

**SCR HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**11<sup>th</sup> MAY 2018**

**BROAD STREET WEST, SHEFFIELD**

No.	Item	Action
1	<p><b><u>Welcome and Apologies</u></b></p> <p>Present:</p> <p><u>Board Members</u>            Mayor Ros Jones (DMBC) – CHAIR            Cllr Tricia Gilby (CBC)            Martin McKervey (LEP)            Neil Taylor (BaDC)            Huw Bowen (CBC)</p> <p><u>Also in Attendance</u>            Chris Scholey (LEP – Co-opted)            Matt Gladstone (BMBC),            Natalie Ward (BMBC) – for item 5            David Oliver (SCC) – for item 5            Tony Stacey (SYHA)            Peter Dale (DMBC)            Janet Sharpe (SCC)            Paul Bedwell (Spawforths)            Damien Wilson (RMBC)            Mark Lynam (SCR Exec Team)            Colin Blackburn (SCR Exec Team)            Chris Collins-McKeown (SCR Exec Team)            James Mead (Environment Agency)            Anastasija Clayton (Homes England)            Craig Tyler (Joint Authorities Governance Unit)</p> <p>Apologies were received from Board Members John Mothersole (SCC) and Owen Michaelson (LEP) + Simon Carr (LEP – Co-opted), Rob Pearson (Homes England), Jolyon Harrison (MJ Gleeson), Simon Mann (Environment Agency) and Michael Hellewell (SCR Exec Team)</p>	
2	<p><b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b></p> <p>None noted.</p>	
3	<p><b><u>Minutes of the Previous Meetings</u></b></p>	

	<p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> March were agreed to be an accurate record.</p> <p>The following matters were noted as arising:</p> <p><u>3. Notes of the Previous Meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> February</u></p> <p>It was reported that work with SYHA will be progressed on the production of a ‘modern methods of construction and related initiatives’ paper.</p> <p>It was noted a meeting with the Mayor has been arranged by SYHA to discuss homelessness in the City Region. The Mayor will be asked to chair a forthcoming conference on the matter. The Board was also informed the Crisis national plan is due to be launched on 11<sup>th</sup> June.</p> <p><u>5. Pilot Housing Fund</u></p> <p>The Board was informed that HF ‘recoverability rates’ are being considered on a scheme by scheme basis but overall the programme is still working towards 50% of funding being recoverable.</p> <p>It was confirmed that all five of the expected ‘first wave’ of Full Business Case documents were received by the SCR Exec Team ahead of the 30<sup>th</sup> March deadline.</p> <p><u>7. SCR Place Delivery Plan and Dashboard</u></p> <p>It was confirmed the ‘enhanced’ dashboard reports, featuring more contextual ‘numbers’ would be presented from the next and at future meetings.</p> <p><u>8. Homes England Programme</u></p> <p>It was reported that one of the seven bids submitted to the National Housing Infrastructure Fund was successful (Sheffield City Centre sites). Some feedback from MHCLG has been received in relation to the unsuccessful schemes, although further discussions will be needed to clarify details.</p> <p><u>11. HIEB Forward Plan</u></p> <p>It was reported the Directors of Housing had met to consider the current Forward Plan and discussed how this might be further developed to provide appropriate officer support for HIEB.</p>	
4	<p><b><u>Urgent Items / Announcements</u></b></p> <p>None noted.</p>	
5	<p><b><u>Superfast Broadband SY (SFSY) Progress and Local Full Fibre Network Proposals</u></b></p> <p>A report was received to provide an update on progress in delivering the South Yorkshire Superfast Broadband Programme and to</p>	

introduce the emerging thinking relating to a SCR Local Full Fibre Network fund bid submission and a Cities 5G Pilot bid submission.

It was noted the current (commenced 2014, enhanced 2016) delivery contract is in-progress and over 97% of premises will have broadband coverage by the end of the year (and the conclusion of the current contract), well in excess of the government's 95% target. The remainder of the contract will concentrate on the increasingly harder to reach rural communities. It was acknowledged BT are behind on their agreed delivery profile (due to various challenges) and regular dialogue is being maintained to manage this situation (with payments to BT being rescheduled) accordingly.

#### SCR Local Full Fibre Network Bid

The Board was informed of a new funding initiative to provide Ultrafast fibre broadband (at least 100mbps) and 5G services, with an initial £400m being made available by Government to support schemes.

It was noted the SY Broadband Programme Board is overseeing the preparation of a strategic bid involving all local authorities and the Combined Authority with a strong focus on economic benefits particularly within the SCR Urban Centres and other Major Growth Areas; utilising public sector assets where possible.

#### 5G Urban Connected Communities Testbed and Trial Bid

It was also noted the government has invited expressions of interest from public sector authorities who wish to take a key role in the delivery of a 5G Urban Connected Communities project (£100m available).

It was noted work has commenced on the development of a 'single geography bid' based around Sheffield, Rotherham and AMID (with aspirations to expand in the future).

The Board was advised how these initiatives align to the revised SY Digital Connectivity Strategy.

**Action: David to contact district officers to provide them the opportunity to help inform bids for further funding.**

The Chair highlighted High Melton as an area with significant redevelopment plans but with poor internet connectivity. Natalie indicated this is just the kind of local knowledge that is needed to help drive forward the Connectivity Strategy's ambition to help hard to reach areas.

It was noted a 20-25% contribution (cash or in-kind) is required as a condition of government funding.

The Board noted dissatisfaction with some of the failings of BT to adhere to the agreed delivery profile, and questioned whether this should be taken into account in awarding future delivery contracts.

