

SHEFFIELD CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 30 JULY 2018

PRESENT:

Mayor Dan Jarvis MBE, Sheffield City Region (Chair)

Councillor Graham Baxter MBE, North East Derbyshire DC

Councillor Julie Dore, Sheffield CC

Councillor Tricia Gilby, Chesterfield BC

Councillor Simon Greaves, Bassetlaw DC

Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE, Barnsley MBC

Mayor Ros Jones CBE, Doncaster MBC

Councillor Lewis Rose OBE, Derbyshire Dales DC

Councillor Ann Syrett, Bolsover DC

Sir Nigel Knowles, SCR LEP Chair

Matthew Ackroyd, KPMG

Ruth Adams, SCR Exec Team

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Fiona Boden, SCR Exec Team

Steve Davenport, SYPTE

Steve Edwards, SYPTE

Andrew Frosdick, Monitoring Officer

Councillor Chris Furness, Derbyshire Dales

Andrew Gates, SCR Exec Team

Jeni Harvey, SCR Exec Team

Christine Marriott, SCR Exec Team

John Mothersole, Sheffield CC

Dave Smith, SCR Exec Team

Daniel Swaine, Bolsover DC / NE Derbyshire DC

Neil Taylor, Bassetlaw DC

Diana Terris, Clerk / Barnsley MBC

Simon Tompkins, SCC / SCR Exec Team

Craig Tyler, Joint Authorities Governance Unit

Eugene Walker, S.73 Officer

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C Read, H Bowen, S Kemp, M Lynam, J Miller and P Wilson

1 SCRMCA 18/028 APOLOGIES

Apologies were noted as above.

2 SCRMCA 18/029 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair noted the recent publication of the 'Strengthened Local Enterprise Partnerships' review by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government and confirmed this would be discussed in detail at the forthcoming LEP Board meeting.

The Chair informed Members the SCR had not been successful in securing funding through wave 2 of the government's Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund initiative. The Chair noted his disappointment and confirmed he would be pressing government to find out why the SCR had not been included in wave 2.

3 SCRMCA 18/030 URGENT ITEMS

No urgent items were requested.

4 SCRMCA 18/031 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

None.

5 SCRMCA 18/032 VOTING RIGHTS FOR NON-CONSTITUENT MEMBERS

It was agreed there were no agenda items for which the non-Constituent Members should not have full voting rights.

6 SCRMCA 18/033 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS IN RELATION TO ANY ITEM OF BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA

No declarations were noted.

7 SCRMCA 18/034 REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

None.

8 SCRMCA 18/035 RECEIPT OF PETITIONS

None.

9 SCRMCA 18/036 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Three public questions were received from Mr Nigel Slack.

Q1. "As an often solo member of the public at the current meetings of the CA in this location, would it be too early to suppose that the approval of Capital works at the CA's Broad Street West offices is a prelude to the CA meetings being consolidated in that location"?

The Mayor responded.

“We do plan to use Broad Street West for Mayoral Combined Authority meetings in the future. The capital works planned will enable this to happen and ensure that meetings at which the public are invited take place in an environment that is fully equipped for requirements of public meetings”.

“Openness, transparency and accountability to the public are important issues and I am sure Members will welcome the opportunity to put the Mayoral Combined Authority meetings on the same professional footing as the meetings they hold within their own Council Chambers”

Q2. “Noting that the inclusion in these plans for webcasting facilities at Broad Street West is, hopefully, a major positive for public engagement with the authority, what other steps is the Mayor considering for improving public understanding and engagement with the ongoing, if stalled, devolution process”?

The Mayor responded.

“I am ensuring that my Mayoralty uses the full range of social media channels available, broadcast and written press pieces, our website and of course my public meetings and visits to make sure I engage with a wide range of stakeholders in a variety of formats - this of course goes beyond just information about the devolution process”.

“The steps we are taking to develop the facilities at Broad Street West will be an important part of wider public engagement but I am sure that there will be other ways in which we can achieve greater public understanding and engagement and I welcome further formal and informal discussions as to how that can best be achieved”.

