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Wednesday, 20 July 2022

To: Members of the MCA - Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Appropriate Officers

## NOTICE OF MEETING

You are hereby summoned to a meeting of the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority to be held at **South Yorkshire MCA, 11 Broad Street West, Sheffield, S1 2BQ**, on: **Thursday, 28 July 2022 at 2.00 pm** for the purpose of transacting the business set out in the agenda.



Martin Swales  
**Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service**

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Councillor Thomas Collingham  
Councillor Jeff Ennis OBE  
Councillor Bryan Lodge  
Councillor Dianne Hurst  
Councillor Allan Jones  
Councillor Jane Kidd  
Councillor Joe Otten  
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## MCA - Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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**Date of next meeting:** Thursday, 20 October 2022 at 2.00 pm

**At:** South Yorkshire MCA, 11 Broad Street West, Sheffield, S1 2BQ

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**MCA - OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON:**

**WEDNESDAY, 23 MARCH 2022 AT 10.00 AM**

**11 BROAD STREET WEST, SHEFFIELD, S1 2BQ**



**Present:**

Councillor Martin Smith (Chair)	Sheffield City Council
Councillor Jeff Ennis	Barnsley MBC
Councillor Dianne Hurst	Sheffield City Council
Councillor Bryan Lodge	Sheffield City Council
Councillor Jo Newing	Barnsley MBC
Councillor Martin Smith (Chair)	Sheffield City Council
Councillor Barry Johnson (Reserve)	Doncaster MBC

**In Attendance:**

Dr Dave Smith	Chief Executive / Head of Paid Service	SYMCA Executive Team
Steve Davenport	Principal Solicitor & Monitoring Officer	SYMCA Executive Team
Christine Marriott	Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager	SYMCA Executive Team
Colin Blackburn	Assistant Director - Housing, Infrastructure and Planning	SYMCA Executive Team
Becky Guthrie	Senior Programme Manager	SYMCA Executive Team
Mayor Dan Jarvis MBE	South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority	

Gillian Richards (Minute Taker)

**Apologies:**

Councillor Thomas Collingham	Rotherham MBC
Councillor Austen White	Doncaster MBC
Councillor Ken Wyatt	Rotherham MBC
Dr Ruth Adams	SYMCA Executive Team

**13 Welcome and Apologies**

S Davenport welcomed everyone to the meeting.

As the Chair, Cllr Ross, was attending the meeting virtually due to illness, it was noted that he would not be able to chair the meeting. Cllr Smith was nominated and seconded to chair the meeting and took the Chair.

Cllr Jones also attended the meeting virtually. S Davenport reported that as the Scrutiny Committee is as Statutory Committee, virtual attendees did not count towards quorum and could not vote on any decisions/recommendations. As there were only five committee members present in the room, the meeting was not quorate; however, as there were no executive decisions to be made the meeting could go ahead if Members agreed. Members so agreed.

Apologies were noted as above.

As Mayor Jarvis had a busy schedule it was agreed that the Mayoral Scrutiny agenda item be taken as the next item.

14 **Urgent Items/Announcements**

None.

15 **Items to be Considered in the Absence of Public and Press**

None.

16 **Declarations of Interest by any Members**

None.

17 **Reports from and Questions by Members**

None.

18 **Questions from Members of the Public**

None.

19 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting Held on 20 January 2022**

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2022 be agreed as a true record.

20 **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising. It was confirmed that C Marriott would update the Action Plan to remove the actions that had been discharged.

21 **Review of latest Forward Plan of Key Decisions**

The Forward Plan of Key Decisions was considered.

There were no questions from members.

22 **Mayoral Scrutiny - Verbal**

Mayor Jarvis joined the meeting on Microsoft Teams from Parliament. He began by saying that it had been a privilege to serve as Mayor, he was proud of what he had achieved and grateful for all the support he had received.

Achievements during his time as Mayor included:

- Completion of the Devolution deal.
- Working together as a region whilst still recognising the individual authorities.

