

Mayoral Combined Authority Board

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Programme Approvals

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Purpose of this report:	Funding Decision
Is this a Key Decision?	Yes
Has it been included on the Forward Plan?	Yes

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Executive Summary

This report requests the progression of eight schemes and the release of development funding subject to conditions set out in the Assurance Summaries. The report also requests approval for the allocation of the Adult Education Budget (AEB) and Free Courses for Jobs (FCFJ), AEB in-year flexibilities, acceptance of a Careers and Enterprise Company (CEC) grant, and the underwrite of some delivery risk on Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) activity.

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

This report recommends that the Board approves:

Adult Education Budget activity:

- a. Allocation of £40.61m Adult Education Budget (AEB) devolved funding and £2.85m Free Courses for Jobs (FCFJ) funding for academic year 2023/24 as detailed in 1.12:
- b. Flexibilities for in year changes to AEB and FCFJs contract and grant values as detailed in 1.13
- c. Progression of “Welding and Rail Academy” BJC to full approval and award of £0.50m Adult Education Budget (AEB) Innovation Fund grant to Barnsley College subject to the conditions set out in Appendix A1
- d. Progression of “Aspire to Be” Business Justification Case (BJC) to full approval and award of £0.47m AEB Innovation Fund grant to Doncaster Deaf Trust subject to the conditions set out in Appendix A2

Skills Renewal Action Plan scheme:

- e. Progression of “Apprenticeship Hub” BJC to full approval and award of £0.35m Gainshare grant to The Sheffield College subject to the conditions set out in Appendix A3

Brownfield Housing Programme schemes:

- f. Progression of “Sheffield Community Land Trust (SCLT), City Centre Scheme” from Mandate to Strategic Business Case (SBC) and release of Brownfield development funding of £0.09m to SCLT
- g. Progression of “Waverley Net Zero Carbon Pilot (Parcel 4C)” from SBC to Outline Business Case (OBC) subject to the conditions set out in Assurance Summary attached at Appendix A4
- h. Progression of “Sky-House – Waverley Central” from SBC to OBC subject to the conditions set out in Assurance Summary attached at Appendix A5
- i. Progression of “Waverley Affordable Housing Led Scheme (Parcel 4D)” from SBC to OBC subject to the conditions set out in Assurance Summary attached at Appendix A6
- j. Progression of “Canon Brewery” from SBC to OBC subject to the conditions set out in Assurance Summary attached at Appendix A7

Gainshare Investment

- k. Delegate authority for the approval of the proposal for the following scheme to the Head of Paid Service in consultation with the Mayor and the Leader of Sheffield City Council:
 - a. Subject to the conclusion of assurance and match-funding requirements, the progression of scheme ‘D0034’ to post-OBC in-principle approval for up-to £14m grant support

Delegations:

- l. Delegate authority to the Head of Paid Service in consultation with the Section 73 and Monitoring Officer to enter into legal agreements for the schemes above

Grant Acceptance:

- m. Acceptance of £0.41m grant from Careers & Enterprise Company (CEC) for Careers Hub Network

Shared Prosperity Fund:

- n. Approve the underwriting of Shared Prosperity Fund capital activity up to a value of £3m from the Gainshare capital risk reserve

Development Activity:

- o. Note the current assurance status of 106 schemes in development

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

Education Skills and Employability Board	20 February 2023
Programme Board	03 May 2023
Programme Board	17 May 2023
Assurance Panel	17 May 2023
Assurance Panel	31 May 2023

1. Background

- 1.1 This report seeks approval from the MCA Board for the:
1. Progression of eight schemes;
 2. Allocation of Adult Education Budget and Free Courses for Jobs funding;
 3. Acceptance of a Careers and Enterprise Company (CEC) grant for the Careers Hub Network; and,
 4. Use of elements of the Gainshare capital risk reserve to mitigate some risk around Shared Prosperity Fund capital activity.
- 1.2 The report further recommends that the Board delegate authority to consider the in-principle approval of one scheme, subject to the satisfactory conclusion of business case and match-funding issues, to the Head of Paid Service in consultation with the Mayor and the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the relevant thematic boards. This recommendation reflects the need to take a decision on this scheme to meet other funding and delivery requirements.
- 1.3 The report provides details on each project and outlines how schemes would be funded.