	<p>The Board was informed of other initiatives underway or planned to help sites struggling with connectivity. It was suggested businesses need to be encouraged to make contact with the SFSY team to learn more about what options are available to them.</p> <p>The Board discussed the importance of Economic Zone connectivity, noting the plan is for all Zones to be covered, and the huge amount of potential that better connectivity can deliver.</p> <p>It was suggested further investment for better connectivity might be derived through place-based alignment to the SCRIP investible propositions initiative.</p> <p>The Board discussed the possibility of avoiding the need to retrospectively connect areas by using local planning policies to make broadband connectivity a condition of planning approval for all new developments.</p> <p>RESOLVED, that the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Notes the progress being made in delivering superfast broadband across South Yorkshire through the South Yorkshire Superfast Broadband Programme.</b></li> <li><b>2. Supported the emerging thinking relating to a SCR Local Full Fibre Network fund bid submission and a Cities 5G Pilot bid submission.</b></li> <li><b>3. Directs district officers to engage the SFSY officers in the interests of ensuring all local planning policies are supportive of the ambition for 100% superfast (and better) broadband coverage.</b></li> </ol>	
6	<p><b><u>SCR Draft Emerging Housing Programme</u></b></p> <p>The Board received information regarding the SCR's emerging housing programme.</p> <p>It was noted the LEP Partnership Board recently received a presentation on this matter and had voiced broad support for the initiatives underway to help ensure the deliverability of the programme, directing officers to ensure the 'mix' of new developments is right to help support the ambitions of the SCR SEP.</p> <p>It was noted the LEP Board had also discussed the discrepancy between the local plan targets and the SEP target for new housing and the need to try and align projections.</p> <p>The Board was advised on how the Pilot Housing Fund (see agenda item 7) will contribute to, and is an important part of, the Programme.</p> <p>The Board was advised on how the Programme continues to be refined, in terms of the number of priority sites identified and</p>	

	<p>understanding how and when the various development sites fit best as part of the overall delivery pipeline.</p> <p><b>Action: Colin / Chris to present a fuller priority sites presentation to the next meeting</b></p> <p>The Board further commented on the various issues already acknowledged as reasons for the under delivery of new housing.</p>	
7	<p><b><u>Pilot Housing Fund</u></b></p> <p>The Board was provided with an update on the Fund and the work of the Housing Investment Board (HIB), noting the status of the schemes under consideration.</p> <p>It was noted the 10 schemes currently being progressed have the capability to delivery c1200 new housing units, of which one third are expected to be affordable. These would see c£9.3m being invested, of which c50% is expected to be recoverable.</p> <p>It was noted HIB have taken a decision to support the Nanny Marr Road Ph2 scheme (35 affordable housing units). This has subsequently been signed off by the S73 officer.</p> <p>Information was provided regarding the second and third (and potentially fourth) 'waves' of schemes to be assessed by HIB in due course.</p> <p><b>Action: Chris / Colin to annotate future delivery reports to show the scheme district (as well as its coded number) where appropriate.</b></p> <p>The Board discussed the importance of adopting a place-based mentality (capturing the importance of matters such as tourism, cultural and leisure factors) as drivers of development (as well economic factors) as ways to encourage further regeneration and new housing provision.</p>	
8	<p><b><u>Homes England Programme</u></b></p> <p>The Board was provided with the Homes England Programme Update report setting out what Homes England are doing to help SCR's ambition to increase the rate of homes being delivered to match its economic strategy.</p> <p>The report highlighted progress on key initiatives and projects and provided an update on live programmes.</p> <p>The Board noted there had been no bid emanating from the SCR for a scaled up Shared Ownership and Affordable Housing Programme (SOAHP) project. It was reiterated there is no lack of willingness locally to work up a bid, but the lack of bid to date is testament to the complexities involved with this work.</p>	

	<p>Consideration was given to the £36m invested by Homes England in 2017/18, and how much of this was in the SCR compared with other regions.</p>	
9	<p><b><u>JAB Minutes</u></b></p> <p>The minutes of the JAB meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> April were provided for information.</p>	
10	<p><b><u>Place Delivery Plan – Dashboard</u></b></p> <p>The Dashboard update was provided for information.</p>	
11	<p><b><u>Forward Plan</u></b></p> <p>The Forward Plan was provided for information.</p> <p>The Board noted there was a majority of housing related matters on the Forward Plan and discussed the need to strike the right balance between housing and infrastructure items.</p> <p><b>Action: Colin to consider the ‘balance’ of the Forward Plan and seek to ensure that capital schemes’ full business cases are reported to HIEB meetings for consideration, unless there is a time critical reason for needing a decision by Executive Board Members between HIEB meetings.</b></p>	
12	<p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b></p> <p><u>1. Dave Sheridan</u></p> <p>The Board was advised Dave had provided notice of his decision to step down from the Board due to competing time pressures. Members requested their thanks to Dave for his support of the Board be placed on record.</p> <p><b>Action: Craig to formally thanks Dave on the Board’s behalf</b></p> <p><u>2. Yorkshire Property Awards</u></p> <p>The Board was informed there had been SCR success at the recent awards ceremony, with the AMP winning a ‘game changer’ award.</p> <p>It was requested the Board’s congratulations be recorded.</p> <p><u>3. Mayoral ‘asks’</u></p> <p>The Board was advised of work being co-ordinated by the SCR Exec Team to collate and manage the various ‘asks’ of the SCR Mayor.</p> <p>It was noted further briefings would be provided as matters develop.</p>	
16	<p><b><u>Date of the Next Meeting</u></b></p> <p>10.00am, 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2018, Broad Street West, Sheffield</p>	