- South Yorkshire was now a trusted partner and valued by national government and elsewhere.
- Strategic planning, positive action and funding.
- The agreement of clear priorities and put in place strong plans to give strategic direction to the region. These included:
  - A Strategic Economic Plan
  - A Covid Recovery Plan
  - A Bus Service Improvement Plan
  - A Transport Strategy
  - A Skills and Education Strategy
  - An Energy Strategy
  - A Flood Prevention Strategy
- The development of an Enhanced Partnership with the Bus Operators.
- A 2040 Net Zero target.
- An emphasis on Active Travel, appointing Dame Sarah Storey as the Active Travel Commissioner.
- Achieving significant funding for the region.

Mayor Jarvis recognised that there were still challenges ahead with the post-Covid economy and the cost-of-living crisis. It would be vital to secure more and better jobs for the area and attract new companies. Bus, tram and public transport in general would be very challenging. These would be priorities for the new Mayor, along with securing further funding.

Despite all this, he was immensely proud of what had been achieved together and there had been a definite change of mood in the region and a feeling of growth and productivity.

Mayor Jarvis raised the issue of MCA staff. The staff worked very hard and did an excellent job, but the SYMCA had the smallest number of staff of any Combined Authority and this needed addressing. The new Mayor would need to look closely how to increase capacity while remaining efficient and lean.

His advice to the new Mayor would be to build on what had been achieved and to work with the Leaders and not against them.

When asked if he had any regrets Mayor Jarvis replied that he had been the only Metro Mayor that had taken office without a devolution deal in place and it had taken half his term of office to achieve the deal with the legal agreement being signed in July 2020. It was a regret that more could have been achieved if the Deal was in place earlier.

Mayor Jarvis reiterated his thanks to all officers for their hard work over the last four years for which he was immensely grateful. He would do all he could in his role as MP for Barnsley Central to support the new Mayor and the SYMCA.

Cllr Ennis commented that the Mayor had listed what he thought was an incredible record of achievements in such a short space of time. There had been some opinion that Parliamentary and constituency duties plus Mayoral duties would be too much, but he felt that Mayor Jarvis had pulled it off and left a base for the new Mayor to hit the ground running.

Mayor Jarvis agreed that his decision to stand for Mayor whilst remaining an MP had been controversial. It had been immensely hard work, but he felt it had been the right decision. He had worked hard to bring people together across all parties and felt this had been successful, he had also done all he could to ensure that South Yorkshire's voice was heard in Parliament and would continue to do so along with the other South Yorkshire MPs.

Cllr Ross commented that the Committee had taken the view that, in the long-term, franchising may provide a better bus service for South Yorkshire and asked the Mayor whether he felt the Enhanced Partnership was the end product or a steppingstone to full franchising.

The Mayor replied that it would be a matter of "wait and see" if additional government funding would be available, and recognised that the situation was frustrating.

There had been no choice other than the Enhanced Partnership route, and this was the only way to draw down the emergency bus funding from the government.

It was hoped that the Enhanced Partnership would provide short to medium-term improvements, but this would again be dependent on the funding available.

The new Mayor would need to progress the work around the appraisal and consideration of franchising, but this would not be possible without significant resource from national government.

Cllr Ross thanked Mayor Jarvis for his responsiveness to requests from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, his co-operation had been much appreciated.

The Mayor replied that he had valued the advice and contributions from the Committee; he had learned a lot about local government during his time as mayor. He wished members all the best for the future.

Cllr Ennis suggested that the Committee should send a letter of thanks to Mayor Jarvis. This was agreed.

**Action: Letter of thanks to be sent to Mayor Jarvis on behalf of the Committee.**

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### **Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure**

A report was submitted which provided an update on progress in developing the South Yorkshire Electric Vehicle Chargepoint Programme in response to matter raised by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The Committee was reminded that the MCA was successful in securing £1.85m from the government's Get Building Fund for the purchase and installation of electric vehicle charging points (EVCP) and associated infrastructure across South Yorkshire.