Adult Education Budget Approvals

1.4 Allocation of Adult Education Budget (AEB) and Free Courses for Jobs (FCFJ)

For the 2023/24 Academic year the MCA will receive £40.61m of AEB and £2.85m FCFJ's funding. The proposed allocations for this are shown below:

	AEB	FCFJ
Grant Allocations	£31.80m	£1.28m
Procured Provision	£7.00m	£1.55m
AEB Innovation Fund	£1.00m	N/A
Audit and Administration	£0.81m	£0.03m
TOTAL	£40.61m	£2.85m

Grant Allocations to Further Education (FE) Colleges and Local Authorities

The proposal is that FE Colleges and Local Authorities receive £31.80m of AEB and £1.28m FCFJ grant funding.

On the 20th February the Education, Skills and Employability Board approved an approach to developing proposed grant allocations for AEB.

- Indicative allocations were made using 2018/19 baseline figures, 20% funding increase to reflect delivery challenges, 10% Rates Uplift for provision below level 3, and increased level of Learner Support (from £150 to £200).
- Discussions of indicative allocations between SYMCA officers and grant providers based on financial deliverability, performance against 2021/22 allocations and strategic alignment of grant providers proposed delivery plans to AEB targets.

The Education Skills and Employability Board also approved an approach to develop proposed FCFJ grant allocations based on expected delivery.

Following this process, the MCA Board is asked to approve the award of the following grants.

Grant Provider	AEB Grant Award	Free Courses for Jobs Grant Award	Total Grant Award
Barnsley College	£2.60m	£0.30m	£2.90m
Barnsley MBC	£2.30m		£2.30m
Northern College	£2.75m	£0.15m	£2.90m
DN Colleges Group	£3.71m	£0.30m	£4.01m
City of Doncaster Council	£0.81m		£0.81m
RNN Group	£5.05m	£0.10m	£5.15m
Longley Park SFC	£0.07m		£0.07m
Sheffield City Council	£2.27m		£2.27m
Sheffield College	£11.58m	£0.30m	£11.88m
WEA	£0.50m	£0.10m	£0.60m
Chesterfield College	£0.15m	£0.03m	£0.18m
TOTAL	£31.80m	£1.28m	£33.08m

Procured Provision

The proposal is that up to £7.00m of AEB and up to £1.55m of FCFJ is allocated for procured provision.

On 20th February 2023 the Education Skills and Employability Board approved an approach to:

- Award call off contracts for academic year 2023/24 to current AEB Framework providers based on: performance; strategic alignment of proposed delivery to AEB targets; 10% Rates Uplift for provision below Level 3; and an increased level of Learner Support (from £150 to £200)
- Progression of an open tender to appoint FCFJ providers for academic years 2023/24 and 2024/25.

The MCA Board is asked to approve the following allocations for procured provision and delegate award of individual contracts to be made by the Corporate Director of Growth, Business and Skills.

AEB Innovation Fund

As part of a “Test and Learn” programme in academic year 2022/23, 7 policy proposals were implemented in response to the current cost of living crisis. This included the establishment of a £1.00m AEB Innovation Fund, designed to enable SYMCA to respond quickly to changes in the labour market or deal with specific skills shortages across the region.

Response to the Innovation Fund has been positive, with £0.37m currently committed to a Bus Driver training programme, and a further £0.97m proposed across 2 schemes seeking full approval in this paper.

On 20th February 2023 the Education Skills and Employability Board endorsed an approach to increase the Innovation Fund by a further £1.00m utilising AEB 2023/24 academic year allocation

The MCA Board is asked to approve £1.00m of AEB 2023/24 allocation to the AEB Innovation Fund, and delegate authority to approve future individual projects to the Head of Paid Service (or delegate) in consultation with the Chair of the Education, Skills and Employability Board, subject to the following principles:

- Each application limited to a maximum of £200,000 per application and minimum of £50,000
- Maximum of two applications per provider per year
- Proposals must have strong strategic alignment to, first and foremost, economic growth and thereafter to SYMCA’s ten AEB targets
- Proposals must have sensitivity to geographical distribution of funding
- Proposals must make clear why the activity cannot be supported from within existing AEB allocations
- Proposals must not duplicate or negatively affect other provision available in South Yorkshire
- Consideration must be given to the wider financial position and the need to balance investment in new provision with the extent of existing provision

1.5

AEB and FCFJ Flexibilities

On 20th February 2023 the Education Skills and Employability Board endorsed an approach to agree in year changes to grant and contract values for both AEB and FCFJ, subject to performance and funding availability.

