

Appendix B – Summary of progress made since the proposed Deal was signed in October

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Overview– funding confirmation (para 3)	That all levels of funding are subject to the Spending Review (SR)	<p>The £900m of additional funding committed by the Proposal was confirmed by the spending review. The first year’s payment of £30m will occur in April 2016, subject to the ratification of this proposal by the constituent local authorities.</p> <p>The allocations made to the SCR as part of the Growth Deal process (c£310m 2016-2021) were also indicatively confirmed through the spending review.</p>
Overview– legislation (para 3)	The agreement was subject to the enactment of the necessary legislation (The Cities and Local Government Devolution Bill and the Buses Bill), and to parliamentary approval of the secondary legislation implementing the provisions of this agreement.	<p>The Cities and Local Government Devolution Bill has received Royal Assent. This includes ‘amendment 31’ that enables a district or county council to join an existing Combined Authority without the need for the agreement of the district or county council respectively. It is expected that the draft Buses Bill will be published in February.</p>
Governance – mayoral model (paras 3-5)	Details set out in paragraphs 3-5 of the proposed Deal document on the Mayoral Combined Authority (MCA)	<p>Since the proposal was made, local leaders have been working with Government to agree a suitable Mayoral Combined Authority (“MCA”) model, this includes working through the detail of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. the functions, powers and duties of the MCA; II. the distribution of these functions between the CA and the mayor: the ‘checks and balances’ that would exist between the mayor and the CA; III. the relationship between

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		<p>constituent and non-constituent councils;</p> <p>IV. the role of the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) within these arrangements; and</p> <p>V. other operational and constitutional details.</p>
<p>Governance – mayoral voting rights on the CA (para 4)</p>	<p>Proposals for decision by the Combined Authority (CA) may be put forward by the Mayor or any Cabinet Member. The Mayor will have one vote as will other voting members. Any questions that are to be decided by the Combined Authority are to be decided by a majority of the members present and voting, subject to that majority including the vote of the Mayor, unless otherwise set out in legislation, or specifically delegated through the Authority's Constitution.</p>	<p>One concern raised by local partners since the proposed Deal was signed was that the mayor could have a 'veto' over all CA functions. Following high-level discussions with ministers and senior civil servants, it has expressly been confirmed that this is not the case. The relationship between the CA and the mayor is a matter that can be dealt with through a refresh of the CA's constitution, and these arrangements would be owned locally by the MCA. In short, we believe that there is a way to accommodate both the requirements of the Proposal and the wishes of local Leaders and are working with CLG to this end.</p>
<p>Skills, employment and education – 19+ skills (para 11)</p>	<p>Greater understanding of the readiness conditions for devolution set out in paragraph 11.</p>	<p>Ongoing discussions with BIS and the SFA around what constitutes the readiness conditions for full devolution of the 19+ adult skills funding.</p> <p>Work on the Area Based Review has progressed and is due to be completed in April.</p>
<p>Skills, employment and education –employment support (paras 16-19)</p>	<p>Paragraphs 16-19 on the co-design and co-commissioning of future employment support.</p>	<p>Whilst there has been positive engagement with the DWP the Skills and Employment Executive Board consider that greater engagement is required from the DWP to be able to</p>

		successfully implement the co-design and co-commissioning elements of the proposed Deal. SCR and Government officials are working to ensure that this issue is clarified.
Skills, employment and education – hardest to help pilot	Sheffield City Region will develop a business case for an innovative pilot to support those who are hardest to help. The business case should set out the evidence to support the proposed pilot, cost and benefits and robust evaluation plans, to enable the proposal to be taken forward as part of the delivery of this agreement, subject to Ministerial approval.	SCR has developed an initial Business Case for this pilot, which was submitted to the Government in November. Based on initial feedback this Business Case is now being further developed to ensure that it makes the best evidenced case to enable the proposal to be taken forward.
Housing and Planning – housing investment fund (para 22)	Sheffield City Region and HMG will continue to discuss the devolution of housing loan funds to a Spending Review timetable. Sheffield City Region intends to develop further a proposition on a Housing Investment Fund, for discussion and development with HM Government.	The Spending Review made considerable changes to the Government's approach to supporting housing delivery. Within this context the Sheffield City Region will continue to discuss the potential for devolved funding or control over national housing resources. The SCR has continued to develop local proposals for a Housing Capital programme – and discussions with the Government will take place throughout February to continue to make the case for an SCR Housing Investment Fund.
Housing and planning – assets (para 23)	HMG will work with Sheffield City Region to support the operation of the Joint Assets Board, and support better coordination on asset sales.	HMG have a representative on the current Joint Assets Board. Since the proposed deal was signed on October 2 nd the SCR has also been successful in a One Public Estate bid which has secured national funding to support improvement alignment of national and local assets.

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Transport – devolved and consolidated transport budget (para 24)	The directly elected Mayor of the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority will be responsible for a devolved and consolidated local transport budget for the area of the Combined Authority (i.e. the areas of the constituent councils), including all relevant devolved highways funding, with a multi-year settlement to be agreed at the Spending Review.	Based on the overarching budgets announced in the SR, allocations for areas with (proposed) Devolution Deals are currently being calculated. The SCR expects more information on this in February.
Trade and investment – governance (para 33)	On governance, HM Government will set up a joint governance structure (or join an existing one), with quarterly meetings attended by a Director level representative from both UKTI investment and Sheffield City Region Combined Authority.	It is expected that the Regional Director of UKTI will attend quarterly meetings with the Business Growth Executive Board to address this issue. Officer level working relationships are in place.
Innovation – Science and Innovation Audit (para 41)	HM Government will offer the Sheffield City Region expert advice and support to ensure they are able to put forward a City Region led proposal to undertake a Science and Innovation audit.	The SCR submitted a Science and Innovation Audit expression of interest on the 29 th January. Support and advice from BIS was received throughout that process.
Innovation – smart specialisation (para 42)	HM Government will also offer Sheffield City Region Combined Authority dedicated workshops with the Smart Specialisation Advisory Hub to help areas identify their innovation strengths.	Dedicated workshops on this issue will be organised with the City Region through the Science and Innovation Audit work.
Fiscal – ESIF (para 49)	HM Government is committed to working with the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority to achieve	Work has progressed and it is expected that the SCR will be able to make a decision in March as to whether to become an Intermediate

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	Intermediate Body (IB) status for ERDF and ESF for the Combined Authority.	Body for the selection of ESIF Projects.
Fiscal – single pot (para 51)	HM Government will work with the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority to agree specific funding flexibilities to a Spending Review timetable. The joint ambition will be to give Sheffield City Region Combined Authority a single pot to invest in its economic growth.	Positive discussions held with HM Government on this joint ambition. SCR to provide greater details of the funding flexibilities it is seeking as part of the construction of its single pot. Joint work also to take place on the development of a set of outcomes for the single pot as well as an appropriate set of accountability arrangements.-
Fiscal – business rates (para 53)	HM Government will pilot a scheme in Sheffield City Region Combined Authority which will enable the area to retain 100% of any additional business rate growth beyond expected forecasts.	SCR is currently working with HM Government to agree the baseline against which additional growth will be calculated. This pilot is expected to commence in April 2016 enabling the City Region to have some additional resources to invest in growing the local economy over the next four years. An approach is being developed, which will ensure that through local retention of Business Rate growth, all SCR districts can benefit financially.