The MCA had worked in partnership with the four South Yorkshire Local Authorities and the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive to develop an initial programme focused on public car parks.

Following the development and funding approval of the business case by the MCA, an open procurement process was undertaken, and it was hoped to appoint a preferred single supplier shortly.

The procurement of a single supplier was providing a single consistent product and operational and maintenance approach across the region's MCA/SYPTE and local authority car parks; this had enabled the programme to benefit from economies of scale.

An initial list of priority public car parks had been agreed. It was noted that the initial funding could provide up to 140 EVCP devices, providing up to 280 EVCP connections. The contract would allow the programme to be scaled-up should further funding become available.

In addition to the £1.85m of funding secured by the MCA for the initial phase of the programme, some additional funding (to be confirmed) was being proposed by the Transport Operations Team to increase outputs on some car parks. Local authorities were also considering whether further funding could be available to support the provision of additional charge points on some of their car parks in the first phase.

It was noted that the government was expected to publish its Electricity Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy in summer 2022 and was likely to be accompanied by additional funding, although no further information on the funding stream was available at the moment.

DfT data showed that South Yorkshire's EVCP provision was lagging behind the national average, although in terms of neighbouring MCA areas, South Yorkshire measured higher per capita than Greater Manchester and was comparable to West Yorkshire. As at October 2021 South Yorkshire had 21 charge points per 100,000 population against a national average of 39.

A graph within the report showed that investment in EVCP's in South Yorkshire had grown consistently over time but had not kept pace with the national average which meant that the gap was growing.

The EVCP programme would address this in the short-term but further investment would be required to significantly close the EVCP infrastructure gap in relation to the England average.

The Committee discussed logistical issues, such as homes with no off-street parking, noting that further technological developments would be needed in this area.

The role of the private sector was also discussed, for example supermarkets and fuel companies and it was recognised that this would be linked to demand. The Committee felt that it would be helpful if the government were to provide

incentives for drivers to purchase electric vehicles as at present the vehicles were very expensive.

It was noted that the power to the EVCPs would be provided by the National Grid, the Committee discussed the possibility of using green energy to provide power in the future.

RESOLVED – That the Committee:

- i) Note the existing Electric Vehicle Chargepoint infrastructure provision in South Yorkshire.
- ii) Note the progress in developing and delivering the South Yorkshire Electric Vehicle Chargepoint Programme to enhance provision on South Yorkshire.

## 24 **Brownfield Housing Fund**

A report was considered which provided an update on delivering the MCA Brownfield Housing Programme in response to matter raised by the Committee.

Members were informed that the government had awarded the MCA Brownfield Housing Funding (BHF) of £40.34m (capital) and £0.84m (revenue) in June 2020 with the aim of creating 2,500 to 3,500 new homes by bringing brownfield land forward for development.

Also, as part of the levelling-up agenda, the government had recently announced that the MCS would be receiving a further £13.45m BHF funding.

The BHF could be used to fund a range of interventions to enable the development of housing on brownfield land which would otherwise not happen. The MCA Executive team had been working with the four Local Authorities to identify and develop a pipeline of BHF schemes. Initially local authorities were invited to put forward proposals for key priority brownfield sites in their districts. These were a combination of council-led schemes, Joint Ventures and private sector developments.

The pipeline was divided into three initial phases based on deliverability (set out at Appendix A). It was noted that the majority of the business cases for phase 1 and 2 schemes had been developed and would have been given funding approval by the MCA by the end of March 2022 – a few schemes were already in delivery.

Members noted that there had been a number of challenges in developing the programme which were detailed within the report.

The Committee was informed that the total capital funding of £53.79m was required to be spent by 31 March 2025. It was noted that government did set an initial expenditure target to be met by March 2022 of £22m. Financial reporting throughout the year had shown that this target would not be met, which was due to issues set out in paragraph 2.3.6 of the report. Those issues affecting programme delivery were expected to continue, at least over the next

12 months, which could in turn impact on the ability to meet the expenditure targets by 31 March 2025.

