

SHEFFIELD CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 31 MARCH 2016

PRESENT:

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

Councillor Graham Baxter MBE, North East Derbyshire DC
Councillor Leigh Bramall, Sheffield CC
Mayor Ros Jones, Doncaster MBC
Councillor Chris Read, Rotherham MBC
Councillor Lewis Rose OBE, Derbyshire Dales DC
Councillor Ann Syrett, Bolsover DC

Sir Nigel Knowles, SCR LEP
Julie Kenny CBE, SCR LEP
Ruth Adams, SCR Executive Team
David Armiger, Bassetlaw District Council
Huw Bowen, Chesterfield BC
Sarah Fowler, Peak Park NPA
Andrew Frosdick, Monitoring Officer
James Henderson, Sheffield CC
Sharon Kemp, Rotherham MBC
Dave Smith, SCR Exec Team
Daniel Swaine, Bolsover DC / NE Derbyshire DC
Diana Terris, Clerk / Barnsley MBC
Craig Tyler, Joint Authorities Governance Unit

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Dore, Councillor S Greaves,
Councillor A Rhodes, Councillor L Roberts, Councillor A Western, D Bunton, J Mothersole,
J Miller, N Taylor and E Walker

1 APOLOGIES

Members' apologies were noted as above.

2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

3 URGENT ITEMS

None.

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

None.

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.

7 COMBINED AUTHORITY RATIFICATION OF THE SHEFFIELD CITY REGION DEVOLUTION AGREEMENT

A paper was received seeking the Combined Authority's ratification of the Sheffield City Region Devolution Agreement (i.e. the in-principle deal). The report provided an update on local council ratification, progress made regarding the in-principle deal, a summary of the public consultation process and detail on the potential changes to the Combined Authority geography as a result of clauses within the Cities and Local Government Act 2016.

Members were advised that in advance of the meeting, the draft Devolution agreement had been presented to all 9 SCR full councils and unanimously ratified.

Cllr Rose asked when clarity will be received regarding the expressions of intent by some non-constituent districts to seek constituent status. It was confirmed that subject to various known and potential processes, including wider public consultation, a decision by the Secretary of State is expected on this matter sometime during the autumn.

Cllr Burrows confirmed further meetings were planned to discuss Chesterfield BC's intention to attain constituent status and address points of pertinence, including the presentation of the draft Devolution deal's Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) to full council on 6th April.

Cllr Houghton informed the Members present of confirmation from Cllr Greaves that Bassetlaw's Members wish to attain SCR constituent status for their district.

It was noted that discussions with colleagues from Derbyshire CC and Nottinghamshire CC are continuing to discuss matters of note in respect of overlap areas. Members were advised of the contents of communications with the counties, sent by the Clerk.

Cllr Houghton informed Members that correspondence has been received from the Secretary of State welcoming the decisions made by the 9 SCR districts and the opportunity to engage on further devolution processes.

Sir Nigel Knowles, Chair of the SCR Local Enterprise Partnership, congratulated Members on reaching this historic moment, suggesting this was a fantastic opportunity for the City Region to affect how it is positioned nationally.

RESOLVED, that the Combined Authority Members:

1. Note the progress that has been made since the in-principle deal was agreed in October 2016 – in particular those matters detailed in section 4 relating to geography, the relationship between any future mayor and the Combined Authority and future constitutional changes.
2. Note and take into account that an online consultation exercise took place from the 2nd December to the 15th January.
3. Note that all nine of the councils within the Sheffield City Region have endorsed and where required approved formal ratification of the devolution deal.
4. Note that Bassetlaw District Council and Chesterfield Borough Council have indicated their intention to pursue "constituent" membership status of the SCR Combined Authority and Bolsover, North East Derbyshire and Derbyshire Dales District Councils have indicated their intention to be "constituent" members of any North Midlands Combined Authority that may be created.
5. Ratify the devolution agreement (set out at Appendix A) and consent to a future 'enabling order' being laid which provides that a mayoral election will take place in May 2017.
6. Give delegated authority to the Clerk of the Combined Authority to be authorised to consent to the 'enabling order' being laid which provides for a Mayoral election to take place in May 2017.

CHAIR