

SCR BUSINESS GROWTH EXECUTIVE BOARD

12 JULY 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) Gavin Baldwin (LEP / Doncaster Rovers)</p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr Lewis Rose (DDDC), Cllr Julie Dore (SCC), Dan Swaine (BoDC / NEDDC), Julie Kenny (Pyronix), Keith Jackson (JRI), Lloyd Snellgrove (SHU), Steve Mawson (DMBC)</p> <p><u>In Attendance</u> Andrew Gates, SCR Executive Team David Grimes, SCR Executive Team David Campbell-Molloy, SCR Executive Team Richard Holmes, SCC / SCR Executive Team David Hewitt, SCR Executive Team Lee Viney, SCR Executive Team Andrew Denniff (BRCoC) Edward Highfield, Sheffield City Council Chris Scholey, DB NHS FT Giles Searby, Keeble Hawson William Beckett, ITF Christian Foster, DMBC Craig Tyler, Joint Authorities Governance Unit</p> <p>For item 5 – Richard Scaife, AMRC</p>	
2	<p><u>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on 31st May were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting.</p> <p>The following matters were noted as arising:</p>	

	<p>2.9. <u>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</u></p> <p>Action David C-M to arrange for the incorporation of the SCR Investment into the dashboard reports.</p> <p>5. <u>Finance Yorkshire Proposal</u></p> <p>It was reported the CA had endorsed the proposed plans for ‘bridging’ the potential funding regime gap ahead of the introduction of NPIF from January 2017. It was noted the next step will be to determine what an appropriate market loan rate might be.</p>	DCM
3	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>No declarations of interest in relation to the items on today’s agenda were noted.</p>	
4	<p><u>Urgent Items / Announcements</u></p> <p>No urgent items were requested.</p>	
5	<p><u>Lightweighting Centre (LWC) / AMID</u></p> <p>The Board was presented with the outline project mandate for the AMRC Lightweight Centre project and asked to consider whether to endorse officers working up an outline business case for the project.</p> <p>It was noted the AMRC’s Lightweighting Centre is the next major development planned for the Sheffield Business Park, which together with the AMP would be the catalyst for the wider SCR Innovation District. And the place for leading manufacturers to come for industrially relevant, research, technology development and demonstration; and industrial collaboration. It was suggested that critical to the success of AMID is the continued prioritisation of innovative industry focussed research, attracting high tech businesses who can exploit the advantages gained by locating in close proximity to world class facilities.</p> <p>The Board was informed the Lightweighting Centre is directly relevant to growth industries including aerospace and automotives, and will expand the advanced materials capabilities of SCR’s manufacturing research cluster, giving a further competitive strength to the region and the AMID concept. This facility will support manufacturing companies within the SCR and attract global companies, providing access to the tools, technologies and knowledge transfer needed to exploit the commercial opportunity of increased demand for lighter, greener, cheaper materials.</p>	

	<p>In discussion, comments by members noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no indication 'brexit' will affect the feasibility of the project in any known context. • An expectation there will be no double counting in the job creation figures in respect of wider AMID developments. • A request to know more about how various sectors would be engaged / inspired by LWC. • The timescales appear to be very challenging and would take up a significant proportion the available Gainshare funding (despite discussions still ongoing regarding how and where Gainshare should be invested) <p>The Board acknowledged the potential significance of this project but recognised the need to see this within the context of there being numerous other potentially brilliant projects across the SCR geography, and the limitations of increased but still finite funding.</p> <p>It was suggested it may be beneficial to have a separate session at some stage to look at potential major investment opportunities in more detail.</p> <p>Action: Andy to consider what form this may take.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>1. That the Board endorse the Lightweighting Centre Project Mandate being progressed to outline business case</p>	<p>AG</p>
<p>6</p>	<p><u>Performance Reporting</u></p> <p>The Board was presented with a paper setting out a proposal for how performance will be reported to the Business Growth Board in the future.</p> <p>Members were asked to note the introduction of 2 key elements; an outward-looking performance report focussing on the key elements of the Business Growth Board (BGB) Business Plan, and a 'dashboard' to provide an update on projects funded by or directly within the remit of the BGB.</p> <p>It was requested that dashboard reports be presented quarterly (i.e. every other meeting).</p> <p>The Board identified the need for a pan-SCR, pan-thematic definition of the red-amber-green classifications used in the dashboard reports.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Board</p>	

