

SHEFFIELD CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY

CONFERENCE ROOM 0.25 - NATIONAL COLLEGE FOR HIGH SPEED RAIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28 JANUARY 2019

PRESENT:

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

Councillor Julie Dore, Sheffield CC
Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE, Barnsley MBC
Councillor Glyn Jones, Doncaster MBC
Councillor Lewis Rose OBE, Derbyshire Dales DC
James Muir, SCR LEP

Councillor Chris Furness, Peak Park NPA (Observer)

Ruth Adams, SCR Exec Team
Fiona Boden, SCR Exec Team
Steve Edwards, SYPTE
Jeni Harvey, SCR Exec Team
Justin Homer, BEIS
Claire James, SCR Exec Team
Sharon Kemp, Rotherham MBC
Mark Lynam, SCR Exec Team
Martin McCarthy, South Yorkshire Joint Authorities
John Mothersole, Sheffield CC
Jo Miller, Doncaster MBC
Keith Noyland, SYPTE
Mel Dei Rossi, SCR Exec Team
Dave Smith, SCR Exec Team
Chloe Shepherd, SCR Exec Team
Craig Tyler, Joint Authorities Governance Unit

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor G Baxter, Councillor T Gilby, Councillor S Greaves, Mayor R Jones CBE, Councillor A Syrett, H Bowen, A Frosdick, D Swaine, N Taylor, D Terris, E Walker and P Wilson

Chair's Introduction

The Chair provided members with updates on matters of pertinence to the SCR.

Regarding Brexit, the Chair commented on the current impasse between the Government and Parliament, suggesting this continues to present significant challenges for local businesses. It was suggested the SCR is working hard to provide as much support and assistance to businesses as we can and noted possible mitigation measures for businesses were explored at the last LEP Board meeting.

The Chair suggested that irrespective of the outcome of Brexit, the SCR still faces the fundamental issues of decades of systematic underinvestment in our communities, and therefore there is a need to make sure the region gets its fair share of public investment.

The Chair informed Members he continues to make that point to government and last week, was in the Cabinet Office with Ministers and other Metro Mayors to discuss Brexit and the issue that we are still waiting for the Government to set out its position in respect of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

The Chair noted he had also tabled a debate on the future of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and had met with the to seek his assurance that he will look into the issue of fairer funding for infrastructure projects across the North more generally.

The Chair commented on matters pertaining to the government's LEP review.

The Chair provided Members with an update on the SCR's Transforming Cities Fund bid. It was noted the 'tranche 1' bid (worth £10m and covering six schemes across Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield) had been submitted. It was noted that if successful, the funding will play a crucial role developing our transport networks across the region.

It was reported that last week, a milestone for the SCR's "Working Win" initiative was met with more than 2,000 people now taking part. Members were reminded that Working Win is a pioneering health-led research trial that investigates whether a new type of support for people who are struggling with work due to health issues, is better than other services which are already on offer.

1 SCRMCA 19/001 APOLOGIES

Members' apologies were noted as above.

2 SCRMCA 19/002 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair welcomed the new SCR LEP Board chair to the meeting, James Muir, noting he is an outstanding candidate for the job and brings with him a wealth of experience from the automotive industry.

The Chair noted James lives in Sheffield and has demonstrated a commitment to the local community through his voluntary work.

Members were reminded of intentions to recruit an Active Travel Commissioner to lead on a strategy to promote and support the delivery of active travel projects across the Region.

The Chair informed Members we are currently in the process of forming the Sheffield City Region's Youth Combined Authority and have been working closely with youth groups from across the Region to inform the process of nominating representatives from each area. It was noted the first meeting is scheduled for the middle of February.

3 SCRMCA 19/003 URGENT ITEMS

No items noted.

4 SCRMCA 19/004 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

None.

5 SCRMCA 19/005 VOTING RIGHTS FOR NON-CONSTITUENT MEMBERS

It was agreed that voting rights could not be conferred on the non-Constituent Members for item 13 (SCRMCA 19/013 South Yorkshire Transport Budget) as the matter concerns the Constituent Members only.

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

6 SCRMCA 19/006 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS IN RELATION TO ANY ITEM OF BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA

The Chair declared interests in matters to be addressed at item 16 - LGF Programme Approvals in respect of the Glassworks and Digital Media Centre 2 schemes by virtue of being the serving Member of Parliament for the schemes' geography.

