

**SHEFFIELD CITY REGION LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP BOARD
NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 24 APRIL 2017**

Attendees: Sir Nigel Knowles (Chair), Councillor Graham Baxter MBE, Nigel Brewster, Councillor John Burrows, Simon Carr, Deborah Egan OBE, Councillor Tricia Gilby, Councillor Simon Greaves, Paul Houghton, Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE, Mayor Ros Jones, Julie Kenny CBE, Martin McKervey, Councillor Chris Read, Councillor Lewis Rose OBE and Chris Scholey

In attendance: Fiona Boden, Huw Bowen, Sharon Kemp, Mark Lynam, Jo Miller, Dave Smith, Craig Tyler and Dr Sarah Want

Apologies: Gavin Baldwin, Professor Sir Keith Burnett, Councillor Ann Syrett, Dorcas Bunton, John Mothersole, Daniel Swaine, Neil Taylor and Diana Terris

Item	Subject	Action
1	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
2	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>None noted.</p>	
3	<p>Notes of the meeting held on 22 March 2017</p> <p>It was agreed the notes of the meeting held on 22nd March are an accurate record.</p>	
4	<p>Transport for the North</p> <p>The Board welcomed John Cridland, Chair of the Transport for the North (TfN) Partnership Board.</p> <p>John delivered a presentation on the aims, ambitions and objectives of TfN commenting on how the organisation is being developed, through the adoption of statutory powers, to help address the UK's north-south</p>	

GVA productivity gap through targeted transport investment.

Information was provided in respect of the need for better inter-regional connectivity for both road and rail modes, noting how TfN will work with other national agencies, notably Highways England and HS2 Ltd to realise ambition.

The presentation also commented on matters specific to the SCR, particularly its logistics and advanced manufacturing sector growth potential, and its need for greater east-west and international transport connections.

Members acknowledged and discussed where TfN and the SCR has mutual ambitions around better connectivity, particularly in respect of the need for improved cross-Pennine links.

Guidance was sought regarding what the SCR needs to do to 'play its part' in assisting TfN achieve its ambitions to redress north – south imbalance. It was suggested the SCR can assist TfN by determining its collective position on prioritised schemes and ideally try to rally behind a single headline opportunity for transport investment.

The need to persuade HM Treasury of TfN's cause was discussed, as was the potential for eliciting less traditional funding sources e.g. foreign or pension fund investment and the pooling of efforts via 'pan-northern PFIs'.

Consideration was given to the Northern Loop (HS2 continuation of the spur north of Sheffield) and assurances were sought that this won't 'fall between the cracks' of HS2 Ltd and Northern Powerhouse Rail.

Noting the significant financial size of the investments being discussed, it was agreed only united efforts will be capable of appropriately 'fronting up' the government. It was suggested the TfN Strategic Transport Plan (STP), once signed off by all partners will be the vehicle to achieve the collective transport ambition.

It was agreed the 'price tag' and potential economic benefits of the investments under consideration transcend transport and conversations are needed to appreciate the full potential positive impacts on the wider economy that could be achieved through delivering these major schemes. The Board was therefore asked to keep considering and extolling what 'they' would do with these schemes if TfN can deliver them.

The Board discussed the conditional outputs and noted some caution around the suggestion these may need to be 'flexed', without the SCR having a clear indication at this stage of how much 'flexing' might be under consideration.

It was noted the refreshed SCR Transport Strategy will help tie the

	SCR's ambitions to TfN's.	
5	<p>Transport Prospectus Update</p> <p>Linking to the previous agenda item, a report was received, the purpose of which was to update Members on progress to date on the development of the Transport Strategy Prospectus and requesting approval of the content and design.</p> <p>The Board was reminded the prospectus is intended to be a brief document establishing SCR's high level transport priorities, pending further work on the development of the main transport strategy itself over the coming months.</p> <p>Synergies with the developing TfN Strategic Transport Plan were noted.</p> <p>A fuller explanation of the various tiers (national, regional and SCR) was provided.</p> <p>It was agreed the SCR (via the Prospectus) needs to be very clear in respect of what it wants from the HS2 Northern Loop.</p> <p>It was suggested the Prospectus (and Strategy) needs to make appropriate references to the Peak Park. It was confirmed this will be addressed and noted TfN are also in discussions with the Peak Park Authority regarding trans-Pennine matters.</p> <p>It was asserted none of the schemes referenced in the prospectus will be achievable without strong business cases, particularly as all ambitions will be subject to various tiers of competition from other schemes regionally and nationally.</p> <p>The Chair took the opportunity to note this would be Cllr John Burrows' last LEP Partnership Board meeting. Board Members thanked John for a fantastic job done in support of the LEP.</p>	
6	<p>SEP Refresh</p> <p>A presentation was provided to update the Board on the processes underway to refresh the SEP and introduce the draft refreshed conditional outputs.</p> <p>It was noted the previous SEP objective of private sector growth is largely being achieved. The next challenges that SCR faces are therefore growing more high GVA jobs, continuing to grow jobs across the income spectrum and 'think big'.</p> <p>It was suggested these objectives will be achieved by basing a strategy on SCR's distinctive strengths in manufacturing, continuing to grow</p>	

service & supply chain jobs of every kind, ensuring that all residents from every community can access employment opportunities and focusing on the key interventions that will help achieve these goals.

It was noted that so far, officers have undertaken a comprehensive refresh of the SCR evidence base, scenario planning and data and policy workshops with Leaders and presented outline proposals to Chief Executives, Economic Development Directors and Housing Directors. The next steps are for wider consultation with SCR members and stakeholders to design the Conditional Outcomes and identify transformational projects, to agree the metrics for measuring SEP progress and to draft the SEP and its thematic and transformational project business plans.

It was noted the emerging proposals are to deliver a strategy that has a focus on increasing the productivity of SCR and raising the living standards of its residents. The proposal is that the SEP will have 4 key themes, each with long term conditional outcomes (what success looks like in 2040) and 5 year metrics to measure progress. There have also been 7 transformational projects identified that are cross cutting ambitious game changers for the SCR what will focus efforts and funding for the next 5 years (Northern Powerhouse Connectivity, the Advanced Manufacturing City Region, the International City Region, the thriving SCR labour market, the SCR Schools' Challenge, SCR 4.0 and urban regeneration).

Potential changes to other sections were noted. It was noted the current housing target is likely to be maintained

Additional information was provided linking the evidence base to each of the proposed conditional outputs of each of the strategic themes (more businesses and more jobs, better skills, employment and education, creating places to live, and improving connectivity).

It was suggested the draft may not be saying enough about the importance of international connections and the SCR's intended place on the international stage by 2040.

Action: ALL to provide comments on the drafts to Mark Lynam and Fiona Boden.

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It was noted the Social Inclusion and Equality Board is keen to look at the proposals from their own perspective.

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Managing Director Update

A report was received to provide a high level summary of the current position on the main objectives of the LEP. It was noted more detailed reports on these objectives have been discussed in relevant forums, Boards and through informal meetings and workshops attended by LEP

	Board members	
8	Executive Board Updates The thematic Executive Board updates were received and recommendations duly endorsed.	

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