Government officials had been kept apprised of the issue and it was not expected that any funding received to date was at risk of clawback.

It was noted that the MCA Housing and Infrastructure Board was overseeing the development and delivery of the programme and would continue to be responsible for the remaining three years of the programme.

RESOLVED – That the Committee note the progress on delivery of the MCA Brownfield Housing Fund Programme.

I, the undersigned, confirm that this is a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Signed .....

Name .....

Position .....

Date .....

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## Overview and Scrutiny Committee

### Action Log from 1 January 2022

#### Open and Recently Completed Actions

Meeting Date	Minute No	Action	Action Owner	Update	Status
23/03/22	22	<p><b>Mayoral Scrutiny</b></p> <p><b>Minute:</b> Letter of thanks to be sent to Mayor Jarvis on behalf of the Committee.</p>	Christine Marriott	08/04/22 – Thank you letter sent to Mayor Jarvis on behalf of OSC.	Complete

#### Completed Actions

Meeting Date	Minute No	Action	Action Owner	Update	Status
20/01/22	9	<p><b>Review of Forward Plan of Key Decisions</b></p> <p><b>Minute:</b> Cllr Smith noted that there were several upcoming decisions on the Brownfield Housing Fund. He would welcome more information on the Fund in the form of a presentation or discussion. It was agreed that this would be useful.</p> <p>The Chair and C Marriott would contact relevant officers to determine the best format ie a presentation in a meeting or a separate workshop.</p>	<p>Cllr Colin Ross</p> <p>Christine Marriott</p> <p>Colin Blackburn</p>	Paper to be presented to OSC on 23/03/22.	Complete

Meeting Date	Minute No	Action	Action Owner	Update	Status
20/01/22	10	<p><b>Evaluation of the Concessionary Bus Fare Reduction in August 2021</b></p> <p><b>Minute:</b> It was noted that the operators would have the details of people who had purchased annual TravelMaster tickets and it was suggested that the operators be approached for these details so market research could be conducted into what had motivated the purchase.</p> <p>T Taylor agreed that this would helpful. He would contact the operators and bring any further information back to a future meeting.</p>	Tim Taylor	Information from Tim Taylor circulated to OSC Members on 07/03/22 and are also attached to this report, in Appendix A.	Complete

**Forward plan of Key Decisions to be made:** Forward Plan of Key Decisions from 27 June 2022

**Date Published:** 27 June 2022

Decision to be made:	What is the decision?	Planned Decision Date	Decision maker's name (or name of the board) & title:	Lead Officer name and contact details	Documentation for consideration & other relevant documents	Prohibitions Restrictions Exemptions
Gainshare Programme - Snail Yard (BJC)	Approval of £350k to deliver public realm improvements to the Snail Yard site in Rotherham Town Centre	29/06/22	MCA - Housing and Infrastructure Board	Sue Sykes Assistant Director - Programme and Performance Unit  sue.sykes@southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk	Board paper	Not exempt
SY Technology Academy Proposal	Information on the proposal and next steps.	29/06/22	MCA - Education, Skills and Employability Board	Joseph Quinn Innovation Project Director  joseph.quinn@southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk	Board Paper	Not exempt

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Decision to be made:	What is the decision?	Planned Decision Date	Decision maker's name (or name of the board) & title:	Lead Officer name and contact details	Documentation for consideration & other relevant documents	Prohibitions Restrictions Exemptions
Skills Bootcamps	Approval for commissioning priorities	29/06/22	MCA - Education, Skills and Employability Board	Helen George Assistant Director - Skills & Employment  Helen.George@southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk	Board Paper	Not exempt
AEB Grant Provider Commissioning Update	AEB reallocation of procured funded learning	29/06/22	MCA - Education, Skills and Employability Board	Helen George Assistant Director - Skills & Employment  Helen.George@southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk	Board paper	Not exempt
AEB Performance Report and Reallocations Process		29/06/22	MCA - Education, Skills and Employability Board	Helen George Assistant Director - Skills & Employment  Helen.George@southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk		Not exempt



