

**SHEFFIELD CITY REGION LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP BOARD
NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17 JULY 2017**

Attendees: Sir Nigel Knowles (Chair), Gavin Baldwin, Professor Sir Keith Burnett, Councillor Julie Dore, Councillor Tricia Gilby, Councillor Simon Greaves, Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE, Julie Kenny CBE, Martin McKervey and Councillor Lewis Rose OBE

In attendance: Fiona Boden, Huw Bowen, Sue Coffey, Philip Cooper, Andrew Frosdick, Andrew Gates, Councillor Mazher Iqbal, Sharon Kemp, John Mothersole, Dave Smith, Diana Terris, Craig Tyler and Dr Sarah Want

Apologies: Councillor Graham Baxter MBE, Mayor Ros Jones CBE, Councillor Chris Read and Councillor Ann Syrett

Item	Subject	Action
1	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Members' apologies were noted as above.</p>	
2	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>None.</p>	
3	<p>Notes of the Last Meeting</p> <p>The notes of the previous meeting held on 12th June were agreed to be an accurate record.</p> <p>The Chair informed the Board that a follow-up meeting with Tony Pedder and Professor Heather Campbell in respect of the SCR Vision work would take place in due course and a date will be confirmed shortly.</p>	
4	<p>Devolution</p> <p>A report was received to provide the LEP Board with an update on the</p>	

SCR Devolution Deal and note that since the last meeting of the CA, Chesterfield BC and Bassetlaw DC have both taken decisions to no longer pursue an ambition to become constituent members of the SCR Combined Authority.

It was reported the 4 constituent member Leaders had met recently to discuss this matter and a variance of views has been recognised. It has therefore been suggested this matter be reviewed at the next Combined Authority meeting (11th September).

Noting that Barnsley MBC is one of the districts investigating the potential of other devolution options available, the board was informed the CA Chair had, to avoid any perception of a conflict of interest between his local authority and the CA, offered to temporarily stand down as Chair of the CA, facilitating his ability to solely represent Barnsley MBC at other meetings and this offer had been accepted by the CA Members.

The Chair reiterated that the position of the private sector is to be '100%' behind making a devolution deal happen as soon as possible and whilst it is regretted what has happened to Bassetlaw and Chesterfield, Leaders are urged to recognise devolution is still definitely the right thing to do.

Reasoning in support of this assertion, including a précis of matters arising from discussions with Ministers, was provided.

Further consideration was given to the merits of the current SY-centric MCA deal, compared with other theoretical deals, and the opportunity was taken for all districts represented to assert their current positions.

Consideration was given to whether the LEP Board itself might establish its own position on devolution. It was noted the propensity for this undertaking would be considered outside the meeting.

The Board was provided with clarity in respect of the legal position (including timetable) and noted the requirement for all constituent districts to consent to the draft Order.

The Board agreed to accept the recommendations to note the decisions made by Bassetlaw DC and Chesterfield BC to no longer pursue becoming constituent members of the SCR CA and note the current positions of the constituent member Authorities.

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Any Other Business

The Board noted that during the meeting, the announcement had been made on the government's preferred HS2 phase 2 eastern leg route. It was noted this would follow 'the M18 route' with a spur line into Sheffield [and TfN-funded loop back to the HS2 line]. No mention has been made

of a parkway station preferred location.