

SCR INFRASTRUCTURE EXECUTIVE BOARD

7th APRIL 2017

BROAD STREET WEST, SHEFFIELD

No.	Item	Action
1	<p><u>Welcome and Apologies</u></p> <p>Present:</p> <p><u>Board Members</u> Mayor Ros Jones (DMBC) – CHAIR Cllr John Burrows (CBC) Martin McKervey (LEP / Nabarro) Chris Scholey (Doncaster Bassetlaw NHS Foundation Trust / LEP) John Mothersole (SCC)</p> <p><u>Also in Attendance</u> Paul Clifford (BMBC) Peter Dale (DMBC) Matt Southgate (CBC) Jo Neville (SCR Exec Team) Mark Lynam (SCR Exec Team) Paul Woodcock (RMBC) Ben Morley (SCC) Craig Tyler (Joint Authorities Governance Unit)</p> <p>+ Natalie Ward (BMBC) and Robert Powell (BT) for item 5</p> <p>Apologies were received from Board Member Neil Taylor (BaDC) + Katie Jackson (SCR Exec Team) and Ed Highfield (SCC)</p>	
2	<p><u>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on 24th February were agreed to be an accurate record.</p>	
3	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>None noted.</p>	

4	<p><u>Urgent Items / Announcements</u></p> <p>None requested.</p>	
5	<p><u>BT Superfast Broadband</u></p> <p>The Board was provided with presentations on progress made with the Superfast South Yorkshire Project and an update from BT on Openreach, the development of the national Ultrafast network and other matters pertinent to the SCR</p> <p>Regarding Superfast South Yorkshire, the board was reminded of the priorities to deliver fibre coverage to at least 98.7% of South Yorkshire, to deliver Ultrafast coverage at Enterprise Zones and key Business Parks, to support the strategy for connectivity in the City Centre, to develop a strategy to ensure new developments are well connected, to develop a local strategy aimed at achieving 100% coverage for South Yorkshire, to ensure businesses and residents understand the benefits of broadband and have the skills and ability to access and to drive take up of broadband services across South Yorkshire.</p> <p>Updates were also provided in respect of the SFSY Business and SFSY Vouchers initiatives.</p> <p>The Board discussed why developers may be reluctant to take up offers available to have broadband connectivity installed at zero cost to them. It was suggested this may be due to developers not wanting to change existing designs but noted the cost of this must be minimal.</p> <p>The property market's increasing expectation that sufficient broadband connectivity will be available was noted.</p> <p>It was noted the SFSY project spent its entire SCRIF allocation in 2016/17 and achieved implementation milestones as expected.</p> <p>It was noted BMBC has a policy for superfast broadband installations for all new developments.</p> <p>Action: Natalie to circulate the BMBC policy for superfast broadband installations for all new developments.</p> <p>Action: Paul to engage the districts planning officers on the Boards expectations that all districts will have or should be adopting similar policies on broadband for new installations.</p>	<p>NW</p> <p>PW</p>

	<p>Regarding Ultrafast Broadband, the Board was acquainted with BT's aims to deliver ultrafast broadband connectivity (marketed as G.fast).</p> <p>The presentation explained G.fast is cutting edge technology that delivers ultrafast broadband speeds (300-500Mbps) using fibre with existing copper lines. Openreach is extending its G.fast pilot to 12 further locations, including Sheffield and G.fast is on track to begin a UK rollout this year and this extension of the pilots, together with Fibre to the Premise (FTTP), will take Openreach's overall ultrafast footprint to half a million premises by the end of March 2017.</p> <p>The Board was advised that in January 2016, Openreach announced a new policy to deliver superfast broadband connectivity to new build properties, either for free or as part of a co-funded initiative and that in September 2016 Openreach announced that FTTP will be built for free at new housing developments of 30+ homes (the previous threshold was 100+ homes).</p> <p>The Board was provided with information regarding the increased coverage of the EE 4G network.</p> <p>The Board was advised of the positive economic effect this investment is having across the City Region.</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p><u>Enterprise Zone Review</u></p> <p>A report was received to provide an update on the Sheffield City Region Enterprise Zones, the activity that has taken place, the status of the sites (confirmed and replacement) and the next steps.</p> <p>It was noted a number of matters require clarity and would be discussed at a forthcoming meeting with BEIS. This includes confirmation that the 10ha identified for the DSA EZ site is additional to the notional 145ha ceiling (as proposed in writing from HM Treasury) and what flexibilities exist in respect of how replacement sites (beyond the confirmed 145ha) should be accorded with the substantive programme i.e. is there a mechanism via which confirmed sites can be 'replaced'.</p> <p>Action: Jo to pick up matters of clarity with BEIS and report information back to the Board</p> <p>It was noted there are Government restrictions on whether an EZ site can be de-designated.</p>	<p>JN</p>

	<p>It was noted the progression of the SCR EZ Business Case is predicated on the receipt Derbyshire CC's signature of approval. This is currently outstanding and efforts are being undertaken to address this situation. Reasons for DCC not signing the Business Case to date (including confusion around the intended status of the Markham Vale site) were discussed.</p> <p>The Board discussed the need to ensure appropriate communications with developers are maintained as sites are 'phased in' to EZ status, to avoid unnecessary reputational and litigious issues that could arise once the 145ha 'ceiling' has been reached.</p> <p>It was noted the final confirmed EZ site list (including confirmation of the replacement sites determined to help mitigate the programme should HS2 blight issues take effect) cannot be realistically progressed until the final preferred HS2 route is know.</p> <p>It was noted the SCR EZ Governance Board hasn't met for some time and suggested there may be merit in reconvening the Board to give matters additional consideration.</p> <p>Action: Chris / Jo to discuss whether to reconvene a meeting of the EZ Programme Board.</p> <p>It was agreed that some successful case studies might be produced to help with EZ marketing.</p> <p>RESOLVED, that the Board notes the contents of the report and the outcomes of the Enterprise Zone review.</p>	<p>CS / JN</p>
<p>7</p>	<p><u>SCRIF – Outturn Position</u></p> <p>The Board was presented with an update on the SCRIF 16/17 outturn position as well as the programme for the new financial year 2017/18 for each scheme in the LGF programme.</p> <p>Members welcomed confirmation the annual programme was spent in its entirety and congratulated all officers involved with this achievement.</p> <p>Consideration was given to what steps might be undertaken to avoid instances of spend being loaded towards the end of the financial year. It was noted the SCR's Economic Directors and Financial Directors have committed to quarterly joint meetings to provide continuous challenge to any instances of underperformance and underspend.</p>	
<p>8</p>	<p><u>Property Development Funding</u></p>	

	<p>It was noted the final figures for 2016/17 were been collated and would be released shortly.</p> <p>Information was provided in respect of planned activity for 2017/18.</p>	
9	<p><u>IEB Business Plan Progress Dashboard</u></p> <p>Provided for information.</p>	
10	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>It was noted this would be Cllr Burrows last Executive Board meeting, ahead of his retirement as Leader of Chesterfield BC. Members thanked him for his support of and services to the Board.</p>	
11	<p><u>Date of the Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Friday 19th May, 10.00am at Broad Street West, Sheffield.</p> <p>It was noted the next round of Board meetings would be replaced with a series of SEP refresh workshops.</p>	