

SHEFFIELD CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY

THE AMP TECHNOLOGY CENTRE, WAVERLEY, ROTHERHAM, S60 5WG

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29 JANUARY 2018

PRESENT:

Councillor Chris Read, Rotherham MBC (Chair)
Councillor Tricia Gilby, Chesterfield BC (Vice Chair)

Councillor Graham Baxter MBE, North East Derbyshire DC
Councillor Julie Dore, Sheffield CC
Councillor Simon Greaves, Bassetlaw DC
Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE, Barnsley MBC
Mayor Ros Jones CBE, Doncaster MBC
Councillor Ann Syrett, Bolsover DC
Nigel Brewster, SCR LEP

Councillor Chris Furness, Derbyshire Dales
Ruth Adams, SCR Exec Team
Fiona Boden, SCR Exec Team
David Budd, SCR Exec Team
Peter Dale, Doncaster MBC
Steve Davenport, SYPTE
Steve Edwards, SYPTE
Andrew Frosdick, Monitoring Officer
Andrew Gates, SCR Exec Team
Jeni Harvey, SCR Exec Team
Lee Hickin, Bolsover DC
Sharon Kemp, Rotherham MBC
Mark Lynam, SCR Exec Team
John Mothersole, Sheffield CC
Keith Noyland, SYPTE
Dave Smith, SCR Exec Team
Neil Taylor, Bassetlaw DC
Diana Terris, Clerk / Barnsley MBC
Mike Thomas, SCC / SCR Exec Team
Craig Tyler, Joint Authorities Governance Unit

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor L Rose OBE, H Bowen, D Bunton, J Miller, D Swaine, E Walker and N Knowles

1 APOLOGIES

Members' apologies were noted as above.

2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

3 URGENT ITEMS

4 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

None.

5 VOTING RIGHTS FOR NON-CONSTITUENT MEMBERS

It was confirmed that voting rights could not be conferred on non-Constituent Members in respect of agenda item 12 – 'Draft SY Transport Revenue Budget' as this matter regards the Constituent Local Authorities only.

It was agreed that there were no additional agenda items for which the non-Constituent Members should not have full voting rights.

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS IN RELATION TO ANY ITEM OF BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA

As Leaders of the relevant sponsoring authorities, Mayor Jones and Cllr Houghton declared interests in the Doncaster and Barnsley schemes to be discussed at item 13.

7 REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

On behalf of a member of the Public, Cllr Dore referenced the collapse of Carillion plc and asked whether the SCR has looked at the impact of the collapse on any of our own capital projects.

D Smith confirmed this matter has been appropriately investigated and actions taken where required and there are no lasting implications to the SCR.

8 RECEIPT OF PETITIONS

None.

9 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None received.

10 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11TH DECEMBER 2017

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th December are agreed to be an accurate record.

11 REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING

A report of the Chief Finance Officer was received detailing the position of the revenue budgets and capital programme as at the end of Quarter 3 2017/18.

Regarding works being scoped to ensure the compliance, safety, security and efficiency and effectiveness of the Broad Street West asset (including addressing current issues surrounding non-compliance with the Equality Act 2010), following the transfer of Prop Co assets (and associated reserves) and in line with the full review of all CA assets, Members agreed there should be no spend against the proposed budget of up to £485k until details of the scheme have been provided and approval has been sought from and approved by the Combined Authority.

RESOLVED, that the Combined Authority:

1. Notes the contents of the paper
2. Notes the forecast drawdown on unallocated reserves of £477k to support CA/LEP activity
3. Notes the forecast revenue budget underspend of £1.2m on SYPTE activity which would reduce the call on General Fund reserves from £3m to £1.8m;
4. Notes the forecast CA/LEP capital programme underspend of between £7.1m and £17.8m against approved budget;
5. Notes the forecast underspend of £5.2m on the local transport capital programme.
6. Agrees the budget variation recommendations summarised in section 2 of the report; subject to the provision of additional information and the Combined Authority's subsequent further approval of spend in relation to the Broad Street West scheme

12 DRAFT SY TRANSPORT REVENUE BUDGET

A report was presented to provide Members with the final proposals for the South Yorkshire Transport Revenue Budget for financial year 2018/19.

