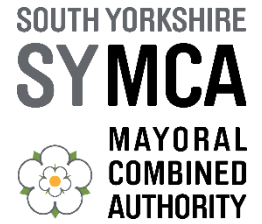


# APPENDIX A - Project Mandate

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1 - PROJECT DETAILS	
Project Name:	<i>Barnsley College – Welding and Fabrication Academy</i>
Project Location/ Address, including Post Code and Local Authority Area:	Shafton Steel, Engine Ln, Shafton, Barnsley S72 8SP BMBC
Organisation Name, Size & Company Registration Number (if applicable):	Barnsley College, Church Street, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, S70 2YW
Is your organisation an SME? If so, state size of organisation (Micro, Small or Medium)	No
Contact Name and Role:	<i>David Akeroyd, Deputy Principal, Barnsley College</i>
Address:	Church Street, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, S70 2YW
Email:	<i>d.akeroyd@barnsley.ac.uk</i>
Telephone:	01226216877
Other Delivery Partners and Roles:	<i>Project in partnership with Billington Holdings PLC (providing the training centre base with associated equipment and furnishings) and Betterweld Ltd (partner in delivery of specific skills)</i>
Estimated total project cost	<i>Up to £500,000 (with £100,000 in academic year 2022/23 and £400,000 for delivery 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023 – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024)</i>

## 2 – SOCIAL VALUE ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS

**2.1 Please confirm how you intend to comply with the eligibility conditions for accessing support from the Mayoral Combined Authority. Full details of the conditions, why they are important and examples of how they can be achieved**

and measured can be found here <https://governance.southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk/mgConvert2PDF.aspx?ID=10630>

**The conditions and your current position (taking into account your organisation size and level of funding sought) will be discussed and will form part of your contractual obligations**

<b>Conditions</b>	<b>How is your organisation currently delivering against these conditions? (e.g. have you achieved, are you working towards or is it not yet something you are doing?)</b>	<b>What evidence do you have for your current position? How will you measure future change?</b>	<b>Please provide any further details here</b>
1. Pay Real Living Wage to full and part time employees, for regularly contracted hours and overtime	All staff involved in delivery significantly above the RLW	Payroll	
2. Ensure secure work for employees, with zero hours contracts only for those who want them	No zero hours contracts used	HR	
3. Spend more with local suppliers in South Yorkshire, particularly with SMEs and the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector	Procurement process includes local spend as a criteria	Procurement policy	
4. Empower employees to be informed about the business and involved in decision-making	Staff survey annually with regular updates and meetings with Executive	Staff survey results	
5. Enhance workforce diversity	Recruitment practices fully compliant		
6. Offer more pathways into employment through work experience, placements,	As an education provider this is core business		

internships and apprenticeships			
7. Support staff progress in the organisation through training and development	Staff development investment circa £500k annually		
8. Engage with local communities	Stakeholder communication core element of operation		
9. Achieve Net Zero	Sustainability strategy launched in October 2022		
10. Create a healthy workplace	Staff wellbeing offer core employee service		

## 3 – PROJECT SUMMARY

### 3.1 – Tell us about the project

*Please provide a summary description of your project and what you intend to achieve. Why are you looking to embark on this project? What do you want to achieve? What is the problem you want to address or what is the opportunity? What is the project about?*

*Brief description of the project – Approx. 200 words*

The project will deliver an industry designed and supported training facility for the South Yorkshire region specialising in one of the key skills shortage areas – welding and fabrication. There is potential for this delivery to be widened in 23/24 to include rail working which links closely to the welding industry and represents another key staff skills shortage area.

We anticipate delivery to commence as soon as the funding is approved and awarded. Delivery for 2022/23 cannot be projected until funding is confirmed due to the limited time remaining in the current academic year. Expected numbers across 2023/24 full academic year 120

The funding will be used to provide Level 1 and Level 2 welding and fabrication certification through EAL (awarding organisation) Specifically level 1 Performing manufacturing Operations, Level 1 Metal Inert Gas Welding and Level 2 Performing Engineering Operations. These are the most appropriate programmes and provide the businesses with the baseline skills required to employ the candidates who will then, in most situations, continue to undertake an Apprenticeship Standard at Level 2 or 3 as appropriate to the role they will be undertaking. They would not be employed as an apprentice without these baseline qualifications and experience

Funding per candidate circa £2,800

*What do you hope to achieve by delivering the project?*

The opportunity is exceptional for the sub-region of South Yorkshire to be in a position to show our ability to work together to meet the needs of our businesses and provide opportunities for sector specific learning to be delivered producing the talent that is in short supply and currently necessitates international recruitment.

