

SCR BUSINESS GROWTH EXECUTIVE BOARD

18th OCTOBER, 2018

BROAD STREET WEST, SHEFFIELD

No.	Item	Action
1	<p><u>Welcome and Apologies</u></p> <p>Present:</p> <p><u>Board Members</u> Neil MacDonald (LEP) – CHAIR</p> <p><u>In Attendance</u> Andrew Denniff (BRCoC), Ed Highfield (SCC) Paul Clifford (BMBC) Yasmin Knight (TUoS) Scott Cardwell (DMBC), Mark Lynam (SCR Exec Team) David Grimes (SCR Exec Team) Helen Lazarus (SCR Exec Team) Lee Viney (SCR Exec Team) John Sorsby (SCR Exec Team) Craig Tyler, Joint Authorities Governance Unit</p> <p>Apologies were received from Laura Bennett (LEP), Diana Terris (BMBC), Alexa Greaves (LEP), Chris Scholey (LEP), Peter Dale (DMBC), Sarah Want (TUoS)</p>	
	<p><u>Chair's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chair announced this would have been Chris Scholey's last BGEB meeting prior to him standing down from his current period of LEP co-option.</p> <p>Everyone thanked Chris for the support and commitment he has given BGEB and its subsidiary committees and groups over the years.</p>	

	<p>It was noted the SCR Mayor is due to report on his SCR governance review findings shortly and agreed that BGEB should continue to meet whilst any new governance regime is introduced.</p>	
2	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>No specific declarations of interest in relation to the matters to be discussed on today's agenda were noted.</p>	
3	<p><u>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on 17th July were agreed to be an accurate record.</p> <p>It was noted work is continuing against the action to present the Board with more information in respect of the SCR's inward investment priorities. It was confirmed this will be forward looking and might be presented to the next meeting.</p> <p>It was suggested the next meeting might also receive a report on the LEP's approach to 'advocacy'.</p> <p>Action: Mark / Helen to determine whether these will be agenda items for the next meeting.</p>	ML / HL
4	<p><u>Made Smarter in SCR</u></p> <p>A report and presentation providing details of the Made Smarter in SCR concept pilot programme were received, to inform the Board on how a pilot programme would enable manufacturing SMEs in the SCR to adopt Industrial Digital Technology (IDT).</p> <p>It was noted that subject to the Board's endorsement and the identification of suitable funding, the concept could be formally developed into a business case in line with the requirements of the SCR Assurance Framework/financial regulations.</p> <p>It was noted that since presenting the Digital Action Plan findings to the January Board, work has progressed to scope a pilot project. to support the development of the Global Innovation Corridor by driving up adoption of Industrial Digital Technology in manufacturing SMEs, strengthening the digital cluster improving productivity and driving economic growth across the Region.</p> <p>It was also noted that the national 'Made Smarter Review' highlighted the opportunities and challenges that Industry 4.0 represents for manufacturing SMEs in the UK and the need to address the slow rate of adoption. Members were advised there is</p>	

	<p>currently a National Adoption Programme pilot running in the North West of England.</p> <p>It was proposed to the Board that this programme is justifiable as IDTs provide the greatest opportunity to deliver productivity growth across manufacturing in the SCR. Statistics were provided to support this proposal.</p> <p>It was noted the Made Smarter in Sheffield City Region pilot project has been designed to inform, educate and convene manufacturing and digital SMEs to increase digital adoption. It was suggested the concept pilot could raise awareness with digital and manufacturing businesses, provide Growth Hub and AMRC services and advice, broker relationships between manufacturers and IDT specialists, deliver digital adoption demonstrator projects and begin building the ecosystem around digital manufacturing.</p> <p>It was suggested the pilot could engage with 50 manufacturing SCR SMEs to inform them about the opportunity that digital technology presents, undertake a detailed digital readiness diagnostic with 20 of those business to and support 10 to implement a digital adoption project at an estimated £10k per business). It was also noted there would be opportunities to consider scaling these numbers up or down dependent on the funding made available.</p> <p>It was noted the next step is to develop a full business case to secure funding. Members suggested there would be merit in this undertaking as this should ready the project for when funding becomes available.</p> <p>The Board discussed where and how the local pilot links to the wider national programme, and considered whether the national programme might present a source of funding.</p> <p>It was agreed to support the concept's development and requested that officers 'be readied' for when funding becomes available.</p> <p>It was requested that the matter be presented to the LEP Board at its next meeting in November.</p> <p>Action: Mark / Helen to make arrangements for presenting Made Smarter to the next LEP Board meeting.</p> <p>RESOLVED, that the Board endorses the further development of the Made Smarter in SCR concept.</p>	<p>HL</p>
<p>5</p>	<p><u>Supply Chains</u></p>	

The Board welcomed John to the meeting, who delivered a presentation on the progress made towards the development of a Regional Supply Chain programme (since initially agreed at Business Growth Executive Board on 17th April 2018).

The Board was reminded that this work emanates from the 2017 refresh of the SCR SEP which recognised that one of the next SCR challenges is growing more high GVA jobs by supporting the development of supply chains linked to the SCR's distinctive strength in High Value Manufacturing.

Information was provided regarding research into national and regional supply chain programmes and engagement of stakeholders and businesses. It was suggested some additional Board member support might be useful in engaging some harder to reach stakeholders.

The Board was advised of the geographic and sectoral aspects of the 'scope' of the project, noting this transcends the SCR boundaries in recognition of how local companies benefit from wide trading footprints.

It was noted the ambition is to develop a searchable database of supply chain 'opportunities' for the benefit of local businesses. Examples where this is working well elsewhere were noted.

The Board discussed a number of theoretical reasons for why the sectoral scope of the project might be considered both 'too narrow' and 'too wide'. It was also suggested there needs to be agreements on terminology, such as the definition of 'high value manufacturing' and potential restrictions upon associated supply chains.

The Board recognised issues that can arise with database maintenance and the risk this might require a significant resource going forward. It was suggested this would be addressed by a self-registration process with businesses required to update their details as appropriate.

The Board requested a further update on supply chain activity towards the end of the financial year.

RESOLVED, that the Board notes the progress made so far and endorses the further development of the Regional Supply Chain Programme concept.

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BIF Panel

	<p>A verbal update was provided in respect of the decisions made at the last BIF Panel meeting.</p> <p>The Board considered the 'post-BIF' world (noting that BIF is committed and the LGF programme is due to run out in 3 years) in addition to the AFCOE budget coming to an end in 18months.</p> <p>It was suggested the LEP would benefit from a presentation on what the Business Growth programmes have achieved, as a cornerstone for eliciting further funds in the future.</p>	
7	<p><u>Growth Hub Operational Board</u></p> <p>An update was provided on key matters arising at the last meeting of the Growth Hub Operational Board.</p> <p>It was suggested following a recent workshop, everyone is now 'on the same page' with regard to the expected Growth Hub model arising out of the recent review.</p> <p>It was requested that a report be received in 6 months on the impact of the Growth Hub review.</p>	
8	<p><u>Business and Investment Dashboard</u></p> <p>The latest version of the Delivery Plan Dashboard was provided for information.</p> <p>It was noted the action to 'develop an advocacy programme' should be rated amber rather than green.</p>	
9	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Wednesday 12th December, Broad Street West, Sheffield, 10.00am.</p>	