

SHEFFIELD CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY

AMP TECHNOLOGY CENTRE, WAVERLEY, ROTHERHAM, S60 5WG

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 JUNE 2017

PRESENT:

Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE, Barnsley MBC (Chair)
Tricia Gilby, Chesterfield BC Councillor Tricia Gilby, Chesterfield BC (Vice Chair)

Councillor Graham Baxter MBE, North East Derbyshire DC
Councillor Chris Read, Rotherham MBC
Councillor Julie Dore, Sheffield CC
Mayor Ros Jones CBE, Doncaster MBC
Sir Nigel Knowles, SCR LEP Chair

Ruth Adams, SCR Exec Team
Huw Bowen, Chesterfield BC
Peter Dale, Doncaster MBC
Andrew Frosdick, Monitoring Officer
Andrew Gates, SCR Exec Team
Sharon Kemp, Rotherham MBC
Mark Lynam, SCR Exec Team
Ben Morley, Sheffield CC
John Mothersole, Sheffield CC
Luke Owen, SCR Exec Team
Mel Dei Rossi, SCR Exec Team
Dave Smith, SCR Exec Team
Daniel Swaine, Bolsover DC / NE Derbyshire DC
Neil Taylor, Bassetlaw DC
Diana Terris, Clerk / Barnsley MBC
Mike Thomas, SCC / SCR Exec Team
Craig Tyler, Joint Authorities Governance Unit
Eugene Walker, S.151 Officer

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor S Greaves, Councillor L Rose and Councillor A Syrett

1 VOTING RIGHTS FOR NON-CONSTITUENT MEMBERS

The meeting was opened by the Clerk, Diana Terris.

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

2 APPOINTMENT OF COMBINED AUTHORITY CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

RESOLVED, that Cllr Sir Steve Houghton is appointed to serve as Chair of the SCR Combined Authority for the 2017/18 municipal year.

Cllr Sir Steve Houghton assumed the Chair of the meeting.

RESOLVED, that Cllr Tricia Gilby is appointed to serve as Vice Chair of the SCR Combined Authority for the 2017/18 municipal year.

3 APPOINTMENT OF ROTATIONAL MEMBERS FOR 2017/18

The Monitoring Officer provided Members with an explanation of the requirement to appoint 2 additional rotation Members to the Authority to ensure the constituent districts maintain a voting majority.

RESOLVED, that Cllrs Alan Gardiner (BMBC) and Mazher Iqbal (SCC) are appointed SCR Combined Authority second rotational Members for the 2017/18 municipal year.

4 APPOINTMENT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND INDEPENDENT MEMBERS

A report was received to note the Members appointed from the 9 SCR districts to the SCR Audit Committee and to detail the proposed process for the appointment of independent, non-voting co-optees to the SCR Audit Committee (a requirement prescribed by the Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2016, to be effective from 8th May 2017.

It was noted some appointments are still awaited.

RESOLVED, that the Combined Authority:

1. Notes the SCR districts' appointments to the SCR Audit Committee
2. Notes the requirement to appoint at least one independent, non-voting member of the SCR Audit Committee as prescribed by the Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2016
3. Approves the procedure for these appointments and agrees the proposed process is likely to bring the vacancy to the attention of the general public (as required by the Order)

4. Notes the recommendation of preferred candidates will be presented to the next meeting of the Combined Authority for required Member endorsement (as required by the Order)
5. Approves the making of appropriate changes to the SCR Constitution in relation to the appointment of independent, non-voting co-opted Members on the SCR Audit Committee.
6. Delegates responsibility to progress the appointments process to the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the CA's other Statutory Officers

5 APPOINTMENT OF SCR OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

A report was received to advise the Authority of the Members appointed from the 9 SCR districts to the SCR Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

It was noted some appointments are still awaited. These will be reported to the next meeting and enable the Authority to confirm the Chair of the Committee.

RESOLVED, that the Combined Authority notes the SCR districts' appointments to the SCR Overview and Scrutiny Committee

6 APPOINTMENT OF SOUTH YORKSHIRE PASSENGER TRANSPORT PENSION FUND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

A report was received to advise the Authority of the Members appointed from the 4 SY districts to the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Pension Fund Committee.

Members were reminded the Combined Authority is the administering body for the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Pension Fund (SYPTPF), responsibility for which transferred from the former Integrated Transport Authority on 1 April 2014. South Yorkshire Pensions Authority was appointed by the ITA as managing agent to deal with the day-to-day administration of the Fund. This arrangement has continued following the formation of the Combined Authority.

It was noted the SYPTPFC is currently overseeing work on the Combined Authority's behalf regarding the establishment of pooling arrangements for the future management of the investment activities of the Fund in response to requirements of central government to establish such pooled arrangements.

RESOLVED, that the Combined Authority notes the SY districts' appointments to the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Pension Fund Committee.

