

## Mayoral Combined Authority Board

16 January 2023

### Programme Approvals

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

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#### **Director Approving Submission of the Report:**

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#### **Executive Summary**

This paper requests the progression of two capital schemes (subject to conditions set out in the Assurance Summaries) and the release of development funding for a further two schemes.

The report further seeks approval for a number of change requests and proposes the granting of flexibilities to the five authorities to allow them to better manage inflationary pressures in a timely manner.

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

This report is seeking approval to progress business cases and enter into contract for a number of investment proposals which will support the MCA's aspirations.

#### **Recommendations**

The Board consider and approve

1. Progression of 'Broom Road' Full Business Case to full approval and award of £3.6m grant to Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council subject to the conditions set out in Appendix 1.

2. Progression of the 'National Centre for Child Health Technology' to full approval and award of £6m to the Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust subject to the conditions set out in Appendix 2.
3. Progression of 'Barnsley Active Travel Hub' from Outline Business Case (OBC) to Full Business Case and release of development costs of £0.24m to Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council subject to the conditions set out in the Assurance Summary attached at Appendix 3.
4. Progression of 'Meadowhall Mobility Hub' from Strategic Business Case (SBC) to OBC and release of development cost funding of £0.26m to South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA) subject to the conditions set out in Assurance Summary attached at Appendix 4.
5. Approval of Transforming Cities Fund flexibility as set out in para 1.9
6. 6 Change Requests set out in 1.8 and Appendix 5.
7. Delegated authority be given to the Head of Paid Service in consultation with the Section 73 and Monitoring Officer to enter into legal agreements for the schemes covered above.

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

Assurance Panel	02 November 2022
Assurance Panel	16 November 2022
Assurance Panel	06 December 2022
Transport and the Environment Board	27 October 2022
Business Recovery and Growth Board	27 October 2022
Transport and the Environment Board	15 December 2022

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## **1. Background**

- 1.1 This report seeks approval to enter into contract for two schemes and the release of development cost funding for a further two.
- 1.2 The report seeks approval for a number of change requests and also requests approval for the granting of programme management flexibilities to each authority to help manage inflationary pressures.
- 1.3 All schemes presented for approval can be fully funded from existing resource.

### **1.4 RMBC - Broom Road Active Travel Contract Award**

This project seeks £3.6m funding from the Active Travel Fund 2 (ATF2), Gainshare and the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS).

This project will deliver the continuation of a comprehensive cycle network along Wellgate and Broom Road in Rotherham. It will include associated connecting works at junctions and crossings. The project is intended to affect a mode shift away from private cars and to enable cycling as a choice for shorter journeys.

#### The Benefits and Outcomes

The project will deliver the following outputs

- 1.4km of new cycle ways
- Public realm improvements of 500 sqm

- 3 new signalised junctions
- 1 new road crossing
- 2 improved road crossing

The project will also contribute to the following outcomes

- Increased walking journeys
- Increased cycling journeys

The project aligns with SYMCA Renewal Action Plan, the SYMCA Transport Strategy and Carbon Net Zero target.

Appendix 1 provides a summary of the project assurance and any suggested conditions of award.

### 1.5 **D0050 – National Centre for Child Health Technology Contract Award**

This is an NHS sponsored project, supported by Sheffield City Council, that is seeking grant funding of £6m. The project has been endorsed by the Business Growth and Recovery Board for consideration by the MCA Board.

Funding for this project would come from SCC's notional allocation of the Gainshare capital funding made available by the MCA Board. SCC will complement regional funding with money received through the Levelling Up Fund (LUF).

The project aims to deliver an international centre of excellence for child health technology that will support world-leading research and innovation through partnerships between industry, clinical and academic experts focused upon taking services and products from concept to market. It is designed to drive national change in child health through collaboration.

The project will be based at the Olympic Legacy Park in Sheffield.

The project will:

- Catalyse the development, evaluation, and commercialisation of child health technologies
- Attract national and international investment, create jobs and establish and develop new companies
- Reduce NHS costs through early diffusion and adoption of new technology
- Create long term sustainable health change, reducing the burden of ill health for decades to come
- Address the levelling-up agenda, by addressing health inequalities in the North of England through digital and data driven change which will aim to end geographical inequality.
- Help to address the prevention agenda (Prevention is better than cure: our vision to help you live well for longer - DHSC, 2018) with the ethos of 'start-well, live well' making the North and UK a healthier place to live.

Further details of the schemes and risks are included in the Assurance Summary at Appendix 2.

### 1.6 **BMBC - Barnsley Active Travel Hub**

## **Progression to Full Business Case**

This report seeks approval for award of £0.24m development costs funded from CRSTS to Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council.

The £2.24m project will see the development of a new Active Travel Hub at the site of the current Courthouse Car Park (the development known as 'The Seam') within Barnsley Town Centre, which will replace the existing ATH at Barnsley Interchange.

