

SHEFFIELD CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY

AMP TECHNOLOGY CENTRE, WAVERLEY, ROTHERHAM, S60 5WG

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9 MAY 2016

PRESENT:

Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE, Barnsley MBC (Chair)
Councillor John Burrows, Chesterfield BC (Vice Chair)

Councillor Simon Greaves, Bassetlaw DC
Councillor Glyn Jones, Doncaster MBC
Sir Nigel Knowles, SCR LEP

Ruth Adams, SCR Executive Team
Fiona Boden, Sheffield City Region Executive Team
Huw Bowen, Chesterfield BC
Peter Dale, Doncaster MBC
Andrew Frosdick, Monitoring Officer
Andrew Gates, SCR Exec Team
Julie Hurley, SCR Exec Team
Sharon Kemp, Rotherham MBC
Anthony May, Nottinghamshire CC
John Mothersole, Sheffield CC
Mel Dei Rossi, SCR Exec Team
Dave Smith, SCR Exec Team
Gareth Sutton, Sheffield CC / SCR
Neil Taylor, Bassetlaw DC
Diana Terris, Clerk / Barnsley MBC
Craig Tyler, Joint Authorities Governance Unit

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A Syrett, Councillor G Baxter, Councillor C Read, Councillor J Dore, Mayor R Jones, Councillor A Rhodes, Councillor L Roberts, Councillor L Rose, Councillor A Western, D Bunton, J Miller, Swaine and E Walker

1 APOLOGIES

Members' apologies were noted as above.

2 VOTING RIGHTS FOR NON-CONSTITUENT MEMBERS

It was agreed that no items required voting to be confirmed on non-constituent Members.

3 ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were noted.

4 URGENT ITEMS

No urgent items were requested.

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

None.

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

As Leader of the sponsoring Local Authority, Cllr Greaves declared an interest in the discussion at agenda item 14 'Funding Recommendations' in respect of the Worksop and Vesuvius scheme

7 REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

None received.

8 RECEIPT OF PETITIONS

None received.

9 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None received.

10 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14TH MARCH AND 31ST MARCH

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meetings held on 14th March and 31st March are agreed to be accurate records of the meetings.

11 DEVOLUTION UPDATE

A paper was presented to provide Members with an update on the range of work streams underway and the work required over the coming months to implement the devolution deal in advance of Mayoral elections in May 2017.

Cllr Burrows highlighted the importance of the consultation process having sufficient opportunities for the public and businesses to be fully involved.

Members were asked to note the detailed body of work required to ensure that the CA, the County Councils of Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire and central government fully understand the implications of changes in constituent membership and are able to develop workable proposals.

RESOLVED, that the Combined Authority Members:

1. Endorse the proposal that an integration taskforce be established chaired by the Executive Director for the SCR and that this taskforce be extended to include representatives from Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire County Councils.
2. Endorse the proposal that a single governance review will be undertaken that encompasses the necessary changes required to become a Mayoral Combined Authority (MCA) in addition to the widened membership of the CA.
3. Note the intention to undertake a single consultation process on the 'scheme', thus encompassing the creation of a Mayoral Combined Authority (MCA), the conferring of new powers and functions on this MCA and the extension of the constituent membership to include the districts of Chesterfield and Bassetlaw.
4. Consider whether the Combined Authority should seek to ensure that this consultation not only meets the statutory test but also starts a city region wide conversation about the new powers being devolved to local areas - and the Mayoral elections in 2017.

12 SINGLE CAPITAL POT

A paper was received setting out the committed five-year, devolved investment secured from Government through the City Region's current Devolution Deal. The paper provided confirmation that the Sheffield City Region (SCR) will receive at least £484m of investment between 2016/17 and 2020/21 to invest in economic growth.

It was noted the completion of the re-refresh of the City Region's Strategic Economic Plan, will provide the mechanism by which the City Region will identify its priorities for this funding.

Members were informed that the Government has also launched the next round of proposals for Growth Deal funding, with submissions required by the summer recess. These will be assessed by Government on a competitive basis. As an area establishing a Mayoral Combined Authority the SCR is able to submit a programme level, rather than project based bid. On this basis and as the funding is primarily available from 2018 onwards the City Region is proposing to formulate its bid to top-up funding for key existing programmes such as SCRIF and skills capital. This will be focused on securing additional funds for priorities from the Area Based Review and the Integrated Infrastructure Plan.

The report provided information regarding the assurance preconditions for which the SCR will need to comply to receive Gainshare Funding.

RESOLVED, that the Combined Authority Members:

1. Note the letters received from Government on the SCR's confirmed single pot allocation of £484m between 2016/17 and 2020/21 and the next round of LGF bids.
2. Note the preconditions that the SCR needs to meet in order to receive its first Gainshare payment and the estimated timescales by which this will be achieved.
3. Note and endorse the proposed timescales for the completion of the re-refresh of the SCR's Strategic Economic Plan, which will set out the City Region's priorities for the single pot.
4. Endorse the proposed approach to the development of the City Region's LEP LGF bid, to act as a 'top-up' to the SCR's existing Growth Deal programmes which will deliver the priorities identified through the LEP prioritisation workshop, the IIP and the SEP refresh.

13 REVENUE AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME OUTTURN

A report was presented requesting Members note the pre-audit revenue and capital outturn positions for the Combined Authority, including the CA's South Yorkshire Transport budget and the region wide CA/LEP revenue budgets, along with capital programme spend.