Decision to be made:	What is the decision?	Planned Decision Date	Decision maker's name (or name of the board) & title:	Lead Officer name and contact details	Documentation for consideration & other relevant documents	Prohibitions Restrictions Exemptions
A61 Phase 1 - Land Deal with Asda/Burwood House Group PLC	To approve the Land Deal with Asda/Burwood House Group PLC, including associated fees, in order to enable Phase 1 of the A61 works, the widening of Old Mill Lane Bridge and associated highway improvements to proceed.	6/07/22	Corporate Director of Public Transport	Pat Beijer Business Development Director  pat.beijer@southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk	SMT Approval paper. Final Heads of Terms are available on request.	Part exempt Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)
New bus shelter supply contract  Page 17	Following the procurement process, to approve the appointment of Bus Shelters Limited as the provider of new and replacement bus shelters the above contract from 1 October 2022 for a period of 5 years	6/07/22	Section 73 Officer	Phil Burgin Facilities Manager  Philip.burgin@southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk	SMT Approval paper	Fully exempt Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)
iPort Bridge Project	Appointment of DMBC to deliver the construction element of the iPort Bridge Project on behalf of the SYMCA	6/07/22	Corporate Director of Public Transport	Pat Beijer Business Development Director  pat.beijer@southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk	SMT Approval Paper	Not exempt

Decision to be made:	What is the decision?	Planned Decision Date	Decision maker's name (or name of the board) & title:	Lead Officer name and contact details	Documentation for consideration & other relevant documents	Prohibitions Restrictions Exemptions
City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS22) - Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas (FBC)	Approval of £2,683,051 grant to commence delivery of zero emission busses in South Yorkshire.	25/07/22	MCA - Mayoral Combined Authority Board	Sue Sykes Assistant Director - Programme and Performance Unit  sue.sykes@southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk	Board paper	Not exempt
Transforming Cities Fund - T6 - SCC Southwest Bus Corridors (OBC)	Approval of £381,300 development costs for developing a £3,813,000 Outline Business Case to deliver improved public transport connectivity within the Abbeydale Road and Ecclesall Road corridors in South West Sheffield both to and from the city centre.	25/07/22	MCA - Mayoral Combined Authority Board	Sue Sykes Assistant Director - Programme and Performance Unit  sue.sykes@southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk	Board paper	Not exempt
Transforming Cities Fund - T21 Tram Train Magna Stop (FBC)	Approval of £6,537,935 to deliver a new stop along the Tram Train route at Magna	25/07/22	MCA - Mayoral Combined Authority Board	Sue Sykes Assistant Director - Programme and Performance Unit  sue.sykes@southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk	Board paper	Not exempt

Decision to be made:	What is the decision?	Planned Decision Date	Decision maker's name (or name of the board) & title:	Lead Officer name and contact details	Documentation for consideration & other relevant documents	Prohibitions Restrictions Exemptions
Bus Network Tenders	Approval of funding for Bus Network Tenders October 2022 to March 2023	25/07/22	MCA - Mayoral Combined Authority Board	Stephen Edwards Corporate Director of Public Transport  stephen.edwards@southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk	Board paper	Fully exempt
Brownfield Housing Fund	To approve undertaking an Open Call for the Brownfield Housing Fund	25/07/22	MCA - Mayoral Combined Authority Board	Colin Blackburn Assistant Director - Housing, Infrastructure and Planning  colin.blackburn@southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk	Board paper	Not exempt
2022/23 Budget Revision 1		25/07/22	MCA - Mayoral Combined Authority Board	Mike Thomas Senior Finance Manager/ Deputy S73 Officer  mike.thomas@southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk	Board paper	Not exempt