The MCA Board is asked to approve delegated authority be given to the Head of Paid Service (or delegate) in consultation with the Chair of the Education, Skills and Employability Board to agree in year increases to individual:

- 2022/23 AEB contracts within the overall £7.40m allocation for procured provision;
- 2023/24 AEB grants within the overall £31.80m allocation for grant provision;
- 2023/24 AEB contracts within the overall £7.00m allocation for procured provision; and
- 2023/24 FCFJ contract and grant values within the overall £2.82m collective grant and procured provision allocation.

Where there has been strong performance:

- Up to a maximum of an additional 10% of the grant provider’s allocation; or

- For contracted activity, increases to individual contracts within the overall allocation for procured provision.

1.6

**Barnsley College
Welding and Rail Academy
Progression to Contract Award**

The project seeks £0.50m funding (the total project cost). The project is proposed to be funded from AEB Innovation Fund.

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.

SYMCA funding would be used for development of a bespoke welding and fabrication training programme, and delivery to 120 learners.

Benefits and Outcomes:

The project will deliver the following outputs:

- 120 learners at Levels 1 and 2

The project will deliver the following outcomes:

- 20 Apprenticeships at Levels 2 and 3
- 90 Local jobs
- £0.15m of private sector investment for training facility renovation

Appendix A1 provides a summary of the project assurance and suggested conditions of award.

1.7

**Doncaster Deaf Trust
Aspire to Be
Progression to Contract Award**

The project seeks £0.47m funding (the total project cost). The project is proposed to be funded from AEB Innovation Fund.

The project will deliver a tailored and individualised non-accredited programme for people aged 16 to 60+ from the South Yorkshire region who have Special Educational Needs & Disabilities and will promote sector specific learning, independence skills, and mindset change in readiness to enter/re-enter the world of work and or pathways into Further Education /Apprenticeships.

SYMCA funding would be used to fund project running costs of the project, and delivery of targeted activities for SEND learners and employers.

Benefits and Outcomes:

The project will deliver the following outputs:

- up to 18 months engagement for 200 individuals with SEND

The project will deliver the following outcomes:

- 50% of engaged individual into employment
- 90 Jobs Created
- 10 Apprenticeships

Appendix A2 provides a summary of the project assurance and suggested conditions of award.

Skills Renewal Action Plan Approval

1.8

The Sheffield College

Apprenticeship Hub

Progression to Contract Award

The project, delivered by the Sheffield College, seeks £0.35m funding towards a total project cost of £0.44m, an intervention rate of 80%. The project is proposed to be funded from the Gainshare allocation set aside for the Skills Renewal Action Plan.

The project will establish a South Yorkshire Apprenticeship Hub based at SYMCA offices. The hub will support business to address skills shortages and fill vacancies.

SYMCA funding would be used to fund a Hub Manager and Hub Delivery Adviser for 2 years, and development activity including engagement, resource development, marketing and support for young apprentices.

Benefits and Outcomes:

The project will deliver the following outputs:

- 300 Apprenticeships

The project will deliver the following outcomes:

- 25% of SMEs engaged are new to apprenticeships and have never previously employed an apprentice
- 15% of SMEs who are new to apprenticeships and enrol an apprentice have never previously employed an apprentice
- 60% of apprentices enrolled at level 2 and 3 aged up to 25 years old
- 60% of apprentices from deprived postcodes

Appendix A3 provides a summary of the project assurance and suggested conditions of award.

Brownfield Housing Programme Approvals

1.9

Sheffield Community Land Trust

Sheffield Community Land Trust (SCLT), City Centre Scheme

Progression from Mandate to SBC

SCLT are seeking development funding of £0.09m from the Brownfield Housing Fund revenue allocation.

This pilot project aims to transform redundant and under-utilised buildings in Sheffield City Centre into affordable, sociable and sustainable housing and workspace owned by local community.

Development funding would be used to investigate the feasibility of re-developing large scale ex retail spaces, and under-utilised commercial buildings in the City Centre, to define SCLT's first build project.

The project is split over two phases:

- Phase 1 – scope, appraise and narrow down potential sites to a preferred location.
- Phase 2 – will consist of as detailed feasibility and design work and lead to an 'investment ready' scheme

As a Community Benefit Society, the SCLT would re-invest profit back into the community, meaning that funding will remain connected to scheme that provide for local people. Further work is to be undertaken to determine a proposed delivery plan to facilitate project development and potential grant award.

