

SHEFFIELD CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 DECEMBER 2015

PRESENT:

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

Councillor Mary Dooley, Bolsover DC
Councillor Julie Dore, Sheffield CC
Councillor Simon Greaves, Bassetlaw DC
Mayor Ros Jones, Doncaster MBC
Councillor Chris Read, Rotherham MBC
Councillor Lewis Rose OBE, Derbyshire Dales DC

James Newman, SCR Local Enterprise Partnership
Ruth Adams, SCR Executive Team
Fiona Boden, Sheffield City Region Executive Team
Huw Bowen, Chesterfield BC
Dorcas Bunton, Derbyshire Dales DC
Andrew Frosdick, Monitoring Officer
Andrew Gates, SCR Executive Team
Justin Homer, Rotherham MBC
Julie Kenny CBE, Rotherham MBC
Anthony May, Nottinghamshire CC
John Mothersole, Sheffield CC
Jo Miller, Doncaster MBC
Ben Still, SCR Executive Team
Daniel Swaine, Bolsover DC / NE Derbyshire DC
Neil Taylor, Bassetlaw DC
Diana Terris, Clerk / Barnsley MBC
Craig Tyler, Joint Authorities Governance Unit
Eugene Walker, S.151 Officer

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A Syrett and Councillor G Baxter

1 APOLOGIES

Members apologies were noted as above

2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

None requested.

3 URGENT ITEMS

None requested.

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

None noted.

5 VOTING RIGHTS FOR NON-CONSTITUENT MEMBERS

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

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

None noted.

7 REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Cllr Greaves noted recent announcements regarding the government's study into the future viability of coal powered power stations and, commenting on the 4 power stations located in Bassetlaw (which includes 2 coal powered stations) and sought the CA Leaders support for Bassetlaw leading further work to consider the local implications of any national policy change.

The Leaders noted their support for this work and recognised the importance of considering the implications of policy change to the City region and wider geography.

Mayor Jones asked that power stations' supply chains also be given due consideration as part of the investigation.

It was agreed support Bassetlaw's work on this matter and noted that officers from Bassetlaw would be making contact with the other City Region districts in due course.

8 RECEIPT OF PETITIONS

None received.

9 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None received.

10 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26TH OCTOBER

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting of the Combined Authority held on 26th October 2015 are agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting.

11 QUARTER 2 REVENUE BUDGET AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME - FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE UPDATE

A paper was received to provide a joint overview of financial and performance reporting position for the CA's work streams including the revenue budget and capital programmes, partner activity, and performance summaries.

Detail was provided in the appendices to this paper.

Members were informed that this particular paper represents a working draft of the final report and is intended to provide early sight to inform composition of the final paper

It was noted that the paper provides a joint financial and programme management update at Quarter 2 and highlights continued below profile expenditure across the capital programme, with a forecast outturn underspend of between £23.8M and £28.65M

Members were advised that there are a number of reasons for this situation but are all being addressed by the CA's commitment to ensuring efficient and effective spend through our robust assurance and appraisal processes

It was noted that proposals for advancing other schemes in support of the SEP are being considered as a means of utilising uncommitted cash.

It was reported that the SY Transport budget shows a forecast surplus outturn position of c.£400k due to improved investment income returns and the CA/LEP budget shows a forecast surplus of £155k due to delayed recruitment to vacant posts, recharges into programme activity, and higher than anticipated investment income returns.

It was noted that proposals to help build future capacity for scheme development are to be considered as part of the development of a single pot.

Cllr Greaves requested that future reports more clearly highlight overall spend and variance to projection. E Walker confirmed existing intentions to further refine the formatting of the reports going forward.

