

Committee/Board Name and Date of Meeting:
Business Recovery and Growth Board

Meeting Date:
01 September 2021

Report Title
South Yorkshire Supply Chain Programme

Is the paper exempt from the press and public?	No
<i>Reason why exempt:</i>	Not applicable
Purpose of this report:	Funding Decision
Is this a Key Decision?	No
Has it been included on the Forward Plan?	No

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Executive Summary

Help with developing supply chains is a key ask of South Yorkshire businesses post COVID-19. Lack of new business, the inability to engage with potential customers and suppliers on a global scale and a need to reduce costs has become a real concern for businesses.

Building on a successful pilot scheme we are looking to address this by the provision of a three-year regional wide supply chain growth programme, focussed on opportunity development, capability building and regional mapping which can be accessed by all SME businesses competing in priority sectors within the South Yorkshire economy.

What does this mean for businesses, people and places in South Yorkshire?

The programme will encourage the development of strong local supply chains, enabling green and sustainable growth in the region, and will encourage inward investment. The programme will equip businesses with wrap around support enabling them to confidently bid for and be successful in winning tenders, increasing turnover, expanding their workforce and increase regional resilience to economic shocks.

Recommendations

To accept the Mandate and allow it to progress further through SYMCA's assurance process.

Consideration by any other Board, Committee, Assurance or Advisory Panel

Mayoral Combined Authority Board

14 November 2022

1. Background

- 1.1 Since the UK left the European Union, the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority has been aware of potential supply chain issues and the importance of local supply chain development. Supply chain issues were made even more apparent during the Covid-19 pandemic which enhanced the need for a regional supply chain support programme in reaction to global supply chain problems. This has been even further exacerbated by the war in Ukraine which has added to the supply chain difficulties that Brexit and Covid-19 has created globally and nationally.

2. Key Issues

- 2.1 To consider this Mandate and progress to Strategic Business Case stage of SYMCA's assurance process.

3. Options Considered and Recommended Proposal

3.1 Option 1

Investigate the programme further and review the strategic business case for the programme.

3.2 Option 1 Risks and Mitigations:

None: Risks will be fully mitigated by the SYMCA assurance process.

3.3 Option 2

Reject the Mandate application and do not investigate the programme further.

3.4 Option 1 Risks and Mitigations:

Risk is that without an intervention focused on developing local supply chains, the region will be less appealing to inward investors, risk falling behind nationally, and risk missing out on potential increased economic activity resulting in more resilient businesses and larger work forces.

3.5 Recommended Option

Option 1

4. Consultation on Proposal

- 4.1 Early engagement has been undertaken with Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham, and Sheffield councils. Engagement will continue as the proposal goes through SYMCA's assurance process.

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

- 5.1 Decision to be taken at this Board meeting on accepting the Mandate.

6. Financial and Procurement Implications and Advice

- 6.1 None at this stage.

7. Legal Implications and Advice

- 7.1 None at this stage.

8. Human Resources Implications and Advice

- 8.1 N/A.

9. Equality and Diversity Implications and Advice

- 9.1 Not at this stage.

10. Climate Change Implications and Advice

- 10.1 Not at this stage.

11. Information and Communication Technology Implications and Advice

- 11.1 None at this stage.

12. Communications and Marketing Implications and Advice Please also refer to consultation undertaken as per Section 4

- 12.1 None at this stage.

List of Appendices Included

- A South Yorkshire Supply Chain Programme Mandate

Background Papers

None