Benefits and Outcomes:

- Affordable housing and workspace in a retrofitted former commercial space in the city centre
- Increased SCLT membership and enhanced community engagement

1.10

Harworth Estates Ltd
Waverley Affordable Housing Led Scheme (Parcel 4D)
Progression from SBC to OBC

Harworth is seeking £3.10m of Brownfield Housing Fund capital grant to contribute towards a total scheme cost of £33.11m.

The grant funding is sought to contribute towards a number of the plot specific abnormal cost items identified with enabling scheme delivery on a brownfield status site, including earthworks/site levelling, enhanced foundations, retaining walls and utilities.

This project will form part of the next phase of Harworth's Waverley Regeneration Scheme, a 740-acre brownfield site (formerly Orgreave Colliery and Coking Works) located on junction 33 of the M1 motorway, east of Sheffield City Centre, abutting the Advanced Manufacturing Park to the east.

The project will unlock delivery of a 185-unit affordable housing led residential scheme comprising of 1,2,3 and 4 bed homes.

This site is particularly constrained as a result of it being next to a site where material was pushed by British Coal to backfill, creating bunds against the railway line and typography issues as a result.

Benefits and Outcomes:

- 4.55 hectares of Brownfield Land remediated
- 185 housing units delivered

Appendix A4 provides a summary of the project assurance and any suggested conditions of award.

1.11

Capital and Centric Ltd

Canon Brewery Progression from SBC to OBC

Capital and Centric Ltd are seeking £3.10m of Brownfield Housing Fund capital grant towards total project costs of £143.02m at an intervention rate of 2%.

The grant funding is sought to contribute to demolition activity, site wide remediation, flood mitigation, acquisition costs, professional fees, public realm improvements and general construction costs.

This site is a large privately owned brownfield site in the heart of one of Sheffield's key strategic regeneration areas that has remained vacant for quarter of a century.

Attempts have been made previously to unlock the site's potential but so far have been unsuccessful. Capital and Centric Ltd have secured a purchase agreement with the current owners to acquire the site upon successful planning consent and will bring expertise in regeneration of similar projects to ensure this site is given the catalyst for regeneration it needs.

The project will redevelop 4.2 acres in the heart of Neepsend and deliver c.530-550 new homes for rent. The project is naturally split into 2 phases by Boyland Street –

Phase 1 (South)

- deliver c.300 high quality homes by re-purposing as much of the original brewery site
- create a vibrant central publicly accessible park in the centre of the scheme
- existing brewery building to the corner of Boyland Street and Bardwell Road will become circa 8,000 sq.ft of new co working facilities for new businesses
- c25,000sqft of commercial and amenity space

Phase 2 (North)

- Deliver c.230-250 homes with a focus on amenity for outdoor residential spaces
- c.7,000sqft of commercial space

Benefits and Outcomes:

- 4.2 hectares of Brownfield Land remediated
- 530-550 flood resilient housing units delivered

Appendix A5 provides a summary of the project assurance and any suggested conditions of award.

1.12

Harworth Estates Ltd Waverley Net Zero Carbon Pilot (Parcel 4C) Progression from SBC to OBC

Harworth are seeking £1.47m of Brownfield Housing Fund capital grant to contribute towards a total scheme cost of £30.05m at an intervention rate of 5%.

The grant funding is required to address a number of the abnormal cost items specific to the site's brownfield status, irregular shape and topography, as well as the additional over-build costs associated with the modular net zero carbon scheme versus a traditional build scheme, which contribute to a £2.3m viability gap.

This project is an upcoming phase of Harworth's Waverley Regeneration Scheme, a 740-acre brownfield site (formerly Orgreave Colliery and Coking Works) located on junction 33 of the M1 motorway, east of Sheffield City Centre, abutting the Advanced Manufacturing Park to the east.

The project will deliver 87 fully modular 100% "whole life cycle net zero carbon" residential units, representing Harworth's first net zero scheme.

The adjusted Benefit:Cost ratio (BCR) is considered high at 2.10 with spend currently forecast within the programme timeframe.

Benefits and Outcomes:

- 2.4 hectares of Brownfield Land Remediation
- 87 housing units delivered
- 100% of the dwellings will achieve "whole life-cycle carbon neutrality"
- The carbon residual emissions produced during construction will be measured and offset through the investment in similar carbon reduction schemes

Appendix A6 provides a summary of the project assurance and suggested conditions of award.