Decision to be made:	What is the decision?	Planned Decision Date	Decision maker's name (or name of the board) & title:	Lead Officer name and contact details	Documentation for consideration & other relevant documents	Prohibitions Restrictions Exemptions
Definition of SYMCA grant funded providers for AEB	Approval of refinement of definition of organisations who may be eligible for an AEB grant	25/07/22	MCA - Mayoral Combined Authority Board	Helen George Assistant Director - Skills & Employment  Helen.George@southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk	Board paper	Not exempt

## Overview and Scrutiny Committee

28 July 2022

### South Yorkshire Data and Intelligence Hub

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<b>Is the paper exempt from the press and public?</b>	No
<b><i>Reason why exempt:</i></b>	Not applicable
<b>Purpose of this report:</b>	Discussion
<b>Is this a Key Decision?</b>	No
<b>Has it been included on the Forward Plan?</b>	Not a Key Decision

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#### **Director Approving Submission of the Report:**

Felix Kumi-Ampofo, Director of Corporate Policy

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#### **Executive Summary**

The new 'Data and Intelligence Hub' platform embedded onto SYMCA's website will enable residents, businesses and organisations to easily access data about South Yorkshire's social, economic and environmental performance. These datasets provide an insight into how South Yorkshire is performing across several domains such as transport, environment, inequality, and more. The platform brings over 130 open-source datasets into one place.

The wider vision of this initiative is to become a central point for intelligence and insight in South Yorkshire, complementing it with deeper analysis, mapping and further data insights. The aspiration is that this can improve decision making at all levels.

## **What does this mean for businesses, people and places in South Yorkshire?**

Enhanced transparency and increased access to data and information for a wide range of purposes.

### **Recommendations**

Board members are asked to

1. Note the progress made
  2. Consider how they would like this resource to be deployed
  3. Advise on how the MCA can work with partners to build an inclusive data and analytics community in South Yorkshire across age, sector and personal circumstance
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## **1. Background**

- 1.1 The Strategic Economic Plan (2020) identified key indicators of success against the vision for 'growth, inclusion and sustainability'. To track progress but also to provide better access to data on South Yorkshire, 130 datasets across 8 themes – have been pulled together to track South Yorkshire's economic, social and environmental performance.

The themes are:

- Health & Wellbeing
- Business & Innovation
- Education, skills and employment
- Transport and mobility
- Clean energy, net zero and environment
- Land, housing, digital & infrastructure
- Inclusion
- Culture & Visitor Economy

The new Data & Intelligence Hub has been developed to meet this need, presenting data in an accessible way to a range of anticipated users which include:

- MCA and anchor partners
- Civil servants
- Peer LEPs and Combined Authorities
- Data & Research community
- Policy makers
- Academia
- Local Resilience Forum
- Residents
- Businesses, investors, etc

The aim of the platform is to enable better access to data, deliver better data and enhance analytics, enhance understanding of data, promote open and integrated data to improve insight, intelligence and decision making and improve lives.

More specifically, the 'dashboard; will:

- Provide a single source of "truth" where all the key, validated data regarding SY can be shared, investigated, and quoted to track performance, inform decisions and challenge perceptions.

