

# Economic Recovery Plan

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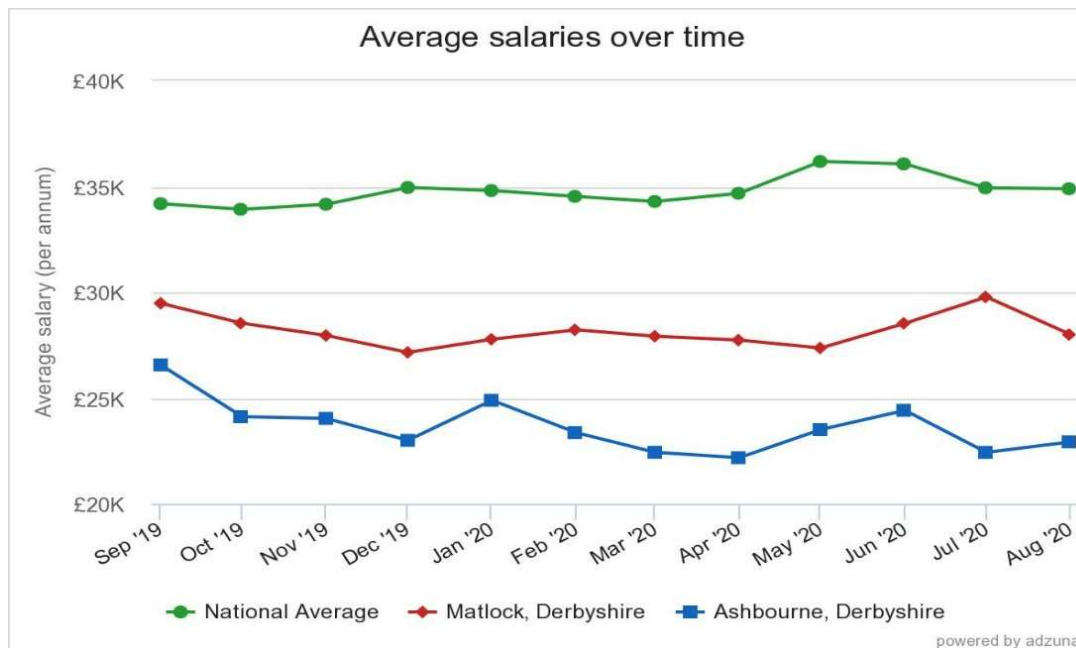


- *Why have one?*
- *What is it? How was it developed?*
- *What does it say?*



## Why have a Derbyshire Dales Recovery Plan?

- Significant COVID-19 impact on jobs and prosperity in Derbyshire Dales
  - lockdown closures (esp. non-essential retail, accommodation, leisure, hospitality)
  - falls in sales, cashflow and turnover (other sectors)
  - furlough ending, unemployment rise
- Lockdown 1.0: the Council paid £33 million in COVID-19 small business grants (short term business survival)



# ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN 2020

- Derbyshire Dales economy has some resilience to the impact of COVID-19
- Manufacturing is our biggest employment sector
  - has done relatively well during the pandemic
  - tended to provide higher quality jobs (better skilled and better paid)
- Small town centres hurt but perhaps less so than large towns and cities
- Highly skilled residents and good business survival rates

Baseline economic data	D2N2	Derbyshire Dales
5-year survival of new enterprises	44%	49%
Skills Level 4 & above	33%	48%
Weekly workplace wages	£417	£376
Economically active	78%	84%
Business per 1,000 economically active	52	122
Self-employment	9%	16%

***Derbyshire Dales is better positioned to push for economic recovery than many other districts by building on our stronger sectors (higher-value manufacturing and engineering)***

## What is the Recovery Plan?

- Grow small manufacturing and green engineering firms to help lift employees into higher wage, higher skilled jobs
- This requires the provision of suitable sites for businesses to expand
- Site provision is the focus of the Recovery Plan
- Town centre regeneration is also a focus – Bakewell Road site (Matlock)
- To feed into Corporate Plan, Local Plan and Economic Plan
- To influence budget setting – revenue and capital



Developed using data from many sources.  
Reviewed existing plans.  
Consulted with and supported by Derbyshire County  
Council & D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership.





## What does the Recovery Plan say?

### ***PRIORITIES***

- 1. Invest resources in regenerating housing and employment sites**
  - Ashbourne Business Park is the immediate priority
- 2. Re-invest in the Bakewell Road Matlock site**
- 3. Re-shape Regeneration Services to drive investment in brownfield and other key housing/employment sites**

Focus on three sectors:

- Manufacturing (esp. advanced activities and Food & Drink)
- Knowledge based/Creative and Digital Industries (CDI)
- Green and environmental engineering

## What else does the Recovery Plan say?

**Other activities, often in partnership with DEP, DCC, D2N2, MPDD etc. include for example -**

- Derbyshire Dales 'open for business' campaign to promote the area for economic investment
- Derbyshire Dales Local Plan Review to address economic recovery as a key theme
- Support roll out of the 'ShopAppy' scheme across the whole district to support independent businesses by providing an online ordering and delivery service (*DEP*)
- Proposal to support start-up businesses countywide (*DEP*)
- Seek more, better quality visitor accommodation (rural hotels); and more, better quality rural visitor attractions
- Lobby for a Shared Prosperity Fund (to replace EU funding) that adequately supports rural & small businesses (*DEP*)



## IN SUMMARY...

**COVID-19 directs the District Council to take a big step**

- To take the lead role in shaping the future prosperity of the Derbyshire Dales
- Foundations are a thousand+ years of industry in the Derbyshire Dales
- It's a challenging task, that will need resources to be prioritised
- But it is a great opportunity to build a more prosperous, greener economy for our residents
- Exactly the right time to act is now

