

# **SCR TRANSPORT EXECUTIVE BOARD**

# 23rd FEBRUARY 2016

# AMP, WAVERLEY, ROTHERHAM

No.	Item	Action
1	Welcome and Apologies	
	Present:	
	Board Members Martin McKervey (Nabarro / LEP) – in the Chair Diana Terris, BMBC	
	Apologies were received from Board Members: Cllr Julie Dore (SCC) and Neil Taylor (BaDC)	
	The attendees suggested the CA / LEP summary report of the meeting should note that a number of Board members were unable to attend in the interests of offering a further, formal opportunity to challenge any of the arising draft recommendations.	
	In Attendance / Advisory Members Matt Gladstone, BMBC Peter Dale, DMBC Simon Green, SCC Steve Edwards, SYPTE Julie Hurley, SCR Executive Team David Allatt, SCR Executive Team Craig Tyler, Joint Authorities Governance Unit	
2	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	
	The minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th January were agreed to be an accurate record with the following exception:	
	9. <u>Bus Franchising</u> It was agreed this agenda item and the subsequent minute should have been referenced as bus franchising and potential partnership models that devolution may facilitate in recognition of the true status of the initiative.	

The following matters were noted as arising:

#### 8. Social Inclusion

It was noted that officers met recently to discuss the emerging matrices and objectives against which social inclusion will be 'measured'.

It is expected that transport related metrics will continue to evolve with the assistance of the Social Inclusion and Equalities Board.

# 11. <u>National Infrastructure Commission – Call for Evidence</u> Post-Submission

It was noted that further responses to the Commission and related engagements will be progressed at both district and City Region level. The merits of cohesive city region wide responses were acknowledged. It was noted we currently await the NIC's 'next steps'.

## 14. Transport for the North

The group discussed matters arising at the recent TfN meetings.

It was noted that TfN have commissioned the undertaking of an independent economic review to inform the, to be undertaken, prioritisation work. The Board therefore considered the appropriate means via which the SCR's transport priorities need to be presented for consideration and the importance of ongoing dialogue with the TfN team. It was suggested this needs to be based on and informed by the good work already undertaken to develop the SCRIIP evidence base.

It was noted that TfN appear to be placing a significant degree of emphasis on the economic case for investment and this should therefore be a matter for local consideration.

The Board discussed whether there was merit in promoting 1 'big SCR ask'.

It was noted that the SCR is making the right connections, with 2 Board Members and 1 officer on the Executive and efforts will continue to represent the region's best interests as the TfN Business Planning process evolves.

#### 17. HS2 Programme Board

The Executive Board discussed its relationship with, and responsibility over, the HS2 Programme Board and noted matters that will be likely discussions are future meetings.

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	It was noted that significant actions are predicated on the government's awaited announcement of the preferred station location.	
3	Declarations of Interest	
	No declarations of interest relating to the business to be transacted on today's agenda were noted.	
4	<u>Urgent Items / Announcements</u>	
	LSTF Transitional Funding	
	Members were asked to note the email circulated by Julie H on 17th February regarding the LSTF Transitional funding bidding process, background, next steps and timescales.	
	It was noted that the bid submission deadline is 18.00 on 29th March and due to Easter holidays and sign off requirements, officers are aiming to have the intended bid written by the 21st March.	
	Members were advised that given the challenging timescales, work has commenced on devising the draft content of the bid, to be informed by knowledge around which schemes were successfully delivered under the previous iterations of LSTF.	
	It was confirmed that a lack of bid writing expertise has been resolved.	
	RESOLVED, that Members endorse the submission of the bid and agree the submission should be signed off by the Chairs of the CA and TEB.	
	Network Rail Consultation	
	Members were informed that as a follow up to Sir Peter Hendy's previous report, further views are being sought on Network Rail's programme, what it will deliver during the current control period (2014/19) and what will be delivered in future control periods.	
	It was noted that responses have to be in for the 18 March 2016 and an urgent request is therefore being put before the Board for the delegated sign off of the consultation document.	
	RESOLVED, that the Board agrees that Cllr Dore may sign off the consultation response.	
5	TEB Membership	

Members were informed of Cllr Syrett's notice of intention to stand down from the Board. It was noted that efforts are underway to address the Board Member vacancies (1 x Leader, 1 x LEP Board Member). Members were advised that it has been confirmed the LEP member vacancy will need to be filled by an official member of the LEP Board. However, the Board suggested they would like to ensure Paul Lynch can take an active advisory role going forward where appropriate. Action: Craig to progress discussions and seek CT nominations 6 TEB Business Plan 2016/17 The Board was presented with a paper recommending the draft 2016/17 Sheffield City Region (SCR) Transport Executive Board (TEB) Business Plan for submission to the Combined Authority. It was noted that the Business Plan has been developed with guidance from the TEB Members and from advisory senior LA officers. Members were advised that at a recent session of the SCR Local Authorities' Executive Directors (held on 15th February). some late changes have been introduced as a result of ongoing developments. These relate to the Local Transport Plan, rail connectivity to RHADS, AMID connectivity and resourcing gaps. It was agreed that further prominence needs to be given to east-west connectivity Action: Dave to make the amends and circulate the revised DA version for information. It was noted that a number of unknowns still exist around the resources required to deliver the milestones of the Business Plan and how these will be sourced. Members were informed that the business plan breaks into two key areas (Delivery and Strategy & Policy) and were asked to note the need to support strategy development to ensure SCR benefits from key national programmes such as Transport for

the North.