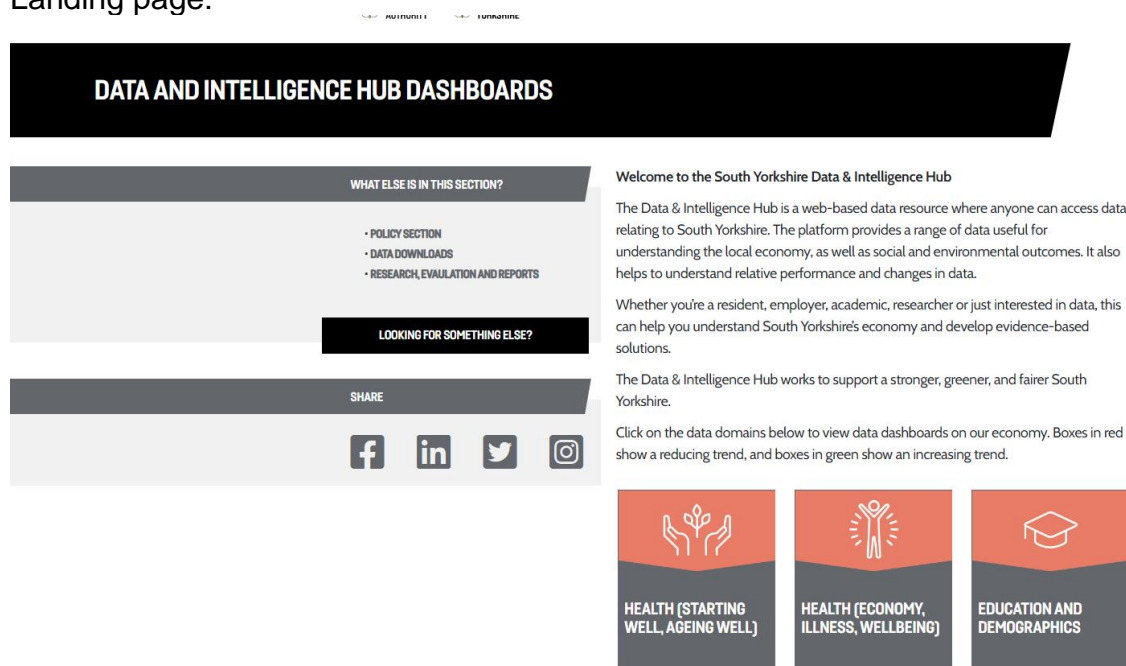
- Enable data experts and enthusiasts to use the data to provide creative solutions to the big questions of our time.
- Utilise data and evidence to provide insight on how the varied priorities of partners are connected and interdependent and the key issues and objectives we all have are related.
- Monitor and show the progress being made regarding achieving our climate emergency targets as well as showing the extent of inequalities, deprivation and the net zero challenge to track the progress being made to reduce/eliminate/meet our ambitions towards these.
- Confirm the pace and nature of local economic growth and how this compares with peer areas. This should also inform business and individual decisions.
- Inform stakeholders about data related to their interest areas (e.g. labour market information, transport operational performance).

1.2 The dashboard is embedded into the main SYMCA website. The pages are available here:

<https://southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk/Data-Intelligence-Hub> (not available on a google search until launch). Below are two select screenshots which the user will see.

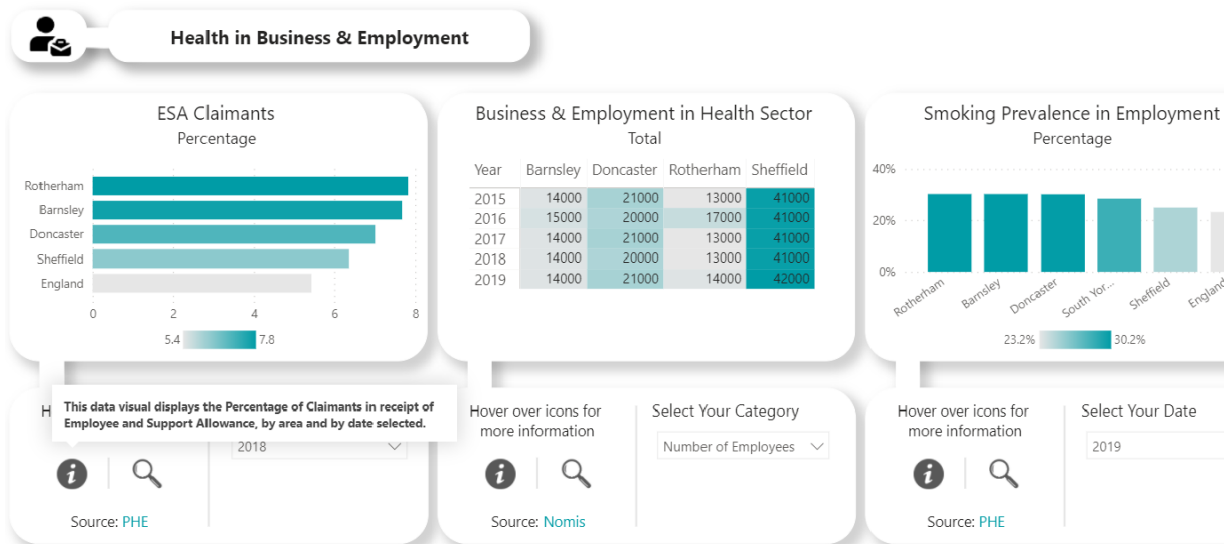
### Screenshot (1/2)

