

SHEFFIELD CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY

AMP TECHNOLOGY CENTRE, WAVERLEY, ROTHERHAM, S60 5WG

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24 APRIL 2017

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 Julie Dore, Sheffield CC
Councillor Tricia Gilby, Chesterfield BC
Councillor Simon Greaves, Bassetlaw DC
Mayor Ros Jones, Doncaster MBC
Councillor Chris Read, Rotherham MBC
Councillor Lewis Rose OBE, Derbyshire Dales DC
Sir Nigel Knowles, Global Co-Chairman DLA Piper & SCR LEP Chair

Ruth Adams, SCR Exec Team
Fiona Boden, SCR Exec Team
Huw Bowen, Chesterfield BC
Sharon Kemp, Rotherham MBC
Mark Lynam, SCR Exec Team
Martin McCarthy, South Yorkshire Joint Authorities
Jo Miller, Doncaster MBC
Dave Smith, SCR Exec Team
Daniel Swaine, Bolsover DC / NE Derbyshire DC
Neil Taylor, Bassetlaw DC
Craig Tyler, Joint Authorities Governance Unit
Eugene Walker, S.151 Officer

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A Syrett, D Bunton, A Frosdick, J Kenny, J Mothersole and D Terris

1 VOTING RIGHTS FOR NON-CONSTITUENT MEMBERS

It was confirmed that voting rights could not be conferred in respect of agenda item 11 – Appointment of SYPTe Non-Executive Director as this matter regards the South Yorkshire Local Authorities only.

It was agreed that there were no further items where non-Constituent Members should not have voting rights.

2 APOLOGIES

Members' apologies were noted as above.

3 ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

4 URGENT ITEMS

None.

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

None.

7 REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

None,

8 RECEIPT OF PETITIONS

None.

9 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None received.

10 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22 MARCH 2017

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting of the Combined Authority held on 22nd March are agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting.

11 APPOINTMENT OF SYPTe NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A report was received advising Members that the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive is required by law to have between 2 and 8 Directors

appointed by the Combined Authority. Presently there are 8 Directors (3 PTE employed directors and 5 non-executive positions) with each South Yorkshire District having one senior transport officer appointed and the Chief Executive of Barnsley MBC chairing the Board.

It was report that formal notification has been received from Sheffield City Council that they wish to formally propose that Tom Finnegan-Smith be appointed a Non-Executive Director of the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive. Mr Finnegan-Smith will fill the vacancy created by the departure of the previous representative.

RESOLVED, that Tom Finnegan-Smith, Head of Strategic Transport and Infrastructure – SCC be appointed as a Non-Executive Director of the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive.

12 DEVOLUTION

A verbal update was provided to inform Members that the public consultation exercise in respect of the SCR devolution ambition is still scheduled to take place as per previous reports to the Authority.

Members were advised the situation regarding any potential effect of the General Election would be monitored closely.

13 A SHEFFIELD CITY REGION BID TO THE NATIONAL SHARED OWNERSHIP AND AFFORDABLE HOMES PROGRAMME: 'MORE NEW HOMES'

A report was received to inform Members of the core principles of the More New Homes approach, identifying what could be achieved if local partners (including Local Authorities) work more collaboratively and engage with the Homes and Communities Agency's (HCA) Shared Ownership and Affordable Homes Programme (SOAHP) in a different way.

Mayor Jones noted the importance of ensuring the collective 'More New Homes' approach doesn't detract from what the individual districts are doing to address homelessness i.e. through locally derived s.106 agreements.

It was noted a close watch will be kept on General Election manifestos to provide an early indication of any political policy change.

RESOLVED, that the Combined Authority:

1. Confirms that subject to the flexibilities on offer from the HCA, there is in principle agreement to developing a SCR-level programme of activity focussed on increasing the supply of affordable housing across the SCR.
2. Approves continued dialogue with the HCA focussed on obtaining a range of flexibilities and ultimately a ring fenced/ devolved fund which supports and complements a SCR-level activity to increase housing supply through the national Shared Ownership and Affordable Homes Programme.

14 GRANTS MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

A report was received to provide the Combined Authority Members with confirmation of grants made from the Business Investment Fund under delegated authority via the Business Investment Board.

RESOLVED, that the Combined Authority notes the investments made under delegated authority.

15 SUMMARY REPORT - HOUSING EXECUTIVE BOARD

RESOLVED, that the matters addressed in the summary report be noted and the recommendations of the Housing Executive Board be endorsed.

16 SUMMARY REPORT - TRANSPORT EXECUTIVE BOARD

RESOLVED, that the matters addressed in the summary report be noted and the recommendations of the Transport Executive Board be endorsed.

17 SUMMARY REPORT - SKILLS, EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION EXECUTIVE BOARD

RESOLVED, that the matters addressed in the summary report be noted and the recommendations of the Skills Executive Board be endorsed.

18 SUMMARY REPORT - BUSINESS GROWTH EXECUTIVE BOARD

RESOLVED, that the matters addressed in the summary report be noted and the recommendations of the Business Growth Executive Board be endorsed.

19 SUMMARY REPORT - INFRASTRUCTURE EXECUTIVE BOARD

RESOLVED, that the matters addressed in the summary report be noted and the recommendations of the Infrastructure Executive Board be endorsed.

20 CLLR JOHN BURROWS

The Chair noted this would be Cllr Burrows last SCR Combined Authority meeting, ahead of his retirement as Leader of Chesterfield BC.

The Chair and all Members requested that their thanks to Cllr Burrows for everything he has done in support of the City Region be placed on record.

It was agreed Cllr Burrows and his vast experience would be much missed and all present wished him a long, healthy and happy retirement.

CHAIR