Q3. “With the Government continuing to vacillate over whether or not to engage with a 'Yorkshire Devolution' process, how will this impact on the Mayor's discussions about the completion of the Sheffield City region 'deal'”?

The Mayor responded.

“I am working with colleagues around this table and from across the whole of Yorkshire to ensure that we deliver the benefits of the Sheffield City Region Devolution Deal as well as exploring in full, how the will of a wide range of council leaders from across the political spectrum can be realised to deliver a devolution deal on the wider Yorkshire geography”.

10 SCRMCA 18/037 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11TH JUNE 2018

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th June are agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting.

11 SCRMCA 18/038 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Members were presented with the Authority's Annual Governance Statement for 2017/18, and Governance Improvement Plan for 2018/19, for consideration

Members thanks officers for their diligence in producing the Statement.

RESOLVED, that the Authority approves the Annual Governance Statement for 2017/18.

12 SCRMCA 18/039 APPROVAL OF THE STATUTORY FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2017/18

Members were asked to approve the 2017/18 Statement of Accounts and have regard to the External Auditor's audit report (ISA 260).

Members were presented with the External Auditor's 2017-18 external audit of the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority and South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Fund (Pension Fund)(ISA 260) and informed the audit had found no significant issues with the Authority's organisational and IT control environment .

Cllr Rose asked whether the SCR Audit Committee had identified any matter requiring more detailed consideration. However, it was confirmed the Committee were happy with the report and its contents.

The Chair welcomed the receipt of the unqualified plan and suggested this is reflective of the hard work undertaken by officers in continuing to strengthen the Authority's governance arrangements.

RESOLVED, that the Authority formally adopts the audited Statement of Accounts, having first had regard to External Audit's findings (ISA 260).

13 SCRMCA 18/040 LGF CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND APPROVALS

A report was received to update Members on the LGF Capital Programme at Q1 of the financial year, to seek approval for project changes to reduce the 2018/19 allocations, and to seek permission to over-programme spend in 2018/19.

Further to previous reports, it was confirmed the MHCLG have now accepted that the £8.66m underspend from 2017/18 can be used in 2019/20 to help smooth the programme allocations. This funding can also be used in 2018/19 if necessary.

Cllr Dore advised Members that the Claywheels Lane scheme had been withdrawn by its private sector developers, rather than by the City Council as the sponsoring Authority.

Explanations were provided in respect of the substantive recommendations.

Members acknowledged the benefits of effective over-programming, as a means of ensuring spend is maximised, but requested this process be carefully managed to avoid the risk of over-programming turning into over-spending. Assurances were provided this would be avoided and it was noted the over-programmed schemes

would remain 'in the pipeline' and have their expectations managed until available funding had been identified.

RESOLVED, that the Combined Authority:

1. Notes the withdrawal of 1 project from the LGF Programme and notes this releases £1.5m of funding (£1.2m in 2018/19) to be reallocated to other projects.
2. Notes the Full Business Case for the Housing Fund extension will be submitted for up-to £15m.
3. Approves the reprofiling of £5.15m of the BIF allocation from 2018/19 to 2020/21.
4. Approves programme over-programming of up to £16m.
5. Notes and approves the project slippage requests as set out in the report.

14 SCRMCA 18/041 DELEGATED AUTHORITY REPORT

A report was received to provide an update on delegations made in CA approved recommendations that have been acted upon in the last period.

RESOLVED, that the contents of the report are noted.

15 SCRMCA 18/042 RESOLUTION RECORDS – HOUSING & INFRASTRUCTURE EXECUTIVE BOARD (29TH JUNE)

RESOLVED, that the decisions and recommendations contained within the report are duly endorsed.

16 SCRMCA 18/043 RESOLUTION RECORD – SKILLS EXECUTIVE BOARD (24TH MAY)

RESOLVED, that the decisions and recommendations contained within the report are duly endorsed.

CHAIR