## 4 – STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

**4.1 – Using the table below, please set out which of the MCA’s Core Strategic Outcomes (Stronger, Fairer and Greener), as set out in the Strategic Economic Plan and Renewal Action Plan, your programme/project will contribute to.**

Projects that deliver against at least one indicator from all three of Strategic Outcomes (Stronger, Greener, Fairer) are more likely to be prioritised for investment.

**Useful links:**

For details of the Strategic Economic Plan (SEP)

[https://southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk/getmedia/4256c890-d568-42c8-8aa5-c8232a5d1bfd/SCR\\_SEP\\_Full\\_Draft\\_Jan\\_21-\(accessible\).pdf](https://southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk/getmedia/4256c890-d568-42c8-8aa5-c8232a5d1bfd/SCR_SEP_Full_Draft_Jan_21-(accessible).pdf)

For details of the Renewal Action Plan (RAP)

<https://southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk/getmedia/bf2c27b2-a5c7-4ac5-ac64-b4f8798df095/Sheffield-City-Region-Renewal-Action-Plan-Document-Final.pdf>

<b>Theme</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Contribution from this Programme/Project</b>  e.g. increase in [outcome] of x [number/%] by y [year]. Please be specific as you possibly can be at this stage of the project.
<b>Stronger –</b> Achieve sustained, inclusive growth, underpinned by productivity gains that matches the UK average	<b>Productivity per hour worked</b>	A higher productivity workforce	<b>Local people providing skilled workforce for local businesses across the region rather than importing international talent. Quicker recruitment processes leading to increased productivity</b>
	<b>High growth business</b>	A larger proportion of high growth businesses	
	<b>Business density</b>	More businesses in the area, relative to population	
<b>Greener –</b> Drive forward environmental	<b>Flooding</b>	Better protect over 17,000 homes and businesses, and	n/a

sustainability to achieve our net-zero carbon target by 2040		regionally significant infrastructure across South Yorkshire	
	<b>Carbon emissions</b>	Reduced carbon emissions	<b>If approved this would remove the need for learners wishing to achieve welding skills to travel to Derby where Betterweld currently deliver.</b>
	<b>Carbon intensity of transport network</b>	Improved carbon intensity	n/a
<b>Fairer</b> – Unlock prosperity by eliminating the wage gap and other inequalities (particularly health) with South Yorkshire and between South Yorkshire and the national average and by improving standards of living for disadvantaged communities	<b>Economic inactivity &amp; unemployment</b>	Fewer people are economically inactive and unemployed	<b>Local jobs for local residents</b>
	<b>Wage levels</b>	A lower proportion of employees on low earnings	
	<b>Qualifications &amp; skills</b>	A higher proportion of working-age population possess higher qualifications, indicating progression in education and employment.	<b>Level 1 and 2 MIG welding, Level 1/2 PMO, Level 1/2 PEO leading to apprenticeships at Level 2 and 3 Plate Welding, Level 3 Pipe Welding and Level 3 Metal Fabrication (directly meeting employer demand)</b>
	<b>Personal Wellbeing</b>	Improved personal wellbeing (as measured by indicators on feeling life is worthwhile, life satisfaction, happiness, and anxiety).	

## 5 – SYMCA SUPPORT REQUIRED

### 5.1 How can the South Yorkshire MCA support the delivery of the project?

Up to £500,000 of AEB (split it by 2022/23 and 2023/24) in addition to the College's allocation Barnsley College will subcontract with Betterweld Ltd for the delivery and will retain a 15% management, quality and control fee to cover the costs of

administration only. Betterweld Ltd are unable to effectively manage the administrative process in their current structure.

**5.2 Please provide details of any funding secured and/or details of other funders you are approaching.**

Billington's are providing circa £150k of equipment and redevelopment of learning spaces to the project alongside ongoing support and industry work experience to the learners.

**5.3 What additionality will MCA investment bring?**

Betterweld have in previous academic years delivered a small amount of provision as a subcontractor through SYMCA's AEB procured provider contracts but have been unable to continue this into the current academic year. Barnsley College do not have sufficient funds from the core or growth AEB allocations to provide revenue funding to allow this highly necessary and specialised delivery to continue.

Currently learners are being trained, at great expense to businesses, near Derby via a small commercial financial arrangement from Barnsley College to allow Betterweld to continue in operation whilst awaiting this additional funding.

