

**SHEFFIELD CITY REGION LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP BOARD
NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12 JUNE 2017**

Attendees: Sir Nigel Knowles (Chair), Nigel Brewster (Vice Chair), Simon Carr, Councillor Julie Dore, Deborah Egan OBE, Paul Houghton, Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE, Mayor Ros Jones CBE, Martin McKervey and Chris Scholey

In attendance: Ruth Adams, Peter Dale, Andrew Gates, Mark Lynam, John Mothersole, Luke Owen, Dave Smith, Diana Terris, Craig Tyler, Sarah Want and Damien Wilson

Apologies: Gavin Baldwin, Councillor Graham Baxter MBE, Professor Sir Keith Burnett, Councillor Tricia Gilby, Councillor Simon Greaves, Julie Kenny CBE, Councillor Chris Read, Councillor Lewis Rose OBE and Councillor Ann Syrett

Item	Subject	Action
1	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>The Chaire welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
2	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>None noted.</p>	
3	<p>Notes of the Last Meeting</p> <p>The notes of the previous meeting held on 24th April were agreed to be an accurate record.</p>	
4	<p>SCR Vision</p> <p>The Chair welcomed Tony Pedder and Professor Heather Campbell (TUoS) who delivered a presentation on the work undertaken by the 3 Anchor Institutions (AIs – TUoS, SHU and Sheffield Teaching Hospitals) to review how they could work together to better support the Sheffield City Region's (SCR) determination of its 25 year vision.</p>	

	<p>The presentation covered a number of the SCR's perceived strengths and weaknesses and suggested how the AIs might be positioned going forward to help the SCR achieve its ambition through the development of a series of regional partner 'alliances'.</p> <p>The Board members considered the need to ensure all vision-related activity is aligned with the wider 'ambitions' of the CA and LEP and ultimately supportive of the delivery of the Strategic Economic Plan.</p> <p>It was noted the SCR vision work has been well received by the private sector.</p> <p>Consideration was given to how the LEP's governance model might evolve to incorporate more formal representation of the 3 AIs. It was suggested it would be useful to undertake a gap analysis exercise in the interests of identifying what 'added value' the AI and potentially other partner organisations might be positioned to contribute to the LEP and SEP. However, the Board also recognised the importance of maintaining focus on delivering the SEP and not becoming too heavily laden with complicated governance structures.</p> <p>It was suggested the SCR vision will, in reality, be delivered by a significant number of public and private sector agencies, each with lead responsibilities for themes wider than pure economic regeneration. It was therefore suggested the LEP's role in delivering that vision should be one of co-ordination, potentially acting as a virtual knowledge hub for all partners and exemplified by the organisation of periodic 'state of the SCR' gatherings for all players to reflect, plan and mutually consider matters of importance.</p> <p>It was suggested the LEP and its partners could be expected to mutually agree the vision but will have a variance of opinions on how it should be achieved.</p> <p>In summary, it was suggested the LEP Board supports the vision developed by the AIs and is now keen to establish a collective LEP-led understanding with partners on which agencies and organisations are charged with delivering its various elements in the interest of avoiding delivery gaps and duplications.</p>	
5	<p>Heathrow Expansion</p> <p>A presentation was delivered on the Government's commitments to locate four logistics hubs in different parts of the UK to support Heathrow expansion works, one of which has been promised to Scotland.</p> <p>The Board's endorsement to put an expression of interest forward followed by a full proposal to locate one of the hubs within the Sheffield City Region was sought. It was noted the deadline for submitting</p>	

