

SHEFFIELD CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 SEPTEMBER 2018

PRESENT:

Mayor Dan Jarvis MBE, Sheffield City Region (Chair)
Councillor Chris Read, Rotherham MBC (Vice Chair)

Councillor Graham Baxter MBE, North East Derbyshire DC
Councillor Simon Greaves, Bassetlaw DC
Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE, Barnsley MBC
Mayor Ros Jones CBE, Doncaster MBC
Sir Nigel Knowles, SCR LEP Chair

Fiona Boden, SCR Exec Team
Steve Davenport, SCR / SYPTE
Steve Edwards, SYPTE
Councillor Chris Furness, Peak Park NPA
Andrew Gates, SCR Exec Team
Jeni Harvey, SCR Exec Team
Sharon Kemp, Rotherham MBC
Mark Lynam, SCR Exec Team
Martin McCarthy, Deputy Monitoring Officer
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
Eugene Walker, S.73 Officer
Paul Wilson, Derbyshire Dales
Krysia Wooffinden, SCR Exec Team

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Dore, Councillor T Gilby, Councillor L Rose OBE, Councillor A Syrett, R Adams, H Bowen, A Frostdick, J Mothersole, J Miller and D Swaine

1 SCRMCA 18/044 APOLOGIES

Apologies were noted as above.

2 SCRMCA 18/045 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor informed the Authority of the launch of the new South Yorkshire active travel campaign, and commenting on why this is of importance, urged the Leaders to provide support to the campaign

The Mayor also noted the launch of the Working Win pilot.

Members were advised of intentions to move the CA meeting schedule from six weekly, to bi-monthly. It was noted the full findings of the Mayor's governance review were due to be presented to the next CA meeting in October. The Mayor thanked Leaders for their input into the review which seeks to make the CA a better decision making body.

The Mayor welcomed the announcements regarding the new SCR LEP Board members.

The Mayor informed the CA he is preparing a response to the All-Party Parliamentary Group investigating post-Brexit funding and will use this as an opportunity to reiterate why the SCR needs the 'best deal possible' from the new Prosperity Fund.

3 SCRMCA 18/046 URGENT ITEMS

No urgent items were requested.

4 SCRMCA 18/047 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

None.

5 SCRMCA 18/048 VOTING RIGHTS FOR NON-CONSTITUENT MEMBERS

It was agreed that voting rights would not be conferred on the non-Constituent districts for item 14 (Acceptance of the Enterprise Advisor Network Grant from the Careers and Enterprise Company) noting this matter only affects the Constituent districts.

It was agreed there were no further agenda items for which voting rights could not be conferred on the non-Constituent districts.

6 SCRMCA 18/049 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS IN RELATION TO ANY ITEM OF BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA

None.

7 SCRMCA 18/050 REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

None received.

8 SCRMCA 18/051 RECEIPT OF PETITIONS

None received.

9 SCRMCA 18/052 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None received.

10 SCRMCA 18/053 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 30TH JULY

It was noted the previous minutes incorrectly recorded Cllr Chris Furness as being representative of Derbyshire Dales District Council. It was noted this should have referenced the Peak District National Park Authority.

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting of the SCR Combined Authority held on 30th July are agreed to be an accurate record.

11 SCRMCA 18/054 SCR MASS TRANSPORT STRATEGY

It was noted the title of this item should read 'SCR Mass Transit Strategy'.

The report provided an update on the development of a strategic mass transit network for Sheffield City Region, which would provide intra-regional connectivity to enable growth and provide access to opportunities.

In addition, the Mayor reminded Members of the intention to have the revised SCR Transport Strategy produced before the end of the year.

It was noted the report provides an update on the outcome of the SCR Integrated Public Transport Network study (SCRIPT), as a means of identifying a corridor-based strategic transit network for the mass movement of people within the region. This network identifies the key movement corridors in support of growth and access to opportunities, and provides a case for future transport investment in route specific solutions, including potential tram expansion, bus rapid transit and tram/train (subject to a successful trial).

Members were asked to note that the mass transit project does not at this stage refer to specific modes of travel, but rather a bespoke network capable of the mass movement of people – be it by tram, bus rapid transit or tram/train.

It was noted the next stages of work will seek to identify costed options for schemes capable of delivering the mass transit vision. These, including options for the renewal of the existing Supertram network, will be presented at future CA meetings and timed to meet any obligations to report proposals to the Department for Transport.

Mayor Jones welcomed the mass transit concept but asserted the cost of Supertram renewal must be met through grants and fares, and not passed on to the local authorities.

Cllr Read welcomed the report's recognition of the need to also address air quality issues through the mass transit study, noting the effect negative air quality has on local residents.

RESOLVED, that the Combined Authority:

1. Notes the progress to date, through the SCRIPT study, to develop and identify a SCR-wide Strategic Mass Transit network for enhanced intra-regional connectivity, and the potential role of tram/train as a complimentary system to support and enable strategic transport initiatives such as HS2 and Northern Powerhouse Rail.
2. Endorses the development of the SCR Mass Transit network as part of the medium term financial strategy but reserves decisions on scheme approvals until the full financial implications of schemes are known.
3. Notes the additional work required to develop the funding and financial model for renewal of the existing Sheffield tram asset, including ongoing development costs and a local capital contribution, and notes Members' comments regarding the need for funding to be covered by grants and fares.
4. Notes the September commencement of a required period of public consultation on the Sheffield tram renewal options, as a mandatory part of developing the outline business case to the DfT.