7 APOLOGIES

Members apologies were noted as above.

8 ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

9 URGENT ITEMS

None.

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

None.

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

None.

12 REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

None.

13 RECEIPT OF PETITIONS

None.

14 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None.

15 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24TH APRIL 2017

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting of the Authority held on 24th April 2017 are agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting.

16 LOCAL GROWTH FUND FINANCIAL APPROVALS

A paper was received to present the financial approvals which have progressed through the Appraisal Framework. It was noted the proposals have received Infrastructure Executive Board endorsement via written approval.

RESOLVED, that the Combined Authority:

1. Approves the progression of Sheffield Upper Don Valley: Claywheels Sustainable Industries Park (CWL SIP) Phase 1 to Full Approval and Award of Contract at a cost of £1.511m to the SCR CA subject to the conditions set out in the Appraisal Panel Summary Table attached at Appendix 1 to the accompanying report.
2. Notes the update regarding the completion of funding agreements for Doncaster's DN7 Unity Project for £11,155,000 of SCRIF and Finningley and Rossington Regeneration Route Scheme (FARRRS) Phase 2 for £9,100,000 of SCRIF.

3. Approves the progression of Market Harborough Line Speed Enhancements financial contribution to Full approval and award of Contract at a cost of £5m to the SCR CA.
4. Approves delegated Authority to the Head of Paid of Service, in conjunction with the Chairman of the CA, to enter into the contractual arrangements required as a result of the above approvals

17 CA REVENUE & CAPITAL OUTTURN 2016/17

A report was received to provide the outturn position for the revenue budgets and capital programme for the 2016/17 financial year.

It was noted these positions will shape planning for 2017/18 and beyond.

The report also detailed the exercise of delegations to statutory officers to establish an investment fund vehicle in pursuit of housing and property aspirations.

Members were advised of a number of budget variations arising from; new grant being made available to the Authority since the 2017/18 budget was set, slippage on live activity that will roll forward into 2017/18, requests for resource to fund new activity and a revision to the existing CA/LEP operational budget due to material changes on income assumptions since the budget was set. It was further noted that of most significance amongst these changes is a request to draw a further £541k from the Authority's CA/LEP contingency reserve to meet income shortfalls that have arisen since the budget was set. Members were advised the draw is affordable due to underspend in 2016/17.

RESOLVED, that the Combined Authority

1. Notes the revenue budget, capital programme, and reserve outturn positions as summarised in the report.
2. Notes the exercise of delegations by the statutory officers to establish an investment fund vehicle to support housing and property investment aspirations.
3. Approves the budget variations as summarised within the report.

18 TREASURY OUTTURN REPORT

Members were presented with a compliance report of the Chief Financial Officer to update Leaders on the performance of the Treasury Management function over the course of the year.

It was noted treasury management can be defined as the management of the CA's cash flows, its banking, money market and capital market transactions; the effective control of the risks associated with those activities; and the pursuit of optimum performance consistent with those risks. It was noted performance is measured against prudential indicators which are set each year.

RESOLVED, that the Combined Authority notes the performance of the Authority against its prudential indicators over the course of financial year 2016/17.

19 DELEGATED AUTHORITY REPORT

A report was received to provide the Combined Authority with an update on decisions taken on behalf of the Authority (by statutory officers and the Business Investment Fund Programme Board) through agreed delegations of responsibility during the last 6m period.

Members were advised that all decisions taken under delegated powers, are made in accordance with the following principles: (a) Proportionality (meaning the action must be proportionate to the results to be achieved); (b) Due consultation (including the taking of relevant professional advice); (c) Respect for human rights; (d) Presumption in favour of openness; (e) Clarity of aims and desired outcomes; and (f) Due consideration to be given to alternative options.

RESOLVED, that the Combined Authority note and endorse the decisions listed.

20 SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT

A report was presented seeking approval of the SCR Sustainable Urban Development (SUD) strategy that will enable the investment of £8.4m ERDF, from the 2014-20 ESIF Programme, towards projects that support Low Carbon development and Climate Change Adaptation (flood alleviation).

It was noted that in order to deliver the SUD, the SCR Combined Authority is required to enter into a contract with DCLG to secure Intermediate Body (IB) status within the ESIF Programme and thereafter select projects for the SUD in respect of Local Strategic fit.

RESOLVED, that the SCR Combined Authority:

1. Approves the contents of the SCR Sustainable Urban Development strategy.
2. Agrees to the SCR Combined Authority to becoming the Intermediate Body for the management of the SCR Sustainable Urban Development strategy.
3. Delegates to the Managing Director and Monitoring Officer the negotiation and completion of the legal documents associated with Intermediate Body status and thereafter putting in place the arrangements for the delivery of the Intermediate Body function, including the establishment of a sub-Board of the SCR Combined Authority.

CHAIR