Members were informed that the following changes to the version published with the agenda pack were proposed:

RESOLVED, that subject to the provision of the revised version, the Board Members agree to submit, to the SCR CA, the draft 2016/17 TEB Business plan for ratification as part of the SCR Delivery Plan 16/17.

# 7 **Gainshare Priority Setting**

Members were presented with a discussion paper setting out the potential transport inputs to be considered by the SCR Combined Authority in considering utilisation of the devolved 'Gainshare' funding (i.e. £30 million per annum flexible funding that SCR will receive for 30 years).

It was noted that the Combined Authority, subject to ratification of the deal, will determine its criteria for deployment of Gainshare and to inform this work, the CA is considering a range of factors including transformational strategic activity aimed at growing the £30m pot, submissions for local spatial priorities in addition to ideas generating from Executive Boards.

It was suggested that the project costs need to be presented in 'whole life' terms i.e. inclusive of longer term maintenance requirements.

The board recognised the importance of identifying the benefits to the other themes of transport investment.

It was noted that a Leaders' workshop will be convened mid-March to bring the 5 Gainshare themes together and begin the process of prioritising spend (subject to the ratification of the Devolution Deal).

RESOLVED, that the Board will go through the proposed Gainshare programme for transport in more detail at the next meeting.

## 8 External Projects

# **Transport for the North**

A paper was presented to provide an update on the progress made against the Transport for the North (TfN) project.

It was agreed that the draft Commission for building an evidence base would be shared for endorsement prior to commencement.

## **RESOLVED**, that the Board Members:

- 1. Note the progress of the Cities & Local Government Devolution Act in setting TfN as a statutory organization.
- 2. To note the process for commenting on the TfN March Report.
- 3. Note the progress being made on the TfN workstreams.
- 4. Recommend the CA agree the spending of up to £100,000 to develop an evidence base for complementary enhancements to the TfN Programme.

# **Trans-Pennine Tunnel**

A paper was presented to provide details of the Trans-Pennine Tunnel Study (TPTS) workstream and a proposal for how SCR should input.

It was noted that Highways England is leading the (TPTS) as part of the Transport for the North (TfN) and Road Investment Strategy (RIS). Sheffield City Region (SCR) has been involved in early engagement activities.

SCR's involvement with the various groups engaged with this initiative was explained.

#### **RESOLVED**, that the Board Members:

- 1. Note the key project milestones and approve the proposed governance approach to provide input into the TPTS.
- 2 Note the need to steer the TPTS from the SCR perspective.

# **Rail North**

A paper was presented to provide an update on developments for Rail North.

Regarding Northern and TransPennine franchising arrangements, it was noted that Arriva will operate the new Northern Franchise and First Group the new TransPennine Express Franchise. Both franchises will deliver significant investment including over 500 new rail vehicles, withdrawal of all pacer trains and complete refurbishment of remaining diesel trains. There will be significant enhanced services and investment in stations. These improvements reflect the influence of Rail North on the franchising process, and its desire to see a transformation in rail in the North, based on its

20 year Long Term Rail Strategy.

It was noted that the governance arrangements for Rail North are still being finalised and include the Members Agreement that the Combined Authority has previously agreed to sign, and the way that Rail North is funded. It was confirmed that recruitment to the posts in the Rail North Team is now underway.

Members were informed that Rail North has asked that each Director hes a nominated Deputy from the same authority or group of authorities. As SCR is a Board Member, this means that the SCR will need to nominate a Deputy for Cllr Dore. It was noted that previously, it was agreed that the Deputy would be the Chair of the SCR Transport Committee, however that decision predates the establishment of the SCR Executive Boards, so it may be appropriate to revisit. It was confirmed that the final decision on the appointment of the Deputy will need to be made by the CA.

## **RESOLVED**, that the Members

- 1. Note the content of this report.
- 2. Request that the CA bestow the nomination for Deputy Director of Rail North.

# **Key SCRIIP Findings / Recommendations**

A presentation was provided to explain the relevance and importance of transport to SCRIIP.

#### Action: Dave to circulate the presentation

It was noted that the proposed SCRIIP key recommendations for transport centre around:

- Wider connectivity to other regions
- The need for a 21st Century mass transit system
- The better promotion of the SCR as an international gateway.

It was noted that the draft SCRIIP will be put before the March meeting of the CA. Subject to ratification, formal launches will be held locally and in London during the spring.

The SCR Transport Strategy will then be revised to ensure its fit with the SCRIIP.

## 10 Any Other Business

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	No additional matters noted.	
19	Date of Next Meeting	
	21st April, 2.00pm at Sheffield Town Hall	