

**South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority
Officer Scheme of Delegation
Record of Officer Decision Form**



(Regulation 7 of The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014)

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1	Subject of decision/report title:	Progression of 'Transport Innovation Fund – CCTV in Taxis' and release of £173,677 to Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
2	Decision Date:	08/05/2024
3	Background/reason for decision/purpose of report:	<p>A one-off Transport Innovation Fund (TIF) of up to £2.5m from treasury management windfall was established by the Combined Authority in August 2023, to support innovative transport projects in South Yorkshire.</p> <p>TIF funding is not intended to provide further, short-term protection to bus services, but instead to support innovative transport-related proposals that demonstrate the potential in the future to offer a more efficient means of supporting individual and community mobility than the current approach.</p> <p>In discussions with Leaders, there is a strong appetite to pilot trials of Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) across the region to investigate whether this offers a more cost effective way of serving areas that struggle to maintain a timetabled bus service.</p> <p>These proposals are to be delivered and evaluated by the end of March 2025 and if successful, could offer an innovative way of reducing pressure on the tendered services budget.</p> <p>Therefore, in February 2024 the MCA board approved delegated authority to the Head of Paid Service in consultation with Mayor Coppard – in his position as the Portfolio lead for Transport – for consideration of the Transport Innovation Fund pilot schemes, and delegated authority to the Head of Paid Service in consultation with the Section 73 and Monitoring Officer to enter into legal agreements for the schemes.</p>

4	Options considered:	1. Approve the recommendations 2. Reject some, or all, of the recommendations
5	Decision:	Option 1 – Approve the recommendations
6	Background documents:	Delegated Authority Approvals paper
7	Type of decision Key/Non-Key:	Non-Key
8	Officer making decision: (Director or Statutory Officer)	Gareth Sutton – Exec Director Resource and Investment/ S73 officer
9	Contact details (telephone number or email):	Sue Sykes, Assistant Director, FMR – sue.sykes@southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk
10	Does the decision maker have a conflict of interest?	No
11	Consultations (where appropriate):	Discussions for these projects has continued with the programme board during project development
12	Any Legal, Financial, or Equality Implications considered:	The projects are presented with a proposed funding source
13	Have Finance Team confirmed budget availability	Yes Budget code: Various
14	Signature (Stat Officer or Director) and Date:	Signature redacted Gareth Sutton Exec Director Resource and Investment/ S73 officer 08/05/2024

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