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Transport and infrastructure

Further devolvment of transport and infrastructure funding. Funds are already devolved with opportunities for Barnsley:

- Hickleton Marr bypass – joint scheme with Doncaster
- Northern Orbital
- Town centre – further investment eg public realm, private sector investment
- Barnsley Rail vision – align HS2 with local aspirations
- Transpennine connectivity feasibility work – M1/A1 links and rail
- HS2 given priority and still government focus on Meadowhall
- Public transport improvements eg smart ticketing, bus franchises
- Devolved highways funding at Combined Authority level and collaboration work on key route networks



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Housing and planning

- Improved opportunities to develop joined up programme of assets disposals with government
 - Jnct 36 business park, network rail assets, NHS estate land
- Barnsley represented on SCR Joint Assets Board –
 - Right of first refusal for all central government land and assets
- Changing role of Homes and Communities Agency – opportunity to establish a housing investment fund
 - Housing growth areas and affordable sites
 - Critical to tackling unviable sites for development
 - Increased role for private sector eg Barnsley developer forum
 - Further work needed with government on Investment Fund



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Housing and Strategic Planning

The Sheffield City Region Combined Authority Mayor will exercise strategic planning powers to support and accelerate these ambitions. Subject to the agreement of each authority this will include the power to:

- Create a spatial framework which will act as the framework for managing planning across the Sheffield City Region
- Create supplementary planning documents (e.g. S. Yorks Residential Design Guide).
- Help alignment of local development plans with the aspirations of the Strategic Economic Plan for the region
- Demonstrate duty to cooperate across the region
- Be consulted on and/or call-in planning applications of strategic importance to the City Region



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Business growth/trade/investment

- Business support programmes – local and national – developed through the new growth hub for SCR which builds upon success of Enterprising Barnsley
- Significance of growing a healthy tax base in Barnsley
- Access to higher level support for Barnsley businesses eg export, access to finance
- No specific changes in terms of Enterprise Zones – opportunity to strengthen financial incentives and raise profile of our EZs
- Ultra fast broadband – will benefit business parks and EZ sites – first in the country eg Capitol Park, 99% coverage
- Inward investment – Barnsley to get increased investment opportunities, better account management with UK trade and industry, builds on Barnsley property investment fund, international connections

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Skills and employment

- Area Based reviews of post 16 education and training led in region
 - Barnsley College – opportunity for expansion building upon changes across other parts of the region and track record in Barnsley
 - Link College with other public owned estate in town centre
- Employment support programmes to be developed more locally in Barnsley – close working with Job Centre, third sector and role for communities
 - Increased focus on traineeships and apprenticeships
 - Joining up careers advice and needs of Barnsley businesses
 - Fits well with ‘more and better jobs’ strategy being developed
- Adult skills budget closer working between council and providers



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