1.13

**Sky House Co (White Rose) Ltd
Sky-House – Waverley Central
Progression from SBC to OBC**

Sky House Co (White Rose) Ltd are seeking £1.30m of Brownfield Housing Fund capital grant to support the provision of affordable housing.

This project will form the central part of the Waverley redevelopment area that has been ongoing for several years and now forms an emerging new settlement comprising of a mix of new residential homes, leisure, commercial and community uses. The site is located off Mitchell Way and Highfield Spring and neighbours the Advanced Manufacturing Park and the site for the proposed Olive Lane local centre.

The proposed project aims to develop a 2.24ha brownfield site to accelerate delivery of new high quality residential housing comprising of 106 residential units comprising a mix of 1,2,3 and 4 bed homes, delivered by the end of March 2025.

Benefits and Outcomes:

- 2.24 hectares of Brownfield Land Remediation
- 106 housing units delivered

Appendix A7 provides a summary of the project assurance and any suggested conditions of award.

Gainshare Investment

1.14

**The University of Sheffield Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre (AMRC)
Lightweighting UK (HiComms)
Progression from OBC to In-Principle Approval**

This report proposes that delegation is granted to the Head of Paid Service, in consultation with the Mayor and the Leader of Sheffield City Council (as co-sponsor), to consider providing an in-principle approval to the named scheme, subject to it discharging outline business case and match-funding requirements.

This project represents the second phase of the Lightweighting UK programme, complementing existing activity at Rotherham. The project is jointly sponsored between Sheffield City Council and the MCA.

The project is split into three packages:

1. Research;
2. Equipment purchases; and,
3. Capital build costs.

The project has secured considerable private contributions – including from Boeing – towards research costs and has recently secured funding from Government via the Aerospace Technology Institute funding (ATI) to support further research and fund the necessary equipment purchases.

The AMRC are seeking support from the region for the build of a new facility, with regional money complementing resource that is being sought from Research England's Research Partnership Investment Fund (RPIF).

This delegation is sought noting a time pressure around the AMRC agreeing to accept the ATI funding package offered by Government. In agreeing to accept that funding element the project will need assurances that other funding elements are also available.

The Business Growth and Recovery Board and the MCA have previously approved progression of this scheme to Outline Business Case (OBC) and the OBC is currently being prepared for submission to assurance.

Analysis of the timeline between the need to take a decision on funding, assurance processes, and the next MCA Board in July, suggests that a delegation offers the best opportunity for the MCA to manage governance processes whilst meeting other funding deadlines.

In exercising this delegation consideration will need to be given to the outcomes of the assurance exercise and the ability to secure RPIF or other sources of funding to meet the overall requirement.

Following consideration of a number of sites across the region, and challenges from Government to reduce build costs, a site owned by the University adjacent to Factory 2050 in Sheffield has been identified as the most appropriate location for the new facility.

Whilst discussion around the total value of public subsidy required is ongoing it is expected that it could be up to £14m. Funding could be drawn from Sheffield's allocation of the delivery-ready capital project fund and the MCA's allocation of either the delivery-ready capital fund or the longer-term regional allocation.

Background

The Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre will be an open access research facility of 3,823m² housing a unique capability supporting development of world-class future composites manufacturing in the UK at both scale and rates never previously attempted.

The project seeks to exploit the benefits of composite materials and automated manufacturing of large-scale components, including:

- lightweight structures;
- corrosion resistance and fatigue resistance on large high-rate components;
- increased productivity;
- reduction on CO₂ emissions and through life costs such as maintenance, consumables and material waste.

The project will demonstrate that the South Yorkshire is a global R&D leader, turning science and ideas into solutions; attracting people with world-leading skills and talent to the UK.

The new Centre is intended to complement the existing activity undertaken at the AMRC's centre in Rotherham.

Benefits and Outcomes

- This project safeguards and grows the UK-based manufacturers, the wealth creators on which all public funding is ultimately dependent.
- Jobs will be created; supply chain jobs will be safeguarded, and
- Manufacturing benefits will be seen across the region through extended supply chains

Grant Acceptance

1.15

Careers and Enterprise Company Careers Hub

The Careers & Enterprise Company funds Careers Hubs nationwide. The MCA utilises funding to deliver strategic and operational leadership for the South Yorkshire Hub; grants to Local Authorities to part fund enterprise coordinators in each local authority area and specific interventions using a Hub Delivery Fund.