Should no further funding be available the provision is unlikely to be maintained beyond April 2023

**6 - CONSULTATION**

**6.1 – Who have you consulted with about the project idea?**

<b>Please insert South Yorkshire MCA</b>	<i>Adam Greenwood, Joseph Quinn, Jim Dillon</i>
<b>Local Authority</b>	<i>Matthew O'Neill at Barnsley MBC</i>
<b>Other consultees, for example:</b>	
<b>Local community</b>	
<b>Relevant businesses</b>	<b>Billington PLC, Betterweld Ltd, Randalls Fabrication (via BW), Lantern Engineering(via BW)</b>
<b>Environment Agency</b>	n/an/a

<b>Planning Authority</b>	n/a
<b>Highway Authority</b>	n/a
<i>Please insert others as appropriate</i>	

## 7 – TIMESCALES FOR DELIVERY

**7.1 – What is the preferred date that the project can commence delivery? If this is currently unknown, please set out your proposed next steps below**

*Delivery can start as soon as possible and both partners are awaiting the outcome of the negotiations with SYMCA to enable Billington's to invest in the redevelopment of the training centre. Delivery would commence immediately in the Derby facility with a view to transitioning to the Shafton site as soon as the facility is available.*

**6.2 – If currently known, please outline the key milestones required to deliver the project and provide forecast dates for achievement.**

*[e.g. complete outline design, secure all funding, procurement complete, statutory processes complete]*

<b>By July 2023</b>	<b>First cohort of candidates delivered and progression to employment</b>
<b>September 2023</b>	<b>Training facility open in Shafton with first local cohort</b>
<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>Delivery</b>

## 8 – DEPENDENCIES

**8.1 – Is the project linked to or dependent on any other project or activity, especially one the MCA may be involved in?**

*Adult Education Budget commissioning*

**8.2 – Are there any statutory processes required for you to deliver the project?**

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**No**



**Please attach any document(s) or provide links to reference material that support any of the information presented above.**

## Document Sign Off

### 9 – DECLARATION AND SIGN OFF

*On signing the Project Mandate Form the project sponsoring organisation agrees to the following:*

- 1. The South Yorkshire (SY) Mayoral Combined Authority (MCA) is a public body and is therefore subject to information/transparency laws and the Local Government Transparency Code 2015. This Project Mandate Form will be shared with the appropriate SYMCA Boards including the MCA and Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP). In line with legislation, papers to the MCA and LEP meetings are published in advance and made publicly available. These papers will detail the applicant and summarise the Mandate Form in sufficient detail to allow the members to take an informed decision. At this point, under Local Government access to information provisions, the Mandate Form may have to be made available for inspection to any member of the public who requests it.*

*Once a project is admitted onto our programme pipeline, in line with MCA's Assurance and Accountability Framework and Freedom of Information Act (FOI) Publication Project, the Mandate Form must be published on the applicant's and the SYMCA website.*

*For this purpose, you may wish to also send a redacted copy stating any exemption or exception applied under FOI or Environmental Information Regulations. We will consider any requested redaction. Any comments received after publication are required to be reflected in SOBC, the OBC and FBC if the project progresses further. MCA will require evidence of this through the assurance process.*

- 2. MCA support is not allocated to a project at this stage. The Project Mandate Form is the means by which the MCA can accept project ideas into the Programme Pipeline. Further project development and submission of SOBC, OBC and FBC or BJC in line with the Assurance Framework will be required.*
- 3. To the best of your knowledge all the information provided in this Project Mandate Form is true and correct. You acknowledge that the information provided will inform any future contract should a decision be made to support the project.*
- 4. You will comply with due diligence requirements appropriate to this project. This will be conducted by the SYMCA Executive Team and further details will be provided if the project progresses further.*

**Person responsible for the application (Chief Executive or relevant Executive Director in your organisation)**

Name:	David Akeroyd
Role:	Deputy Principal Development and Productivity
Date:	22/2/2023
<b>Counter signatory – Director of Finance</b>	
Name:	Laila Lawton
Role:	Vice Principal Finance
Date:	22/2/2023

<b>Signature of the appropriate thematic Director in the SYMCA</b>	
Name:	
Role:	
Date:	

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Programme/Project Reference Number:	
Date Received/ Accepted:	
Version Number:	
Summary of Amendments: (if applicable)	
Resource implications for the MCA	<i>Key staff resources or functional team involvement required to deliver the project. These could be expert consultants (external) or internal functions (e.g. procurement team, HR, Tram Concession Manager, Active Travel team etc).</i>