RESOLVED, that the Combined Authority Members:

1. Note the revenue budget position at quarter 2

2. Note the capital programme position at quarter 2
3. Note the performance report on the capital programme, and forecast outturn position following programme management refreshes with programme leads
4. Note the financial position of partners and other regional programmes at quarter 2

12 RAIL NORTH

Following on from the September 2014 meeting of the Combined Authority at which it was agreed to become a Member of Rail North Ltd., a paper was received seeking approval from the Combined Authority to enter into the Rail North Members' Agreement.

It was noted that the Members' Agreement is an important part of the governance structure for Rail North Ltd. The other principal agreement is the Partnership Agreement with the Secretary of State, which provides for the joint management of the Northern and Transpennine Express Franchises due to start in April 2016 and for full devolution in the future. The Partnership Agreement was signed in March 2015.

It was noted that the Members' Agreement formalises the interfaces between Rail North Ltd and its 29 Member Authorities. It defines the Governance Structures and how Rail North Ltd will be funded. The Agreement has been prepared following a collaborative process with officers of Member Authorities, and has been subject to a formal consultation. The final text of the Members' Agreement was agreed by the Board of Rail North Ltd in October 2015 and each Member Authority now needs to formally agree to enter into this Agreement.

Regarding financial implications, Members were advised that the total annual subscription for all 29 Members is £36,000. This is divided among partners based on a previously agreed metric based on rail passenger numbers. Currently the SCR has 7.8% of this metric. For 2015/16 and 2016/17 the SCR contribution to the annual subscription will be £2,800, which can be met from the existing budget.

RESOLVED, that the Combined Authority approves entering into the Rail North Members' Agreement.

13 TRANSPORT FOR THE NORTH

A report was received to provide an update to the Combined Authority on the progress of the Transport for the North (TfN) project.

Regarding the publication of the interim report of the Trans-Pennine Tunnel Strategic Study and the suggestion that a new road link between Sheffield and Manchester would be technically and operationally feasible to construct; Cllr Rose informed Members that this finding had not been well received by the National Park Authority. Cllr Dore noted that the Peak Park and other organisations' feedback to the consultation had been taken into consideration and suggested this would be a

difficult decision somewhat brought to the fore as other potential solutions have already been deemed un-environmental.

RESOLVED, that the Combined Authority Members:

1. Note the appointment of the TfN Independent Chair.
2. Note the publication of the TfN Autumn Report.
3. Note the implications of the Spending Review on the TfN Programme.
4. Note the publication of the Trans-Pennine Tunnel Study

14 SUMMARY REPORT - BUSINESS GROWTH EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Summary report from the SCR Business Growth Executive Board was received.

The Resolutions made by the Board were duly noted.

15 SUMMARY REPORT - HOUSING EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Summary report from the SCR Business Growth Executive Board was received.

The Resolutions made by the Board were duly noted.

16 SUMMARY REPORT - SKILLS EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Summary report from the SCR Business Growth Executive Board was received.

The Resolutions made by the Board were duly noted.

17 SUMMARY REPORT AND BUSINESS PLAN - TRANSPORT EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Summary report from the SCR Transport Executive Board was received.

Members were also presented with the draft Transport Executive Board Business Plan for 2015/16

Members were advised that the production process for 2016/17 (and beyond) Business Plans for all Executive Boards, and also a corporate business plan for the CA, had commenced. Drafts will be brought before the CA in due course.

The Resolutions made by the Board were duly noted.

18 SUMMARY REPORT - INFRASTRUCTURE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Summary report from the SCR Infrastructure Executive Board was received.

The Resolutions made by the Board were duly noted.

19 SOCIAL INCLUSION AND EQUALITIES ADVISORY BOARD

Members were presented with an update on the cross-cutting work being undertaken to support the SCRIP around social inclusion and equalities, led by the Social Inclusion and Equalities Board (Chaired by LEP member Deborah Egan OBE).

Members requested confirmation of the Board's membership.

Action: R Adams to supply

It was requested that the Board adopt an alternate reporting template to provide a distinction from the decision making Executive Boards.

RESOLVED, that the update be noted.

CHAIR