	<p>1. Endorses the approach proposed in the report and agrees the proposed approach will support the BGB in fulfilling its role in the future.</p>	
<p>7</p>	<p><u>Growth Hub Progress</u></p> <p>A paper was presented to provide an up to date summary of progress in implementing/delivering the Growth Hub and present an opportunity for the Board to consider key areas of focus for the coming months.</p> <p>The Board was asked to note specific progress around Gateway Transition, the Growth Hub Enhancement Programme Development, staff recruitment, marketing and PR, website and dashboard / reporting.</p> <p>Members considered the issues of vacancies in detail and what actions might be taken to address posts not being filled.</p> <p>Regarding the Head of AFCOE post, it was noted this has already been regraded upwards but this hadn't generated significant, additional interest in the vacancy and yet another regrade wouldnt necessarily be the best appropach. Ity was noted that 'the plan B' was for Andy McKenna to remain in post until a change was required.</p> <p>Considering Growth Hub website activity, members requested more information to explain where hits are coming from (geographically) and where the go after leaving the site.</p> <p>Action: David G to provide some additional analytical information to context web activity.</p> <p>It was confirmed the LA Account Managers (as referenced in the report) are not new posts. These are based in the LAs but are ESIF funded. The Board acknowledged the potential for duplication with Chamber of Commerce activity and efforts in place to mitigate this from happening i.e. mutual usage of CRM data</p> <p>The board agreed the need for a 'stock take' of Growth Hub activity to review where we are after ten months on the role and what progress has been made against what we want to achieve.</p> <p>Action: David G to pull together a small Review Group (c. 6 people) over the summer.</p> <p>Action: ALL to note interest in being part of the Review Group to the Chair</p>	<p>DG</p> <p>DG</p> <p>ALL</p>

	<p>The Board members thanked and congratulated David and his team on the work done to date to develop the Growth Hub.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>1. That the Board notes the updates provided</p>	
8	<p><u>Horasis</u></p> <p>The Board was asked to note the intention of the SCR LEP to deliver the Horasis China 2017 conference.</p> <p>It was noted the conference would attract around 350 delegates from China, comprising senior executives of major Chinese institutions. This conference is of national scale and scope and would generate significant direct and indirect benefits to the SCR.</p> <p>Members were asked to note the recommendation of the Combined Authority for the Business Growth Executive Board to lead governance partnership developments for Horasis.</p> <p>RESOLVED, that the Board:</p> <p>1. Endorse the intention to host the Horasis 2017 conference.</p> <p>2. Endorse the proposal for the Business Growth Executive Board to provide the governance for the Horasis 2017 conference to ensure that the full benefits of hosting this event in the SCR are fully maximised</p>	
9	<p><u>Brexit: Assessing the Impact on the SCR</u></p> <p>The Board was provided with a presentation on the potential impacts of brexit,</p> <p>It was requested that a copy of the presentation be circulated.</p> <p>Action: David H to circulate</p> <p>The information presented covered the immediate after-effects of the decision to leave, the likely consequences for the UK and the SCR economies, some specific policy consequences and how the SCR might need to position itself to respond.</p> <p>In consideration of the points raised, the Board discussed the opportunity to take a more positive stance on the potential consequences of brexit and see this as a means of maximising the positives as well as mitigating the negatives. By way of an example, the Board discussed acknowledged shortfalls with the Horizon 2020 initiative and suggested a revised funding and</p>	DH

	<p>governance regime might be used to increase the amount of SME engagement with innovation.</p> <p>The group acknowledged the potential for short term uncertainty to affect government decisions on funding and the need to understand how these might directly and indirectly affect initiatives such as Northern Power House and also local supply chains.</p>	
10	<p><u>Growth Hub and Spoke Updates</u></p> <p>A report was presented to provide an update on the key areas of activity within the “spokes” of the Growth Hub (export, new business and access to finance).</p>	
11	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Tuesday 23rd August 2016, 2.00pm at Broad Street West, Sheffield.</p>	