

SHEFFIELD CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY

18 REGENT STREET, BARNSELEY, S70 2HG

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 MAY 2015

PRESENT:

Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE, Barnsley MBC (Chair)

Councillor John Burrows, Chesterfield BC
Councillor Simon Greaves, Bassetlaw DC
Mayor Ros Jones, Doncaster MBC
Julie Kenny CBE, Rotherham MBC

Karl Battersby, Rotherham MBC
Fiona Boden, Sheffield City Region Executive Team
Huw Bowen, Chesterfield BC
Peter Dale, Doncaster MBC
Andrew Frosdick, Monitoring Officer
Matt Gladstone, Barnsley MBC
James Henderson, Sheffield CC
Julie Hurley, SYPTE
Ben Still, SCR Executive Team
Gareth Sutton, Sheffield CC / SCR
Neil Taylor, Bassetlaw DC
Craig Tyler, JAGU
Neal Byers, SYPTE / SCR Executive Team
Joe Batty, Derbyshire CC

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Baxter, J Dore, C Read, A Rhodes, L Roberts, L Rose and A Western

1 APOLOGIES

Members' apologies were noted as above.

2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements noted.

3 URGENT ITEMS

No urgent items requested.

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

RESOLVED, that item 15 'SYITA Properties Limited' be considered in the absence of the public and press.

5 VOTING RIGHTS FOR NON-CONSTITUENT MEMBERS

It was confirmed that no agenda items require voting rights to be confirmed on non-constituent Members.

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

Regarding the decision to be taken in respect of the Superfast Broadband initiative (to be considered at item 16), the South Yorkshire representatives acknowledged that the scheme relates to all South Yorkshire districts.

Regarding the decision to be taken in respect of the DN7 initiative (to be considered at item 16), the Doncaster representatives noted that Doncaster MBC is the sponsoring Authority.

Regarding the decisions to be taken in respect of the Better Skills Programme (to be considered at item 10), H Bowen noted that he is a board member of Chesterfield College.

7 REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

None received.

8 RECEIPT OF PETITIONS

None received.

9 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AUTHORITY HELD ON 30TH MARCH

It was confirmed that the minutes of the previous meeting are accurate, with the following clarification:

Item 13 - CA Capital Programme (2015/16) and LSTF Revenue Programme: It was noted that the Members approved programmes for the 2015/16 municipal year only.

RESOLVED, that noting the above clarification, the minutes of the meeting of the Authority held on 30th March are agreed to be a true and accurate record.

10 SCR SEP - BETTER SKILLS PROGRAMME - SKILLS CAPITAL

Members were provided with a report following on from the programme update and progress report presented to the SCR CA 16th February and providing an update on the bids for Local Growth Fund (LGF) for skills capital schemes.

It was noted that following the publication of a SCR Skills Capital Prospectus outlining SEP priorities for skills, scheme promoters were invited to submit applications. The assurance process for Local Growth Fund for skills capital was designed so that any schemes below a total value of £1m (indicative grant 33% of this) were required to submit a Full Business Case, whilst schemes in excess of £1m were required to submit an Outline Business Case for initial evaluation.

Members were informed that a moderation panel of the SCR Executive, Skills Funding Agency (SFA) (local and national) and the SCR Executive Further Education secondee to the SCR (non-scoring capacity) met to review both the economic case and the property and financial bid information for the schemes submitted, under the direction of the LEP Board Member and Lead CEX.

Annex A to the main report provided brief information on each of the schemes received and comments from the moderation panel. It was noted that these have been broken down into schemes where further negotiations are being progressed with scheme promoters to address key points of clarifications required by the Skills Board; and schemes where the Outline or Full Business Case did not meet the requisite standard, and will not progress in the current round.

Members were advised that at this stage the SCR CA are not being asked to approve any scheme for funding.

Mayor Jones informed Members that DMBC were looking to prioritise £6m of funding for the new rail college. A paper formally seeking this approval will be presented to the next CA meeting, covering also how this might be underwritten with the intention that the approval will be reported to BIS as part of the scheme submission.

RESOLVED, that the Combined Authority Members:

1. Agree the outcomes of the LGF – Skills Capital Moderation Panel and the further negotiations underway regarding the skills capital schemes submitted to the SCR CA for Local Growth Fund (LGF).]
2. Note the next steps scheduled.