The new hub will be located close to the transport interchange on a site identified for low carbon town centre residential development and new green public realm.

### The Benefits and Outcomes

The project will deliver the following outputs -

- Provide facilities and equipment to facilitate mode shift
- Connect directly to active travel infrastructure

The project will also contribute to the following outcomes -

- Increase cycling journeys to 228 per day

Appendix 3 provides a summary of the project assurance and any suggested conditions of award.

## **1.7 SYMCA - Meadowhall Mobility Hub Progression to Outline Business Case**

This report seeks approval for award of £0.26m development costs funded from CRSTS to SYMCA. This investment will enable the outline business case to be developed.

This £6.67m project will deliver an expanded park and ride facility at Meadowhall increasing capacity parking spaces by 82 to 514 spaces. A mobility hub to incorporate amenities such as cycle stands / lockers, e-scooter, benches and improved travel information will also be explored.

The release of development cost funding will enable design works, public consultation assistance and transport assessments to be completed, enabling the OBC to be progressed.

The MCA recognises the importance of managing air quality concerns in this corridor and will work with colleagues at Sheffield City Council on design mitigations.

Appendix 4 provides a summary of the project assurance and any suggested conditions of award.

## **1.8 Change Requests**

In recognition of unforeseen circumstances that can arise during the project delivery phase, the approved Assurance Framework establishes a formal process for the acceptance of change requests. These change requests could be financial,

requiring reprofiling of funds, or could be to amend deliverables or timescales. Details of the Change requests can be found in Appendix 5

## 1.9 TCF Programme Flexibilities

Price inflation is placing pressures on individual projects and wider programmes. This is a particular issue on the TCF programme where a significant number of schemes are now at the point of procurement.

This report seeks authority from the Board for individual local authorities and the MCA to receive flexibilities to manage cost pressures within each authority's total TCF funding allocation.

Simply, this would allow each authority to work to a programme level funding allocation rather than on a project-by-project basis. This would allow each authority to manage cost pressures within their own programmes of schemes in real-time, without needing to wait to revert to the MCA board for approval. Authority to approve requests to change programme/projects will be delegated to Executive Director - Resources and Investment

This should allow each authority to resolve issues in a timely manner, helping keep costs down and the programme on track.

This flexibility will be limited to projects already in the programme and any requests will be reported to the board at a later date.

## 2. Options Considered and Recommended Proposal

### 2.1 Option 1

Approve all recommendations

### 2.2 Option 1 Risks and Mitigations:

Approval of the progression of the investment proposition may result in a commitment being made against the MCA's 2022/23 gainshare allocation.

### 2.3 Option 2

Reject some, or all, of the recommendations.

### 2.4 Option 2 Risks and Mitigations:

Rejection of the recommendations in this report would mean the region foregoing the forecast benefits arising from the investment and the delivery of the projects at risk.

### 2.5 Recommended Option

Option 1

## 3. Consultation on Proposal:

4.1 Discussions for these projects has continued with the thematic board during project development.

## **5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision**

- 5.1 Subject to the approval of the recommendations and approval by the MCA, the Head of Paid Service in consultation with the Section 73 Officer and Monitoring Officer will progress to enter into a legal agreement with the promoters.

The promoter is responsible for the further development of projects that have gateway approval to the next stage of the MCA Assurance process.

## **6. Financial and Procurement Implications and Advice**

- 6.1 Two projects are recommended for contract award in this report. Funding has previously been earmarked to the schemes, and accordingly this recommendation is in budget and affordable.
- 6.2 The report seeks approval to release development funding for a further two schemes. Funding has previously been earmarked to the schemes, and accordingly this recommendation is in budget and affordable.

## **7. Legal Implications and Advice**

- 7.1 The legal implications of the projects have been fully considered by a representative of the Monitoring Officer and included in the recommendations agreed within the Assurance Summaries as presented in the Appendices.

## **8. Human Resources Implications and Advice**

- 8.1 N/A

## **9. Equality and Diversity Implications and Advice**

- 9.1 Appropriate equality and diversity considerations are taken into account as part of the assurance of the project business cases.

## **10. Climate Change Implications and Advice**

- 10.1 Appropriate climate change considerations are taken into account as part of the assurance of the project application process.

## **11. Information and Communication Technology Implications and Advice**

- 11.1 N/A

## **12. Communications and Marketing Implications and Advice:**

- 12.1 The approvals provide positive opportunities to highlight the difference the MCA's investments will make to people and passengers, businesses and places across South Yorkshire and how Members are taking action to support the region's recovery from COVID.

## **List of Appendices Included**

- 1 Assurance Summary – Broom AT Lane
- 2 National Centre for Child Health Technology - **to follow.**
- 3 Barnsley Active Travel Hub
- 4 Meadowhall Mobility Hub
- 5 Change Requests