

Addendum to “Decision regarding full membership of the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority” report to Council on 7 September, 2016

- 1.1 Further to paragraph 6.3 of the report to Council, the following tables provide a provisional summary of the results of the survey used as part of the consultation process, both on-line and hard-copy responses. This information is supplied from Ipsos MORI’s initial draft report and is designed to give members a snapshot of the consultation results for the Chesterfield Borough Council area.
- 1.2 Whilst the data is still being checked and finalised by Ipsos MORI, it is unlikely to change significantly from the summary below. Any changes to these numbers will be reported to Council at its meeting.
- 1.3 It is important to note that the full report from Ipsos MORI will include far more analysis and key headlines from this will also be reported to Council at its meeting. This will include a flavour of the open comments received as part of the survey responses.
- 1.4 Finally, it is important to note that alongside the survey, the consultation process also involved a number of events and meetings, notes of which have been provided to the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority. The latest data shows that 59 consultation responses (including those from Chesterfield Borough Council and Derbyshire County Council) were received during the consultation period as free-standing responses separate to the on-line/hard copy survey. The full analysis of the consultation presented to the combined authority will therefore include an analysis of the consultation events and responses as well as the survey results summarised below.

Provisional summary of Chesterfield responses to consultation survey

- Q1. To what extent, if at all, do you support or oppose the principle of more decision-making powers being transferred from the government in Westminster to groups of local councils (on issues such as economic development, skills, transport, housing and infrastructure planning)?**

Respondents	Support	Oppose	Don’t Know	Not Stated
961	629 (65.5%)	244 (25.4%)	9	2

- Q2. The following are examples of some powers which could be devolved to the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority. For each please state how important, if at all, you think it is that such powers are controlled**

locally by the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority rather than nationally by the government in Westminster?

(a) TRANSPORT

Respondents	Important	Not Important
961	667 (69.4%)	294 (30.6%)

(b) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Respondents	Important	Not Important
961	692 (72%)	269 (28%)

(c) SKILLS AND EMPLOYMENT

Respondents	Important	Not Important
961	691 (71.9%)	270 (28.1%)

(d) HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING

Respondents	Important	Not Important
961	692 (72%)	269 (28%)

Q3. To what extent, if at all, do you agree or disagree that a directly-elected Sheffield City Region Mayor should be obliged to work with locally-elected Council Leaders on decisions relating to the local economy, skills, transport, housing and infrastructure planning?

Respondents	Agree	Disagree	Don't Know	Not Stated
961	594 (61.8%)	238 (24.8%)	28	21

Q4. To what extent, if at all, do you agree or disagree that local authorities should work together formally where there are strong economic links with neighbouring areas?

Respondents	Agree	Disagree	Don't Know	Not Stated
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961	517 (53.8%)	324 (33.7%)	19	18
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Q5. To what extent, if at all, do you agree or disagree that people living in the areas listed above should be given a vote as to who the Sheffield City Region Mayor should be?

Respondents	Agree	Disagree	Don't Know	Not Stated
961	607 (63.2%)	253 (26.3%)	22	16

SOURCE: Sheffield City Region Devolution – Consultation Summary Report (Ipsos MORI), September 2016 [DRAFT REPORT]. The figures above are subject to final checks and any variation in the final report will be reported to Council.