It was noted the revenue budget provides the resources for the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive to deliver the South Yorkshire Transport Plan, and is resourced itself through a levy on the South Yorkshire partners.

Members were advised that to meet statutory deadlines, a transport levy must be set at this meeting, however, approval of the South Yorkshire Transport capital programme has been deferred to 9th March meeting. It is proposed that the CA/LEP revenue budget and capital programme also be approved at the March meeting.

It was noted the revenue budget proposals within this paper have been developed to achieve three key objectives: 1. Support revenue budget pressures in the four South Yorkshire partner authorities by reducing the transport levy; 2. Efficiently resource SYPTE to be an effective delivery partner; and 3. Achieve South Yorkshire transport budget sustainability once the transport levy reduction reserve is exhausted.

Members were provided with details of the 4 year levy reduction plan (5% this year and 2.5% for the next 3 years).

Members were informed the budget has taken account of a number of uncertainties, including some aspects that will impact on concessionary spend (e.g. age equalisation and societal changes).

It was confirmed there are no substantial changes proposed to policy or the services delivered by SYPTE.

RESOLVED, that the Combined Authority:

1. Approves a transport levy for financial year 2018/19 of £55,759k noting that this represents a 3.0% reduction on the financial year 2017/18.
2. Notes that no immediate change in the CA's Minimum Revenue Provision policy is proposed in this report, but it may be necessary to revisit this policy later in the year due to proposed changes to the Prudential Code.
3. Notes that a refreshed medium term financial strategy for South Yorkshire transport activity will be brought back for approval in early summer.
4. Notes that the South Yorkshire transport capital programme will be presented as part of the CA group's overall capital programme on 9th March, and notes this will include the proposed details for the creation of a £3.5m capital pot (as referred to in paragraph 1.9 of the report).

13 LGF CAPITAL PROGRAMME

A paper was presented to provide Members with the CA Financial Approvals which have progressed through the Appraisal Framework.

RESOLVED. That the Combined Authority:

1. Approves an award of £1,171,371 of LGF for phase 1 of the M1 Junction 37 Economic Growth Corridor scheme, noting the conditions of award contained within the report
2. Approves the Skills Capital projects for Sheffield College, Sheffield Hallam University, the RNN Group, Chesterfield College and the National Fluid Power Centre, noting the total costs of these projects is £1,215,000 and noting the request for funding may result in a small acceleration of Skills Funding from 18/19 to 17/18.

3. Notes the projects seeking outcome based contract with drawdown of funds in 2017/2018 and approves the three projects (Doncaster Urban Centre – Enterprise Market Place, Doncaster Urban Centre - Civil and Cultural Quarter and Sepulchre Gate West Phase 2) draw down of LGF allocation in 2017/2018.
4. Approves the project changes requested for: Chesterfield Waterside, Claywheels Lane Phase 1, Harworth and Bircotes Phase 2, Strategic Testing Tools, DN7, BIF, G2G Phase 1, M1 Junction 36 Hoyland Phase 1, Upper Don Valley Flood Alleviation, St Sepulchre Gate Phase 3 and the Sustainable Transport Exemplar Programme.
5. Notes the projects in development reducing / de-committing their call on the LGF allocation: Westmoor Link Road, Waterfront East, Claywheels Lane Phase 2, Parkwood Springs and Waverley Link Road
6. Approves delegated authority to Head of Paid Service and Section 73 Officer to authorise in year spend variations specifically where a project is able to accelerate expenditure from a future financial year into the current year and where that project already has full approval and is in contract, noting the CA will be informed when these delegated approvals take place.
7. Approves delegated Authority to the Head of Paid of Service, in conjunction with the Section 73 Officer, to enter into the contractual arrangements required as a result of the above approvals.

14 DELEGATED AUTHORITY REPORT

Provided for information

15 RESOLUTION RECORD - INFRASTRUCTURE HOUSING EXECUTIVE BOARD

RESOLVED, that the decisions and recommendations contained within the report are duly endorsed.

16 RESOLUTION RECORD - SKILLS EXECUTIVE BOARD

RESOLVED, that the decisions and recommendations contained within the report are duly endorsed.

CHAIR