

SCR SKILLS EXECUTIVE BOARD

14 JANUARY 2015

AMP, WAVERLEY, ROTHERHAM

No.	Item	Action
1	<p><u>Welcome and Apologies</u></p> <p>Present:</p> <p><u>Board Members</u> Nigel Brewster, Brewster Pratap, CHAIR Cllr Chris Read, RMBC Jo Miller, DMBC Julie Kenny, Pyronix / LEP</p> <p>Apologies were received from Board Members Cllr Ann Syrett (BoDC) and Dorcas Bunton (DDDC)</p> <p><u>In Attendance / Advisory Members</u> Tony Tweedy, Sheffield CC Conor Moss, SHU Simon Perryman Dan Fell, Doncaster CoC Paul Jagger, TRC Claire Bowie, SCR Executive Team Ruth Adams, SCR Executive Team Tom Smith, BMBC Stuart Cutforth, Chesterfield College Craig Tyler, Joint Authorities Governance Unit</p> <p>For item 6: Eleanor Dearle, BMBC</p>	
2	<p><u>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th November were agreed to be an accurate record.</p> <p>The following matter was noted as arising:</p> <p>4. <u>TATA Update</u> It was noted that £1.5m has been received to assist individuals affected by redundancy. A working group will be convened to</p>	

	<p>oversee the spending of this sum.</p> <p>All actions were noted as complete.</p>	
3	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Stuart and Paul noted interests in respect of their positions as college principles.</p> <p>As SCR LEP representative, Jo noted an interest in the High Speed College.</p>	
4	<p><u>Urgent Items / Announcements</u></p> <p>The Board was informed that Nigel was imminently due to be announced as the new Vice Chair of the SCR LEP. Members duly noted their congratulations and wished Nigel well in his new role.</p>	
5	<p><u>Gainshare</u></p> <p>A presentation was provided introducing the Board to the concept of Gainshare, this being the £30m x 30 year additional funding allocation which is being negotiated with Government.</p> <p>It was noted that Gainshare is a substantive element of what is now termed 'the single pot' that being the aggregation of Gainshare, previously agreed local growth deals and a 'share of national programmes (totalling c. £1.25bn for the SCR).</p> <p>Members were informed that each Board is being invited to assess its priorities and consider how it wants to work up its own proposals for what schemes might be funded from Gainshare. This is in addition to a number of other stakeholder exercises which will inform the investment programme. It was noted that overarching conditions of eligibility have been determined to be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall fit with the ambition and objectives of the SEP • Deliverability • Scalability <p>Workshops are to be arranged for February / March to bring these workstreams together. Dates are to be confirmed in due course.</p> <p>It was noted that the size of the 'share of national funding streams' is still to be quantified but is expected to be significant subject to the ratification of the deal and further discussions with government departments. Ruth confirmed meetings are scheduled with HMT to discuss this matter.</p>	

	<p>It was agreed that the key objective for each Board is therefore to secure its share of the devolution deal for programmes to deliver key thematic objectives through the development of a deliverable, scalable, realistic programme of investments that can start delivering from 1st April 2016.</p> <p>It was noted that the Devolution Deal capital / revenue split is 60/40. However, it was also suggested that in recognition of the detail of subsequent deals for other regions, there may be scope to vary this split and potentially increase the revenue percentage.</p> <p>The group considered whether a 'UCAS style' apprenticeship hub clearing house initiative might qualify for Gainshare funding.</p> <p>Consideration was given to 'new' employment sectors that might be targeted.</p> <p>It was agreed that all bids for Gainshare funding will need to be based on labour market intelligence, particular if there are intentions to try and assist people who would otherwise not be able to access training.</p> <p>It was agreed that the SEB programme would also need to be appropriately mindful of other factors that may influence delivery, including the outcomes of the ABR.</p> <p>It was agreed that the SEB working groups will be important sources of ideas for bids for funding. Consideration should also be given to whether any important stakeholders who are not represented on the working groups need to be engaged in determining ideas i.e. representatives of KS2 deliverers. However, it was also suggested that officers need to be realistic regarding how many people can be engaged before 1st April.</p> <p>The board noted the potential benefits of progressing just a small number of 'big ticket' transformational projects.</p> <p>Action: Ruth / Claire to commission the working groups to undertake this work and present a draft proposal to the next meeting.</p> <p>Action: Ruth to engage officers working on the Business Growth theme to assess areas of overlap</p> <p>It was noted that new funding allocations will be referenced in the 2016/17 SEB Business Plan, the draft of which is due to be</p>	<p>RA / CB</p> <p>RA</p>
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	<p>presented to the next meeting.</p> <p>Action: Ruth to present the draft Business Plan to the next meeting.</p> <p>Action: ALL to submit project ideas for consideration</p>	<p>RA</p> <p>ALL</p>
6	<p><u>Social Inclusion</u></p> <p>The group was introduced to work being led by the Social Inclusion and Equalities Board to devise a Social Inclusion Framework for the SCR and the SEP.</p> <p>It was noted that this work has commenced in respect of the CA's intention to not lose sight of the underpinning need to increase social inclusion whilst progressing ambitions for economic growth.</p> <p>It was noted that Executive Boards are currently being asked to comment on the proposed key objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More people in employment and paid a living wage, • More people in work taking up training opportunities and progressing in work • More people living in affordable and decent quality homes <p>It was noted that the SCR Overview and Scrutiny Committee will also be looking at the draft objectives prior to their recommendation to the CA / LEP.</p> <p>From a skills perspective, the Board considered whether an additional objective around access to education should be proposed.</p> <p>Members discussed how social inclusion issues can be mitigated by the 'right kind' or economic uplift, including more people earning a decent wage in jobs with development potential. It was therefore suggested that the 1st objective might need further consideration, potentially linked to recognising employers who genuinely invest in their employees.</p> <p>The Board noted a preference for seeing social inclusion being at the heart of every Executive Boards' activities rather than having this responsibility vested in a standalone Social Inclusion Board.</p> <p>Conor advised the Board of the work of the Centre for Education and Inclusion Research, and the Centre for Regional Economic and Social Research, suggested these organisations might be engaged to assist with the development and</p>	