Landing page:



### 1.3 Screenshot (2/2)

Data visualisation within the 'Health' theme.



1.4 The data provided is from official sources (ONS, Government Departments, etc) and the dashboards allow users to download the information and visit the source data. All of the data has simple interactive features and allows users to understand more about a range of thematic areas.

1.5 All data generated from commissioned research (by the MCA and partners) will be used to update and improve the Hub.

## 2. Key Issues

### 2.1 In process

- The Hub has undergone a 'soft launch' process of the platform, inviting a range of colleagues and external stakeholders to test it, find any errors, and provide feedback.
- The "hard launch" will be in early July.

### Future development

- The next phase of this work will be to extend the functionality within the platform to host finely detailed mapping data. This will involve an interactive set of maps which incorporates 'rich' datasets which contain datapoints at small geographical scales. For example, Census data can be incorporated here, as well as bespoke data such as the location of a range of place-based MCA investments and plans, such as an active travel network.
- Data on its own is not sufficient and the MCA has been working with the University of Sheffield to scope and pilot an Office for Data Analytics (ODA). The pilot is nearing completion, and this will provide a proposal for a future service, allowing contributors and interested parties to access analysis, detailed data and more analytical capacity.
- Beyond providing a data platform, the wider vision for the Data & Intelligence Hub is to foster a community of practice in South Yorkshire to encourage further data sharing and exploration, as well as opportunities for analysis and learning. This could involve activities such as making administrative data suitable for publication and hosting blogs and events, building upon the policy briefings, (e.g. data hacks) and analysis of new data (e.g. mobile phone data).



### **3. Options Considered and Recommended Proposal**

- 3.1 The development of the Hub has largely been in house. This approach is pragmatic in bringing together a large number of data sets and presenting them in accessible way. The ambition is to make data open access and accessible to support partners with their information requirements.

### **4. Consultation**

- 4.1 The Data and Intelligence Hub's progress has been very open with regular feedback and consultation. The intention is to formalise this consultation through a steering group; enhancing the feedback and leadership from colleagues.

### **5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision**

- 5.1 The Hub will be launched in early July.

### **6. Financial and Procurement Implications and Advice**

- 6.1 Development of the Data and Intelligence Hub has been costed within existing budgets. The proposals around mapping and further next steps require further scoping.

### **7. Legal Implications and Advice**

- 7.1 All data is open and at this stage there are no legal implications. The next stages around data sharing and open data are likely to require bespoke agreements between parties.

### **8. Human Resources Implications and Advice**

- 8.1 This is managed internally by the MCA Executive Policy Team (Data Services).

### **9. Equality and Diversity Implications and Advice**

- 9.1 The data collected shows the need for better understanding of equality and diversity within South Yorkshire and many of the datasets (and subsequent analysis) will enhance work to improve equality and diversity.

### **10. Climate Change Implications and Advice**

- 10.1 The data dashboards provide further insight into the opportunities and challenge around climate change, net zero, natural capital and the green economy.

### **11. Information and Communication Technology Implications and Advice**

- 11.1 The dashboards use Microsoft PowerBi and next step developments include looking at a server to host the data.

### **12. Communications and Marketing Implications and Advice**

12.1 A launch is planned for the Data and Intelligence hub in July. A small set of communications activities is planned for the launch which includes webinars, social media and a small data focused event.

**List of Appendices Included**

No Appendices.

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