The Grant offered for 2023/24 academic year is £0.41m of which £0.33m is to fully and part fund roles at the MCA and the 4 South Yorkshire local authorities (via onward grant agreements) and £0.08m is to fund interventions (as a combination on onward grant and contracted activity).

The Board is asked to approve the delegation of authority to the Head of Paid Service in consultation with the Section 73 and Monitoring Officer to accept the grant and enter into legal agreements to deliver this.

The Board is asked to note an additional £0.03m Careers & Enterprise Company grant has been offered to the MCA for delivery of a complimentary programme focussed on Primary Schools. Acceptance of this grant is required at the end of May 2023; therefore this will be via officer delegations given the low value and timescales for acceptance.

Shared Prosperity Fund

- 1.16 Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) is the successor programme to EU structural funds, provided by the UK Government.
- 1.17 SPF is provided over the three years running from 2022 to 2025. Whilst the MCA's delivery plan was accepted without amendment by Government it has become apparent that funding for the final year of the programme (2024/25) is at risk should funding from the previous two years fall short.
- 1.18 This stipulation is designed to encourage quick delivery but creates risk and uncertainty when trying to manage a multi-year programme. This is particularly the case with a number of the capital schemes (£4.5m) where future commitments are required.
- 1.19 Whilst the risk is felt to be low overall, concerns have been raised by a number of authorities, particularly those who are delivering regional activity on behalf of other authorities.
- 1.20 Following consultation with the officer working group and Chief Executives a mitigation plan is proposed that should create confidence amongst partners to progress delivery and ultimately mitigate the core underperformance risk.
- 1.21 This report proposes that in the first instance, and where possible or necessary, contract and hiring mechanisms are used to mitigate the risk of over-commitment. This simple measure eliminates avoidable risk.
- 1.22 Where there is residual risk on capital activity that cannot be readily avoided, this report proposes that the Gainshare capital resource held in risk reserve be used to mitigate risk up to a value of £3m. The first call on this underwrite would be for schemes delivered on a regional basis, with support for each authority's individual schemes thereafter.
- 1.23 Underwriting risk in this manner should give the local authorities confidence to progress delivery. Ultimately, the best mitigation against the underperformance risk is to progress delivery as quickly as possible.

Schemes in Development

- 1.24 The MCA Board is asked to note the detail provided in Appendix A8 which shows the assurance status of proposed investments presented by location and investment theme. The appendix provides a list of 106 schemes currently in the business case cycle. It demonstrates the scale of activity across all areas in driving forward investment and provides early sight of investment decisions that may appear in future Programme Approval papers.

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 propositions will result in a commitment being made against MCA's 2023/24 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:**

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

4. **Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision**

4.1 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.

5. **Financial and Procurement Implications and Advice**

5.1 A number of capital investment projects are recommended for approval or progression in this report. All projects are presented with a proposed funding source, including drawn on the Gainshare delivery-ready project funding.

5.2 Under devolved AEB funding, SYMCA is able to allocate a proportion of funding towards the costs of administering the grant. For 2022/23 academic year 2% of the overall grant was allocated, it is proposed that 2% of the 2023/24 academic year grant be allocated for this purpose.

For Free Courses for Jobs the Department of Education stipulate that a maximum of 1% of the overall grant can be used for Audit and Administration purposes

6. **Legal Implications and Advice**

6.1 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.

7. **Human Resources Implications and Advice**

- 7.1 N/A
- 8. Equality and Diversity Implications and Advice**
- 8.1 Appropriate equality and diversity considerations are taken into account as part of the assurance of the project business cases.
- 9. Climate Change Implications and Advice**
- 9.1 Appropriate climate change considerations are taken into account as part of the assurance of the project application process.
- 10. Information and Communication Technology Implications and Advice**
- 10.1 N/A
- 11. Communications and Marketing Implications and Advice:**
- 11.1 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

- A1 Assurance Summary – Welding and Rail Academy
- A2 Assurance Summary – Aspire to Be
- A3 Assurance Summary – Apprenticeship Hub
- A4 Assurance Summary - Waverley Affordable Housing Led Scheme (Parcel 4D)
- A5 Assurance Summary – Canon Brewery
- A6 Assurance Summary – Waverley Net Zero Carbon Pilot (Parcel 4C)
- A7 Assurance Summary – Sky-House – Waverley Central
- A8 Status Update of Schemes in Development