	<p>expressions is 31st July.</p> <p>Information in support of the SCR's submission, including confirmation of the backing of a number of businesses, was provided.</p> <p>It was suggested that as Heathrow expansion is going to happen anyway, it would be sensible for the SCR to try and benefit from that development if it meant the creation of jobs locally. However, it was also questioned why the Government are taking this approach when alternate logistic support structures centred nearer Heathrow could be developed. It was also acknowledged there are political factors to consider in respect of the districts' policies on Heathrow expansion at the potential expense of DSA.</p> <p>Members agreed it would have been beneficial to have more time to consider this matter ahead of the meeting.</p> <p>Action: ALL to provide individual comments on whether to support the submission of an expression of interest to Rachel.</p>	ALL
6	<p>Horasis China</p> <p>The Board was provided with a presentation covering the background to the event (4th – 7th November), confirmation of the delivery partners, programme schedule and themes, and confirmation of how the SCR will seek to benefit from the undertaking through an additional programme of fringe events.</p> <p>It was noted the SCR programme will include various opportunities to pitch investment opportunities, publicity for the Business Accelerator Programme, a business award ceremony for Chinese "involved" companies in Sheffield City Region, partnership work with the China Federation of Industrial Economics to promote SCR and Chinese merger and acquisition and/or JV opportunities, tourism work with Visit England to showcase the SCR's tourism assets and opportunities for delegates to visit key assets including National College for High Speed Rail, AMID etc.</p> <p>Action: Andy to circulate the names of the confirmed delegates attending.</p> <p>It was noted a number of MIPIM-lessons will be used to define the SCR's activities.</p>	AG
7	<p>Skills Bank</p> <p>A report was received to provide the Board with an update on developments affecting the implementation of the Skills Bank.</p> <p>It was noted that since the Skills Bank went live in January 2016, there</p>	

	<p>have been 231 deals agreed with businesses involving approximately 3450 learners. The foundations have been developed for a genuinely collaborative co-investment mechanism between the public and private sectors. The Board was also reminded our agreement with Government necessitated new methods of provider management and payment and it was therefore agreed the Skills Funding Agency (SFA) should procure and manage the programme on the SCR's behalf, bringing together Growth Deal funding and European Social Funding.</p> <p>However, the Board was informed of recent policy shifts by the SFA and imposition of stricter rules on funding which threaten to unbalance the programme and introduce a number of risks to current delivery activity due to the insistence that Growth Deal funding be used ahead of European funding.</p> <p>It was noted efforts to try and discuss this matter with Government and avoid potential issues are continuing.</p> <p>The Board noted concern at this development and dismay the Government is potentially risking the continuation of the initiative. It was suggested 'sound bites' from private sector partners might be sought to add weight to the SCR's lobbying activities.</p> <p>RESOLVED, that the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Endorses the escalation of this matter within Government by the Chair, Deputy Chair and Head of Paid Service to find a satisfactory resolution. 2. Delegates programme management decisions regarding the Skills Bank to the Head of Paid Service and the Chair 	
8	<p>MIPIM Review</p> <p>The Board was provided with the findings of the recent review of the SCR's MIPIM 2017 activities and advised how lessons learnt will be used to inform next year's undertaking.</p> <p>It was noted feedback on the SCR's undertakings had been generally positive. Organisation has been described as slick and most events were well attended by the private sector.</p> <p>However, it was also suggested that there wasn't enough showcasing of the SCR's investment opportunities, there was too much 'SCR talking to the SCR', budgets are too small compared to the other City Regions and MIPIM don't directly address the 361 days of relative silence following 4 days of MIPIM noise.</p> <p>It was agreed MIPIM 2017 was an improvement of previous years but more can be done, particularly in respect of joint promotion opportunities</p>	

	<p>with partner agencies and introducing mechanisms to help ‘galvanise’ the interest and support of the private sector. Future MIPIMs may therefore set out clearer objectives to showcase the SCR, be more private sector led (and public sector facilitated) and be subject to a wholesale review of how delegates are engaged.</p>	
9	<p>Managing Director Update</p> <p>The Managing Director’s update was provided for information.</p> <p>Particular attention was drawn to Board membership refresh matters which will see the undertaking of a recruitment process for new LEP Board members.</p>	
10	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>No further matters noted.</p>	