

MCA - BUSINESS RECOVERY AND GROWTH BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON:

WEDNESDAY, 12 JANUARY 2022 AT 4.00 PM

VIRTUAL MEETING



Present:

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| Mayor Ros Jones CBE (Co-Chair) | Doncaster MBC |
| Neil MacDonald (Co-Chair) | Private Sector LEP Board Member |
| Councillor Jim Andrews BEM | Barnsley MBC |
| Councillor Glyn Jones | Doncaster MBC |
| Richard Stubbs | Private Sector LEP Board Member |
| Councillor Paul Turpin | Sheffield CC |
| Helen Kemp | MCA Executive Team |
| Rachel Clark | MCA Executive Team |
| Nici Pickering (Observer) | MCA Executive Team |

In Attendance:

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| Paul Mitchell | Senior Programme & Performance Manager | South Yorkshire MCA |
| Jim Dillon | Interim Director of Business and Skills | MCA Executive Team |
| Stephen Burrows | Senior Business Development Manager | MCA Executive Team |
| Paul Clifford | Head of Service | Barnsley MBC |
| Chris Dungworth | | Doncaster MBC |
| Ken Nettleship | Senior Development Manager-New Investment | SCR Invest |
| Tim O'Connell | | Rotherham MBC |

Apologies:

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| Muz Mumtaz | MCA Executive Team |
| Bev Foster | MCA Executive Team |

1 Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Jim Dillon, Interim Director of Business and Skills at the MCA was also welcomed by the Chair to his first meeting of the Business Recovery and Growth Board.

Apologies for absence were noted as above.

2 **Declarations of Interest by individual Members in relation to any item of business on the agenda.**

Mayor R Jones and Councillor G Jones declared an interest in matters to be considered at agenda item 4 entitled 'D0024'.

3 **Urgent items / Announcements**

None.

4 **D0024**

This item was exempt by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

A paper was considered which outlined a proposed business investment in the form of a capital loan to a local company for a total of £20m, to be drawn down from Gainshare against capital projects for business growth at the company. The report highlighted a number of conditions that may be recommended by the Board.

Due to the level of investment, the Board noted that the decision to provide a capital loan to the company would reside with the MCA Board and would be considered at their meeting on 21 March 2022.

Following discussion, the Board supported the proposed financial structure for the capital loan as set out in the paper.

In addition, the Board:

- Requested that the company's Sustainable Growth Roadmap be made available in full at the March MCA Board meeting to assist the Board in making a decision on funding.
- Queried if the company had action plans in place to address local air quality and air pollution.
- Asked if the company's target date to achieve Net Zero Carbon by 31 December 2040 could be brought forward to 2030, in line with Sheffield City Council, who had declared a Climate Emergency and set a target for the city to be Zero Carbon by 2030.
- Queried if external partners and suppliers would be working with the company to help achieve its Net Zero Carbon Plans.
- Asked if emissions produced by aircraft during take-off and landing were also included in the company's Net Zero Carbon Plans.
- Considered that it would be beneficial for the MCA/LEP to develop a position statement in support of the company named in the paper.

RESOLVED – That the Board considered and endorsed progression of the

proposed capital loan investment to project “D0024”, subject to the conditions set out in the paper.

5 Any Other Business

The Board noted that Helen Kemp would be leaving the MCA on 31 January 2022.

On behalf of the Board, N MacDonald thanked Helen for all her hard work and wished her all the very best for the future.

In accordance with Combined Authority’s Constitution/Terms of Reference for the Board, Board decisions need to be ratified by the Head of Paid Services (or their nominee) in consultation with the Chair of the Board. Accordingly, the undersigned has consulted with the Chair and hereby ratifies the decisions set out in the above minutes.

Signed

Name

Position

Date