It was noted that at outturn, both revenue budgets show a favourable position to budget with SY Transport £437k under budget and the CA/LEP core activity £274k under budget.

It was noted that CA/LEP revenue programme activity - fully funded from grants - was also lower than anticipated at £3.7m against an initial budget of £7m and as anticipated, the capital programme came in significantly under budget by £19m.

The paper provided breakdowns on activity for the year, and implications for the new financial year including movements on reserves.

Members were asked to note that the paper does not provide performance information as this was not available at the time of writing.

In respect of Partner activity, it was noted that SYITA Properties returned a post-tax profit of £404k that is available for distribution to the CA.

It was noted that SYPTE's information is not available at this date, though a matter is raised concerning proposals to fund £3m of capital expenditure from a revenue reserve. A recommendation is therefore being made to resource this expenditure through the application of a CA capital receipt, which will support the transport levy.

It was also noted that Transport for the North (for which the CA is the financial accountable body and will continue to be so ahead of the future awarding of statutory status) spent £3.3m against available resource of £14.2m.

RESOLVED, that the Combined Authority Members:

1. Note the revenue underspends for the year across the CA's revenue budgets and capital programme
2. Note the net draw on SY transport reserves of £4,776k – recognising an in-year surplus of £437k – in line with the 2015/16 transport revenue budget
3. Note the contribution of £391k of surplus to the CA/LEP general revenue reserves
4. Note the earmarking of the residual balance (£3,869k) of the £4m revenue grant received in-year through the Local Growth Fund process for Business Growth activity to an earmarked reserve
5. Note the earmarking of in-year unused PFI credits (£1.4m) to the SY transport PFI reserve
6. Approve the award of a £3m capital grant to SYPTE resourced from an unapplied capital receipt, to resource costs that would otherwise be funded from an SYPTE revenue reserve that could be used to support the transport levy
7. Award delegated authority to the Director of Finance to transact with SYPTE in the most efficient manner possible.

14 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Members received a report requesting consideration of the recommendations to progress scheme business cases and approve entering into funding agreements for 3 Infrastructure Projects at cost of £9.42M LGF for Worksop and Vesuvius Phase 1, Bus Rapid Transit North and Olympic Legacy Park.

It was confirmed that in-line with the Sheffield City Region Single Assurance Framework these projects have been considered and recommended for CA approval by SCR Executive Boards.

Members commented favourably on the revised format for presenting scheme information.

It was noted that the Infrastructure Executive Board (IEB) attendees had considered a variance of opinions in respect of the funding conditions to be applied to the Olympic Legacy Park scheme prior to agreeing the scheme's recommendation. For additional assurance, it was requested that the Chair of the IEB be asked to re-confirm her endorsement of the recommendation ahead of the CA Chair formally signing off the recommendation on the CA's behalf.

RESOLVED, that the Combined Authority Members:

1. Approve progression of Worksop Site Delivery and Vesuvius (Phase 1) to Full Approval and Award of Contract at a cost £0.5M to SCR CA subject to the detailed condition set out in line 1 of the Project Approval Summary Table attached at Appendix 1 to the report.
2. Approve progression of BRT North Project to Full Approval and Award of Contract at a cost of £4.02M to SCR CA subject to the detailed condition set out in line 2 of the Project Approval Summary Table attached at Appendix 2 to the report.
3. Defer a decision on the progression of Olympic Legacy Park Project (to Full Approval and Award of Contract at a cost £4.9M to SCR CA subject to the detailed conditions set out in line 3 of the Project Approval Summary Table attached at Appendix 3 of the report) and delegate responsibility to approve the recommendation to the Chair, predicated on confirmation from the IEB Chair that the recommendation is formally supported.
4. Endorse the revised format of information included in support of scheme approvals and request this be used for future reports.

15 SUMMARY REPORT - BUSINESS GROWTH EXECUTIVE BOARD

RESOLVED, that the recommendations made by the Executive Board are noted and endorsed.

16 SUMMARY REPORT - HOUSING EXECUTIVE BOARD

RESOLVED, that the recommendations made by the Executive Board are noted and endorsed.

17 SUMMARY REPORT - SKILLS, EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION EXECUTIVE BOARD

RESOLVED, that the recommendations made by the Executive Board are noted and endorsed.

18 SUMMARY REPORT - TRANSPORT EXECUTIVE BOARD

Members were informed that DfT has recently released guidance inviting LEP areas to submit bids to the £475m Large Local Major Schemes fund, which forms part of LGF, for 'exceptionally large, transformational schemes that are too big to be taken forward within regular growth allocations and could not otherwise be funded'. In terms of scale, for the SCR LEP area, the minimum scheme size being £75 million.

It was noted that the deadline for the main competition is the 21 July 2016 and an initial call for schemes has been put to the SCR Partners.

RESOLVED, that the recommendations made by the Executive Board are noted and endorsed.

19 SUMMARY REPORT - INFRASTRUCTURE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Cllr Burrows noted his disappointment that the IEB had assurance concerns in respect of the Peak Resorts project which prevented the Board making a decision at this time.

It was confirmed the IEB's comments have been referred to the scheme promoter and it is expected the scheme will be resubmitted for consideration in due course once issues have been addressed.

RESOLVED, that the recommendations made by the Executive Board are noted and endorsed.

CHAIR