12 SCRMCA 18/055 AUDIT COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

A report was received advising Members of the requirement to amend the SCR Constitution to reflect best practice in approving the annual accounts, and clarify this is the responsibility of the SCRCA itself rather than the SCR Audit and Standards Committee.

It was requested that the full wording of the amendment be provided.

RESOLVED, that the Combined Authority approves the proposed amendment to the Mayoral Combined Authority Constitution to clarify that it is the function of the Mayoral Combined Authority to approve its statement of accounts.

13 SCRMCA 18/056 REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING

A report was received to provide the Q1 position for the revenue and capital programmes of the Sheffield City Region (SCR) Mayoral Combined Authority (MCA) for the financial year 2018/19.

RESOLVED, that the Combined Authority:

1. Notes the forecast underspend of c. £246k on the MCA/LEP Budget

2. Notes the forecast underspend of c. £28k on the MCA/LEP Revenue Programmes budget
3. Notes the forecast for the SY Transport Revenue Budget to come in on budget
4. Notes the increase in the South Yorkshire Transport Capital Programme from £44.747m to £53.053m, consequent of a roll forward of grant from 2017/18
5. Notes the budgetary variations (detailed at section 2.7 of the accompanying report) which are deemed required as a consequence of programme slippage.

14 SCRMCA 18/057 ACCEPTANCE OF THE ENTERPRISE ADVISOR NETWORK GRANT FROM CAREERS AND ENTERPRISE COMPANY

A report was received outlining the proposed Enterprise Adviser Network (EAN) programme and seeking approval for delegated authority to the Section 73 Officer to accept the grant offered by the Careers and Enterprise Company (CEC) to the SCR LEP to resource this work for a further two years.

The Mayor welcomed the report's confirmation of the offer of the grant and suggested initiatives such as these are important steps to the SCR realising its skills and business growth ambitions.

It was noted that for delivery in 2018/19 the CEC have offered a grant of £180k. This is the amalgamation of two previous grants that covered the existing EAN across South Yorkshire and additional funds allocated to Doncaster as an Opportunity Area for an additional fully funded Enterprise Co-ordinator.

It was noted that is accepted, the grant will cover one full time Enterprise Co-ordinator for the Doncaster Opportunity Area (OA) Enterprise Co-ordinator (£50k), a 50% contribution to 5 Enterprise Co-ordinators working in partnership with the four Local authorities (in addition to the Doncaster OA post), pro-rata based on the number of schools in each Local Authority (£125k), and an uplift to one of the Enterprise Co-ordinators to be designated a Senior Enterprise Co-ordinator (£5k).

RESOLVED, that the Combined Authority:

1. Endorsed the proposed programme as presented.
2. On behalf of the LEP, delegates authority to the S73 Officer in conjunction with the Head of Paid Services to accept £180,000 grant from the CEC for delivery of the Enterprise Adviser Network across the 4 south Yorkshire Local Authorities for the academic year 2018/19.

15 SCRMCA 18/058 ACCEPTANCE OF THE SKILLS BANK GRANT

A report was received seeking approval to accept a grant from the Education and Skills Funding Agency for the SCR Executive elements of the Skills Bank Phase 2 delivery programme.

Members were reminded that Skills Bank forms part of a 6-year Growth deal for £21.6 m between the Government and SCR LEP running from 2015-2021. The funding has been split into two phases with Skills Bank Phase 1 completing in March 2018 and Skills Bank Phase 2 in 2018-2021. The Skills Bank service is directly managed on our behalf by the Education and Skills Funding Agency through a Managing Agent , with an amount of resource allocated to the SCR Executive to fulfil its functions re the Skills Bank.

The Mayor welcomed confirmation of the grant offer and noted the successes achieved during the Skills Bank phase 1 period. However, it was noted there are a number of risks associated with the initiative that officers need to remain mindful of.

Assurances were provided that, subject to acceptance, the programme's activities would continue to be monitored closely by all parties to ensure the expected deliverables are achieved.

As Chair of the Skills Executive Board, Cllr Read expressed his thanks to the officers involved with progressing this matter.

RESOLVED, that the Combined Authority approves the acceptance of the grant and delegates authority to the S73 Officer in conjunction with the Head of Paid Services to accept the grant of £2,182,700 from the Education and Skills Funding Agency for Skills Bank Phase 2, subject to their acceptance of the terms of the agreement when this is received.

16 SCRMCA 18/059 DELEGATED AUTHORITY REPORT

A report was received to provide an update on CA approved delegations acted on in the last period.

RESOLVED, that the contents of the report are noted.

17 SCRMCA 18/060 RESOLUTION RECORD – BUSINESS GROWTH EXECUTIVE BOARD (17TH JULY)

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

CHAIR