11 DFT UPDATE ON LOCAL TRANSPORT BOARD

Members were advised that the DfT has recently provided communication on the allocation of devolved major scheme transport funding and provided with a paper summarising the contents of the letter and confirming the Accountable Body for the SCR.

It was confirmed that DfT recognise that the SCR Combined Authority is the Accountable Body for SCR Growth Deal and therefore proposed that the Local Transport Body (renamed by the SCR as the Infrastructure Investment Body) is dissolved with the activity and decisions forming part of the functions of the Combined Authority. It was confirmed that this position would be reflected in the SCR Assurance and Accountability Framework.

It was noted that communication with Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire County Councils is being suggested to clarify their role within the context of this change.

RESOLVED, that the Combined Authority:

1. Note the communication from DfT regarding the devolved major scheme transport funding and the role of the Local Transport Body (renamed by SCR to Infrastructure Investment Body).
2. Agree the dissolution of the Infrastructure Investment Body, with the functions subsumed within the Combined Authority.
3. Note the role of Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire County Councils as Local Transport Authorities in these parts of SCR and the draft letter to each council confirming their invitation to Combined Authority meetings for these matters.

12 TRANSPORT FOR THE NORTH - REPORT ENDORSEMENT AND NEXT STEPS

A report was presented to provide an update on the next steps for Transport for the North (TfN) and to seek endorsement of the 'Transport for the North' report, as published on 20 March 2015 and in the production of which Sheffield City Region (SCR) played a strong supporting role.

Members were advised that the next steps of the work will be significant in terms of resources to work up the prioritised infrastructure plan. SCR will be expected to contribute both in kind, and to pay its share of local costs. Details of this will be brought in a future paper.

Members were informed that endorsement is required for the SCR to continue to lead the Rail work stream on behalf of the TfN partners, and endorsement is also required for the SCR to provide the Accountable Body and Employing Body functions for the small team that will be required to programme manage the TfN work.

RESOLVED, that the Combined Authority:

1. Notes and endorses the Transport for the North report;

2. Support the SCR to continue to play an active role in TfN and in particular to lead the TfN Rail workstream
3. Notes and supports the SCR's role in providing the accountable body function for the funding and employing body on behalf of Northern city regions.

13 HS2 EASTERN ROUTE UPDATE

A report was presented to provide the Combined Authority with an update on recent activity on HS2 EAST - formerly known as the Eastern Network Partnership (ENP).

It was reported that Leaders along the Eastern Route of HS2 have met and agreed to procure Communication support to raise awareness of the benefits of the Eastern leg and articulate the impact of any potential delay or cancellation of the Eastern route as a result of a future Comprehensive Spending Review. Consequently, the Leaders have agreed that this activity will be conducted under the banner of 'HS2 EAST' and that they will continue to meet on a regular basis to steer HS2 EAST activity.

It was reported that the exponents of HS2 are still saying the Eastern and Western legs will be delivered at the same time.

Members were also asked to consider a request for up to £25k of funding to support HS2 EAST.

RESOLVED, that the Combined Authority:

1. Notes that the Leaders along the HS2 Eastern Route have met and agreed to procure Communications support for the Eastern Route of HS2.
2. Supports the proposed HS2 EAST activity.
3. Approves funding of up to £25k to support HS2 EAST activity.

14 MINUTES OF THE SCR CA TRANSPORT COMMITTEE HELD ON 27TH APRIL 2015

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the SCR CA Transport Committee held on 27th April be noted.

15 SYITA PROPERTIES LTD

Members were presented with a report in relation to SYITA Properties Ltd.

RESOLVED, that the recommendations as set out in the report are agreed.

16 RECOMMENDATION FROM THE INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY BOARD FOR STAGE 1B SUPERFAST BROADBAND AND DN7 BUSINESS CASE

A report was provided presenting recommendations for Stage 1B Superfast Broadband and DN7 business cases.

RESOLVED, that the Combined Authority:

1. Agrees the recommendation on the Stage 1B Superfast Broadband business case to progress to Stage 2 with conditions that need to be met before a draft funding agreement is considered.
2. Agrees the recommendation on the Stage 1B DN7 business case to progress to Stage 2 with conditions that need to be met before a draft funding agreement is considered.

CHAIR