

SCR BUSINESS GROWTH BOARD

19th APRIL 2016

BROAD STREET WEST, SHEFFIELD

No.	Item	Action
1	<p><u>Welcome and Apologies</u></p> <p>Present:</p> <p><u>Board Members</u> Paul Houghton, LEP / Grant Thornton - Chair Diana Terris, BMBC</p> <p>Apologies were received from Board Members Cllr Lewis Rose, (DDDC), Cllr Julie Dore (SCC), Dan Swaine (BoDC, NEDDC), and Gavin Baldwin, LEP / Doncaster Rovers FC</p> <p><u>In Attendance</u> Andrew Gates, SCR Executive Team David Grimes, SCR Executive Team David Campbell-Molloy, SCR Executive Team Ben Morley, SCR Executive Team Lee Viney, SCR Executive Team Giles Searby, Keeble Hawson Andrew Denniff, Barnsley and Rotherham Chamber of Commerce Chris Scholey, Doncaster and Bassetlaw NHS Foundation Trust William Beckett, Beckett Plastics Dan Clarke, DMBC Keith Jackson, JRI Craig Tyler, Joint Authorities Governance Unit + Laura Bennett (TechNorth) for item 6</p>	
2	<p><u>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on 23rd February were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting.</p> <p>It was noted that matters arising were due to be addressed under the substantive agenda items on today's agenda.</p> <p>The following matters were noted as arising:</p>	

	<p>The group discussed potential outlets for unallocated European funding including available funding for the 'low carbon' agenda. It was noted that all funding must be committed by 2020 and at least 25% spent by 2018 or the funding pot will be reduced by 6%.</p> <p>It was suggested that unallocated funding might be used in part to support the social inclusion agenda.</p> <p>Regarding low carbon, the group discussed the need to understand what the business community thinks it needs to support low carbon initiatives and technologies.</p> <p>RESOLVED, that the SCR Business Growth Board Members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the content of the report. 2. Note the need to continue providing advice in respect of the development of future calls and activity. 	
6	<p><u>Makers Hub</u></p> <p>The Board received a presentation on the Makers Hub initiative from Laura Bennett of TechNorth.</p> <p>Laura's presentation covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An explanation of TechNorth, it's background and ambitions • The importance of digital technologies to the SCR • Local opportunities for growth (noting comparisons with other regions) • Activity elsewhere nationally that the SCR might want to look at in more detail. • Potential next steps <p>The Board discussed the issues faced by TechNorth's lack of resources and dependence on volunteers. Members noted their willingness to receive a 'pitch' as a starting point to elicit some SCR support funding</p> <p>Action: Laura, Lee and Andy to scope out potential options</p>	LB, LV, AG
7	<p><u>Exports - What Good Looks Like</u></p> <p>The Board received a presentation on the 'Exports - What Good Looks Like' initiative.</p> <p>The information presented covered Devolution related matters, the importance of market testing, how the initiative supports the wider SCR Export Programme, a summary of current activity and next steps.</p>	

	<p>The group agreed the need to introduce a means of identifying target businesses (potential exporters) to permit more detailed engagements with fewer businesses, rather than convene mass participation events.</p> <p>The Board discussed the need for this initiative to fully align with the common Growth Hub principles and objectives.</p> <p>The Board voiced support for officers working up a proposal for a bid for funding to support the ‘what good looks like’ initiative, potentially using unallocated European funding.</p> <p>Action: Ben, David C-M and David G to consider and report back to the Board</p>	<p>BM, DC-M, DG</p>
<p>8</p>	<p><u>Growth Hub Implementation Update</u></p> <p>A paper was received to provide members with a summary of the progress being made in implementing/delivering the Growth Hub</p> <p>Members were reminded that the objectives of the SCR Growth Hub are to develop a ‘world-class’ business support offer across the whole of the Sheffield City Region. There is therefore the opportunity for the Board to develop a sound understanding of the principles of the Growth Hub, receive and update on progress on implementation and develop an understanding of the issues that the Board may choose to focus on over the coming months.</p> <p>Specific updates were provided in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment • The Growth Hub Continuation Fund • The Hub’s formal launch • Marketing and PR activity • The Hub website • Gateway development • The development of the ESIF Enhancement Programme • The Innovation Centre of Excellence <p>Regarding the ‘Gateway’, the Board discussed the merits of having both a local Gateway facility, whilst also being part of the National gateway initiative. It was noted that enquiries via the Gateways will be monitored over the next few months to help assess effectiveness.</p> <p>RESOLVED, that the SCR Business Growth Board Members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the content of the report. 2. Support the re-profiled funding arrangements that permit 	

	an extra year's activity from current budgets (2020/21)	
9	<p><u>Spoke Updates</u></p> <p>Updates were provided in relation to the substantive Growth Hub Spokes, including progress around key milestones and investment against forecast and commenting on any emerging key risks and contribution to the social inclusion agenda.</p> <p>Regarding Inward Investment, it was confirmed the data can be broken down t individual district level.</p> <p>Action: David C-M to provide.</p> <p>It was noted that a steering group has been convened to oversee plans for next year's MIPIM engagements.</p> <p>The Board members welcomed the inclusion of information regarding social inclusion.</p>	DC-M
12	<p><u>Review of Decisions made</u></p> <p>The Chair recapped the decisions made by the Board and instructed officers to include these in the summary reports to be presented to the next CA and LEP meetings for endorsement.</p>	
13	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>i) <u>Tata Steel</u></p> <p>It was noted that the Growth Hub is working with other partners and agencies to identify and delivery support for affected individuals and businesses via a number of initiatives.</p>	
14	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Tuesday 31st May, 2.00pm at Broad Street West, Sheffield</p>	