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Part A – Items considered in public

10	Plan for Growth	<p>RESOLVED: That Board members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Approve the draft content of the Plan for Growth; b. Delegate authority to the Corporate Director in consultation with the Mayor and Head of Paid Service to sign-off the final Plan for Growth detail and design; and, c. Agree to publish the working document in March
11	Skills Strategy and AEB: Priorities, Flexibilities and Allocations	<p>RESOLVED: that Board members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve draft content of the Skills Strategy. 2. Delegate authority to the Corporate Director and section 73 officer in consultation with the Portfolio Lead for Education, Training and Skills to sign-off the final Skills Strategy content and design 3. Approve AEB priorities for 2024/25 4. Approve the use of additional AEB funding policy changes and flexibilities 5. Approve indicative allocations for AEB grant (£31.8m) and Free Courses for Jobs (FCFJ) grant (£1.28m) funding; AEB procured (£10m) and FCFJ procured (£2.2m) provision for 2024/25;and AEB Innovation Fund (£2m) 6. Delegate authority to the Section 73 Officer in consultation with the Portfolio Lead for Education Training and Skills to approve 2024/25 proposals for specific learning organisations as set out in Appendix A. 7. Delegate authority to the Head of Paid Service in consultation with the Section 73 and Monitoring Officer to negotiate the terms and approve entering into legal agreements for the schemes above.
12	South Yorkshire Bus Reform	<p>RESOLVED: That Board members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the outcome of the assessment of the proposed franchising scheme. 2. Subject to recommendation 3 below, approve the progression of the proposed

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		<p>franchising scheme to Independent Audit, in accordance with s.123D of the Transport Act 2000.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Delegate authority to the Head of Paid Services, in consultation with the Section 73 Officer and Monitoring Officer, to approve final amendments to the Franchising Assessment and the proposed Franchising Scheme prior to progression to Independent Audit, provided that such final amendments do not materially impact the outcome of the Franchising Assessment. The Franchising Assessment and the proposed franchising scheme are set out at Appendices A and B to this report. 4. Approve the entering into contract with an Independent Auditor to undertake the statutorily required audit under s.123D of the Transport Act 2000. 5. Receive a further report following the completion of the Independent Audit
13	Beds for Babies: Safe Space to Sleep Programme	<p>RESOLVED: That the Board approve:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Investment of £2.2m of MCA funds into a Safe Space to Sleep Programme that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Tackles unmet and growing demand for cots, cot beds / toddler beds and Moses baskets for children aged 0-5 right across South Yorkshire. B) Enables the region to test and learn: Delivers 4 test and learn pilots focused around delivering a safe space in Goldthorpe, Mexborough, Swinton and Gleadless to build a detailed evidence base of what works to deliver trust, stronger working relationships between statutory and non-statutory services, community and partner led project design at a community level. C) Supports an evaluation programme: to build an investment case for shifting mainstream resources into prevention, social and community infrastructure capital. 2. The intention of the MCA and partners to align with existing services and to work through delivery partners from within the voluntary and community sector in

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		<p>South Yorkshire.</p> <p>3. A delegation to the Head of Paid Service, S151 Officer and Monitoring Officer in consultation with the South Yorkshire Mayor to put in place the required legal agreements with both the delivery partners and the project evaluators.</p>
14	UKSPF Delivery Update	<p>RESOLVED: That the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the progress update on delivery and the approach to securing 2024-25 funding. 2. Prioritise submitting remaining 2023-24 UKSPF funding claims to MCA as quickly as possible
15	Local Visitor Economy Partnership and South Yorkshire Destination Management Plan	<p>RESOLVED: That the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the South Yorkshire Destination Management Plan (Appendix A) 2. Approve the establishing of an LVEP Advisory Forum to support the MCA Culture, Creative and Digital Portfolio Lead.
16	Culture, Creative and Heritage Investment Update	<p>RESOLVED: That the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The MCA Board are asked to note the investments being made in cultural, creative and heritage schemes across South Yorkshire: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Childrens Capital of Culture £0.96m grant b. Harmony Works scheme up-to £2m grant c. The Castle Project scheme up-to £5m grant
17	Tram Transfer Update	<p>RESOLVED: That the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note that with effect from the 22nd March 2024 the Supertram system will be operated by SYFTL, a wholly owned subsidiary company of the MCA.
18	Assurance Framework	<p>RESOLVED: That the Board:</p>

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the proposed amendments to the Assurance Framework to ensure compliance with the Government’s requirements and most recent issued guidance. 2. Consider any further changes they wish to evaluate for governance, funding approvals or decision-making arrangements from 1 April 2024. 3. Agree the draft Assurance Framework in Appendix A for onward publication and submission to Government.
19	MCA Constitution	<p>RESOLVED: That the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Authorise the Monitoring Officer to make all amendments required to the Constitution to accommodate the transfer of PCC functions to the Mayor with effect from 7th May 2024, bringing a final version of the Constitution, showing the amendments made, to the MCA Board in June for final endorsement.
20	Annual Budget & Treasury Management Strategy	<p>RESOLVED: That the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the adoption of the revenue and capital budget estimates for the year; 2. Approve the reserve strategy; 3. Approve the Treasury Management Strategy; 4. Delegate authority to the Section 73 Officer to accept a number of grant awards.
21	Programme Approvals	<p>RESOLVED: That the Board approves:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Progression of “North Bridge Connector” from BJC to full approval and award of £1.44m grant to City of Doncaster Council subject to the conditions set out in Assurance Summary A. b. Progression of “South West Bus Corridors” from FBC to full approval and award of £3.29m grant to Sheffield City Council subject to the conditions set out in Assurance Summary B.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Progression of “Rotherham Childrens Capital of Culture” from BJC to full approval and award of £0.96m grant to Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council subject to the conditions set out in Assurance Summary C d. Progression of “Laurel Works Build to Rent (BTR) Scheme” to post-OBC in-principle approval for up-to £4.34m grant, subject to the conditions set out in Assurance Summary D and conclusion of assurance e. Progression of “Harmony Works” scheme to post-OBC in-principle approval for up-to £2m grant, subject to the set out in Assurance Summary E and conclusion of assurance f. Progression of “The Castle Project” scheme to post-OBC in-principle approval for up-to £5m grant, subject to the conclusion of assurance g. Progression of “Waverley Net Zero Carbon Pilot (Parcel 4C)” scheme to post-OBC in-principle approval for up-to £2.02m grant, subject to the conclusion of assurance h. Progression of ‘The Hive’ scheme to post-OBC in-principle approval for up to £1.6m grant, subject to the conclusion of assurance i. Delegate authority to the Head of Paid Service in consultation with Mayor Ros Jones - in her position as the Portfolio Lead for Housing & Infrastructure - for consideration of the following: “Progression of “Waverley 4D” housing scheme to post-OBC in-principle approval as detailed in 1.11.” j. Change request as detailed in 1.12. k. Acceptance of any subsequent grant award following the submission of a proposal for the Digital Futures Accelerator Fund to the Careers and Enterprise Company. l. Acceptance of any subsequent grant award following the submission of a

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		<p>proposal for the Active Travel England E-Cycle Pilot Fund</p> <p>m. Acceptance of £0.10m grant from the South Yorkshire Local Resilience Forum (SYLRF)</p> <p>n. Delegate authority to the Head of Paid Service in consultation with the Section 73 and Monitoring Officer to enter into legal agreements for the schemes above.</p>
22	Delegated Authority Report	RESOLVED: That the Board note the decisions and delegations made