Cllr Houghton declared interests in matters to be addressed at item 16 - LGF Programme Approvals in respect of the Glassworks, Digital Media Centre 2 and M1 j36 Economic Growth Corridor Goldthorpe schemes by virtue of being the Leader of the sponsoring Local Authority.

Cllr Dore declared an interest in the matters to be considered item 16 - LGF Programme Approvals in respect of the Parkwood Springs Ski Village scheme by virtue of being the Leader of the sponsoring Authority.

7 SCRMCA 19/007 REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

None.

8 SCRMCA 19/008 RECEIPT OF PETITIONS

Cllr Emma Hoddinott (lead petitioner) presented the meeting with a 40+ signature petition opposing changes to services 10/10a removing them from Markfield Drive. Addressing the meeting, Cllr Hoddinott proposed the changes would impact negatively on elderly service users

In response, Cllr Read noted he was disappointed with how the consultation exercise undertaken to inform service changes in Rotherham had been undertaken and that some good recommendations from service users were not heeded. It was further suggested the changes would reduce services to local shops and hospitals and thus reduce the quality of life of service users.

The meeting received a 600+ signature petition on behalf on Mr Barry Kaye (lead petitioner for the Kimberworth Park Community Partnership) opposing the proposed rerouting of services 139 and 140 away from Oxclose Avenue and Kimberworth Park Road.

The meeting received a 200+ signature petition from Mr Paul Hunton (Lead petitioner for the Wentworth Residents Association) opposing the proposed changes to service 227, which will be partially replaced by the new service 136 via Thorpe Hesley, which will not serve Nether Haugh and along Cortworth Lane.

The Chair directed PTE officers to investigate the matters highlighted by the petitions and respond to the petitioners on the Authority's behalf.

The Chair informed the meeting of intentions to undertaken a review of how public transport services operate across the SCR.

9 SCRMCA 19/009 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None received.

10 SCRMCA 19/010 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17TH DECEMBER 2018

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting of the SCR Mayoral Combined Authority held on 17th December are agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting.

11 SCRMCA 19/011 TRANSPORT STRATEGY

A report was received to present Members with the Sheffield City Region Transport Strategy, noting this is associated with the Mayor's Vision for Transport which was adopted by the MCA on the 17th December 2018.

The Chair thanked officers for their work in producing the Strategy and noted a formal Strategy launch would be held in the near future.

It was noted the Strategy had been informed by public and stakeholder consultation and drafted to encompass the Mayor's manifesto commitments for transport.

It was confirmed that following comments by Members, the Strategy would be annotated to include a more explicit reference to the SCR's ambition for a parkway station on the main HS2 line.

Cllr Dore sought an assurance the Strategy had been written mindful of interdependencies with Transport for the North (TfN). It was duly confirmed the Strategy was fully accordant with the TfN Strategic Transport Plan (STP).

RESOLVED, that the Members approve the Transport Strategy for publication, subject to the inclusion of the explicit reference to a parkway station on the HS2 main line.

12 SCRMCA 19/012 REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING

A report was received to provide the Q3 position for the revenue and capital programme 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 £482k on the MCA/LEP Revenue Budget
2. Notes the forecast slippage of £855k on the MCA/LEP Revenue Programmes budget
3. Notes the forecast underspend of £698k on the South Yorkshire Transport Revenue Budget
4. Notes the forecast slippage of £2.693m on the South Yorkshire Transport Capital Programme in respect of the BDR Pot and likelihood that slippage will arise on Integrated Transport Block and Highways Capital Maintenance
5. Approves the capital budget variation request to re-allocate £600k of Rotherham's existing BDR Pot funding to part-fund the detailed design of the £42m Parkway widening (to Catcliffe) scheme.

13 SCRMCA 19/013 SOUTH YORKSHIRE TRANSPORT BUDGET

A report was received to present the final proposals for the South Yorkshire Transport Revenue Budget and Capital Programme for financial year 2019/20.

The revenue budget also presented the proposed resource requirement for the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive to deliver the South Yorkshire Transport Plan, to be resourced through a levy on the South Yorkshire partners.

Members were advised that to meet statutory deadlines, this transport levy must be set at this meeting.

