

SCR BUSINESS GROWTH EXECUTIVE BOARD

21st FEBRUARY 2017

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><u>In Attendance</u> Edward Highfield, Sheffield CC Chris Scholey, Doncaster Bassetlaw NHS Foundation Trust David Grimes, SCR Exec Team Rachel Clark, SCR Exec Team Giles Searby, Keeble Hawson Lloyd Snellgrove, SHU Richard Howard, SCC / SCR Exec Team Mark Lynam, SCR Exec Team Lee Viney, SCR Exec Team Simeon Leach, Rotherham MBC Kevin Bennett, Creative Sheffield (for item 6) Craig Tyler, Joint Authorities Governance Unit</p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr Lewis Rose (DDDC), Cllr Julie Dore (SCC), Gavin Baldwin (LEP), Dan Swaine (BoDC / NEDDC), Julie Kenny (Pyronix), Andrew Denniff (BRCoC), Peter Dale (DMBC) Keith Jackson (JRI), Ruth Adams (SCR Exec Team)</p>	
2	<p><u>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on 10th January were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting.</p> <p>The following matters were noted as arising:</p> <p>2.5. <u>MIPIM</u> It was noted plans are developing well for MIPIM.</p>	

	<p>It was requested the Board receive a 'post-MIPIM' report after the event.</p> <p>Action: Mark / Andy Gates</p> <p>6. <u>Thinking Place Action Plan Response</u> It was noted all the identified actions have been appropriately picked up and will be evident in the next Growth Hub Overview Report.</p> <p>8. <u>Finance Yorkshire</u> The Board requested an assurance that Finance Yorkshire is still on track to 'spend' to expectation (noting comments at the meeting that this may be at risk).</p> <p>Action: David H to comment</p> <p>In addition, it was reiterated the Board has an expectation that where possible, copies of all presentations will be provided prior to the meeting.</p>	<p>ML/AG</p> <p>DH</p>
3	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>The Chair declared an interest in matters to be considered noting that Finance Yorkshire a client of Grant Thornton LLP.</p>	
4	<p><u>Urgent Items / Announcements</u></p> <p>No urgent items were requested.</p>	
5	<p><u>Digital Action Plan</u></p> <p>The group was provided with a presentation on work done to-date to develop the SCR Digital Action Plan and a timetable for the creation of the final plan (to June 2017).</p> <p>Action: Lee to circulate a copy of the presentation.</p> <p>The presentation covered emerging messages gleaned from initial discussions with stakeholders and the issues identified as requiring of specific interventions to address (skills deficit, access to growth funding, lack of suitable premises etc.).</p> <p>It was agreed the Action Plan should inherently recognise there are benefits in seeing 'digital' is an enabler, rather than a specific sector in its own right.</p> <p>By way of example of what the Action Plan is trying to address, the Board was presented with 2 case studies demonstrating why</p>	<p>LV</p>

	<p>digital businesses have chosen to move to other parts of the country and not stay in the SCR.</p> <p>The Board sought an assurance that the most appropriate stakeholders are being engaged as part of the Action Plan's development.</p> <p>Action: ALL to confirm to specific stakeholders to Lee for inclusion on the Action Plan consultee list</p> <p>Questions were raised regarding the governance and ownership of the Action Plan and how the Plan fits within the SCR's wider digital ambitions (as referenced in the SEP) with concerns noted that the commissioning of the Plan was undertaken without prior BGEB consideration. It was suggested the Plan should be seen as jointly owned by the BGEB and the SEB.</p> <p>It was reiterated there is the intention that a BGEB member will be appointed 'BGEB digital champion' and represent BGEB's interests on the Digital Action Plan Steering Group.</p> <p>It was agreed the Plan should be currently viewed as more of a scoping document, from which a true Action Plan will emerge once the research stage has concluded. It was also agreed the 'scoping document' should feed into the SEP refresh prior to the Action Plan being agreed.</p> <p>Action: Lee to discuss aligning the digital scoping document / action plan work with the SEP refresh with Exec Team colleagues</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>LV</p>
<p>6</p>	<p><u>US Aircraft Manufacturer</u></p> <p>The Board was provided with information regarding a project being developed in partnership with a major aircraft manufacturer.</p> <p>It was noted this would be a significant 'win' for the SCR and would elicit the development of some significant supply chain activity and an apprenticeships programme.</p> <p>The Board was advised of questions raised by the BIF Panel seeking clarity around a number of matters to ensure SCR investment represents good investment.</p> <p>The Board noted its support of the project.</p> <p>It was noted public announcements are expected in due course.</p>	
<p>7</p>	<p><u>Investment and Trade Plan</u></p>	