	<p>implementation of objectives.</p> <p>Action: Ruth / Conor to consider proposals</p>	RA / CM
7	<p><u>Devolution</u></p> <p>A paper was presented to highlight to the board progress made in the devolution working groups including implications of the spending review and emerging resource requirements</p> <p>It was reported that four of the five devolution working groups are underway with varying levels of progress made, as outlined within this paper.</p> <p>Each group has begun to analyse the impact of the Spending Review in their respective areas including initial meetings with Government officials from BIS, DWP and Cities and Local Growth Team.</p> <p>RESOLVED, that the Board Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the progress made in each working group • Approve a review of ESF allocations in line with the Work & Health Programme and wider SCR CA plans to secure Intermediate Body status • Approve the secondees identified to support the co-design of the Work & Health programme • Approve the SCR executive team in seeking revised wording to the devolution deal to become co-commissioners with DWP Summary • Endorse the development of a proposal for an SCR apprenticeship growth service funded through the SCR “Gainshare pot” 	
8	<p><u>ABR Update</u></p> <p>A paper was presented to highlight progress made in the review process and to provide a summary of discussions held at the last steering group meeting and actions/next steps, including a number of specific points for consideration.</p> <p>It was noted that a Governors meeting is being held tomorrow and at which the emerging ABR outcomes will be presented for consideration. It was agreed that following this, an update should be drafted for the SCR Leaders.</p> <p>Action: Ruth / Claire to draft, sharing with SEB Board Members for initial comment prior to presenting to CA / LEP.</p> <p>The Board discussed ideas for Institute of Technology ‘cross</p>	RA / CB

	<p>cutting STEM subjects' from CDI to Infrastructure and Manufacturing/Engineering. Conor indicated he might be willing to take a lead on this strand.</p> <p>Action: Conor / ALL to discuss CDI ideas at the next meeting</p> <p>RESOLVED, that the Board Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the type of requests SCR would expect from Government restructuring funds ahead of any final recommendations being made through the ABR process • Note the requirement to consider priorities in the development of an SCR Institute of Technology • Instruct the Apprenticeship Working Group to finalise a strategy in line with ABR findings and timescales 	CM / ALL
9	<p><u>Skills Capital / Glass Academy</u></p> <p>It was reported that discussions are underway with colleagues working on the Business Growth theme regarding the potential reclassification of the Glass Academy initiative if a decision is made to continue to support the project</p>	
10	<p><u>Performance Dashboard</u></p> <p>A paper was presented to highlight the performance dashboard for Skills Employment and Education activity in the city region.</p> <p>Consideration was given to appropriate reporting frequencies.</p> <p>It was noted that post code data is being collated for all schemes to enable GIS mapping.</p> <p>Additional reporting requirements back to government were noted.</p> <p>The Board agreed that the working groups should all be able to access the performance dashboard information.</p> <p>RESOLVED, that the Board Members will receive a performance dashboard update at every other SEB meeting.</p>	
11	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>i. <u>LEP Skills Summit</u> The Board was advised of provisional plans for a summit to be convened on 11th March. However, members suggested this is</p>	

	<p>too soon to organise a worthwhile programme and should ideally be postponed until after the outcome of the ABR is known.</p> <p>It was agreed to rebrand this event as a launch of the Skills Bank.</p> <p>Action: Ruth / Claire to amend and progress arrangements</p> <p>ii. <u>All Parliamentary Yorkshire, Humber and North Links Group</u> The Board was advised of the above group's plans for a dinner on 8th March at which links between education and the business sector will be discussed.</p> <p>Action: Jo to circulate further details</p> <p>iii. <u>SCR Overview and Scrutiny Committee</u> The Board was advised of the Committee's intention to 'call in' the work of the post 19 working group for scrutiny.</p>	<p>RA / DB</p> <p>JM</p>
12	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>25th February, 8.30am at AMP, Waverley Rotherham.</p>	