RESOLVED, that the Combined Authority:

1. Approves the 2019/20 Transport Levy at £54.365m, noting that this represents a 2.5% reduction on the financial year 2018/19
2. Approves the 2019/20 South Yorkshire Revenue Budget with net expenditure of £60.440m
3. Approves the 2019/20 South Yorkshire Capital Programme with planned expenditure of £31.776m

14 SCRMCA 19/014 REVISED CONSTITUTION

A report was received to request the approval of the amendments to the Mayoral Combined Authority Constitution, following the approval of the governance changes at the Authority meeting of 17th December 2018.

Members were advised the Constitution had been amended to reflect the proposals agreed at the previous in respect of the 5 thematic Executive Boards.

It was noted a proposed amendment is to give each thematic Executive Board delegated authority to approve tender awards up to £200,000.00 that are related to its area of responsibility, provided the proposed spend is within budget.

It was noted a further amendment would clarify how grants offered to the Authority are approved for acceptance, in that grant offers up to £100,000 can be accepted by the Finance Director (s.73 Officer); grant offers up to £2m can be accepted by the relevant thematic Executive Boards subject to s.73 Officer agreeing the terms and conditions of the grant offer; and grant offers over £2m can only be accepted by the Authority subject to s.73 Officer agreeing the terms and conditions of the grant offer.

The Chair welcomed this new means of working and suggested it presented a number of challenges and opportunities. It was proposed to undertake a review of the new procedures after the first 6 months of operation.

It was confirmed a further amendment would be made to explain the terms 'independent person' and 'appropriate person' in relation to Committee chairing procedures.

RESOLVED, that the Members approve the amendments to the Constitution.

15 SCRMCA 19/015 LGF PROGRAMME MONITORING

A report was received seeking approval to delegate year-end decisions on LGF funding (in the interests of maximising in-year spend). The report also provided an update on the current LGF Capital Programme.

Members considered the significant proportion of the annual programme that is still to be spent in Q4 and were provided with an assurance that 100% spend profiles are still forecast.

Members were assured that any decisions on funding would only be taken within the thresholds of existing scheme approval levels.

RESOLVED, that the Authority:

1. Notes the LGF Programme update.
2. 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 change expenditure from another financial year into the current year and where that project already has full approval and is in contract (noting the MCA will be informed when these delegated approvals take place).
3. Approves delegated authority to Head of Paid Service and Section 73 Officer in conjunction with the Monitoring Officer to maximise the outturn spend position at year end to mitigate against any potential loss of funding and where that project already has full approval (noting the MCA will be informed when these delegated approvals take place).

16 SCRMCA 19/016 LGF PROGRAMME APPROVALS

A report was received requesting approvals for five schemes, and seeking delegated authority be given to the Head of Paid Service in consultation with the S73 and Monitoring Officer to enter into legal agreements for the schemes.

RESOLVED, that the Authority:

1. Approves the progression of Digital Campus – Digital Media Centre 2 to full approval and award of £2.13m grant to BMBC from the Local Growth Fund subject to the conditions set out in the Appraisal Panel Summary Table.
2. Approves the progression of Parkwood Springs – Ski Village National Attraction (Phase 1a and 1b) to full approval and award of £4.8m loan to Sheffield City Council from the Local Growth Fund subject to the conditions set out in the Appraisal Panel Summary Table.
3. Approves the progression of The Glass Works, Barnsley to full approval and award of £7.43m grant to BMBC from the Local Growth Fund subject to the conditions set out in the Appraisal Panel Summary Table.
4. Approves the progression of M1 Junction 36 – Economic Growth Corridor Goldthorpe – Phase 2 to full approval and award of £7.32m grant to BMBC from the Local Growth Fund subject to the conditions set out in the Appraisal Panel Summary Table.
5. Approves the progression of Doncaster Sheffield Airport Passenger Capacity Expansion Car Park to full approval and award of £3.5m loan to Doncaster Sheffield Airport Limited from the Local Growth Fund subject to the conditions set out in the Appraisal Panel Summary Table.

6. Delegates Authority to the Head of Paid of Service, in conjunction with the Section 73 and the Monitoring Officer, to enter into the contractual arrangements required as a result of the above approvals.

17 SCRMCA 19/017 DELEGATED AUTHORITY REPORT

RESOLVED, that the Authority notes the decisions made under delegation in respect of CA approved recommendations that have been acted upon in the last period.

CHAIR