	<p>A report was provided seeking authorisation for the development of a Trade & Investment Delivery Plan as part of the SEP refresh.</p> <p>It was noted the Plan will help clarify the relationship between the SCR Trade and Investment Team and the local authorities.</p> <p>The Board was reminded that as of the 1st January 2017, as part of a restructure of the SCR Executive Team, Trade and Investment activity has been brought together.</p> <p>It was suggested these changes are timely given other changes within the Department for International Trade, including the establishment of a dedicated Northern Powerhouse Team across both trade and investment, and the opportunity to develop a trade and investment delivery plan that aligns itself to the refreshed Strategic Economic Plan (SEP).</p> <p>The paper therefore outlined what the team’s Trade and Investment Plan would seek to cover and the support of the Board for this Plan was sought.</p> <p>It was suggested the Plan helps improve the SCR’s ‘Brexit-ready’ credentials on trade matters and will help avoid other issues such as trade mission duplication of activity.</p> <p>It was noted a Chair of the Export Spoke Board will be appointed in due course.</p> <p>RESOLVED, that the Board endorses the development of a Trade & Investment Delivery Plan as part of the refresh of the SCR Strategic Economic Plan.</p>	
<p>8</p>	<p><u>SPOKE Updates</u></p> <p>A report was received providing updates in respect of the various Growth Hub spokes.</p> <p>It was noted some of the engagement figures quotes are out of date awaiting updated data and increases will be reported in future reports.</p> <p>Under the Innovation spoke, Lloyd presented the Board with additional information regarding the launch of the Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund (ISCF). It was noted the ISCF was included in the Autumn Statement as part of the National Productivity Investment Fund and Innovate UK and the Research Councils are beginning to define a first round of ‘challenges’ to be addressed.</p>	

	<p>The Board was presented with the draft list of challenges. It was agreed this list is too expansive for all threads to be followed and a realistic view needs to be taken in respect of which components the SCR should focus attention on, aligned to the SEP ambitions and the region's key strengths.</p> <p>Action: Lloyd / David G to map out a proposal for which of the ISCF components are key to the SCR and present to the next meeting</p> <p>It was noted consultation will close on 17th April.</p> <p>Action: Lloyd to circulate a copy of the presentation</p>	<p>LS / DG</p> <p>LS</p>
<p>9</p>	<p><u>Forward Plan</u></p> <p>The Forward Plan to June was provided for information.</p> <p>The Board noted support for the continued provision of this information.</p>	
<p>10</p>	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>i. <u>Growth Hub Events</u> The Board was provided with information regarding the recent 'delivering a successful Growth Hub' event held with the business advisory community, attended by 120 people.</p> <p>ii. <u>Growth Hub Gateway</u> The Board was provided with some updated statistics in respect of how many businesses have now been engaged via the Gateway. It was noted the number of enquiries continues to grow and the team will remain mindful of capacity, identifying options for consideration should this become stretched.</p> <p>It was noted work continues to identify and exploit any potential synergies with other Growth Hub Gateway Partners.</p>	
<p>112</p>	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Tuesday 4th April 2017, 2.00pm at Broad Street West, Sheffield.</p>	