a county deal.

Transport

Development of the Chetwynd barracks site and the Toton area of strategic growth requires significant investment in infrastructure to unlock the land for housing development which is far more likely to be deliverable through a county deal and the EMDevco delivery vehicle than otherwise.

The Council desires to see the more northern parts of the borough better connected to major employment opportunities. This requires transformative investment in connectivity and release of economic potential both towards the South (M1 corridor, the A610) and towards areas like Amber Valley.

Land and Housing

Currently some sites are unable to be brought forward for development because there are viability issues, or issues where land remediation is required for example the allocated housing sites in Kimberley at the Depot and land west of Awsworth. Both of these sites have viability issues and most sites in the north of Nottinghamshire are now being submitted with viability reports that justify refusing to meet the S106 payments that are requested. It is considered likely that the Chewton Street site, north of the former tip, will also have viability issues. Large scale deals across Nottinghamshire can help to secure investment from government to tackle such problems, whereas acting alone, the Council will struggle to achieve this.

Environment

Securing the Council's ambitions for carbon reduction require cross boundary collaboration to achieve maximum effect. (e.g. better sustainable transport infrastructure investment to shift travel modes to walking and cycling and to improve air quality). This sort of investment has to be joined up across local authority boundaries.

Some environmental initiatives such as engagement of local communities, large scale tree planning, solar panel installation, electric vehicle infrastructure are most efficiently done collaboratively using economies of scale.

The Council's ambitions for wholesale investment in and improvement of networked green and blue infrastructure in the area of the Erewash Valley, extending Northwards and Southwards stand a much better chance of being funded in partnership and can form part of a much larger vision for improving wellbeing in an area through improved access to the Countryside for everyone in Nottinghamshire.

The implementation of new statutory duties such as collection of food waste if done jointly across Nottinghamshire will be more efficient and consistent.

Economy and Infrastructure

Work to improve our towns (Beeston, Stapleford, Kimberley, Eastwood) is an ongoing endeavour to enable them to develop diversify and thrive whilst resisting the threats of a trend to online retailing. Learning from other towns, sharing expertise and skills is more possible within structures which are collaborative and the development of larger scale packages of town centre support are more likely to be funded by government if we have a county deal. Whilst this Council has and is acting as far as we can individually to intervene in town centres and catalyse improvement there is always more which could be done.

Ensuring that the Borough has access to the fastest form of broadband connectivity is best done through collaboration and at scale.

Collaborating in a county deal with a strong leadership model may attract the step change in government investment for our area, and help realise the potential of the vision for job creation and next generation sustainable living envisaged in our EMDevco proposition. It is important that this includes ensuring access to job opportunities and skill progression for those people who live in the northern parts of Broxtowe. Improvements in connectivity are important to achieve that ambition.