

**10<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

**AMRC Development Plan**

**Purpose of Report**

This provides background to a presentation that will be given to the LEP Board from Steve Foxley, Director of the AMRC, on the future direction of the AMRC.

**Thematic Priority**

Cross-cutting across all six thematic priorities.

**Freedom of Information**

This paper will be made available under the SCR Publication Scheme.

**Recommendations**

Note and discuss the progress made in developing the direction of the AMRC and its relationship with the SEP priorities.

**1. Introduction**

- 1.1** The University of Sheffield and the AMRC have been considering the future direction and development of the AMRC. These considerations relate to the AMRC's international, national and local impacts.

**2. Proposal and justification**

- 2.1** The University of Sheffield has been a key stakeholder in the development of the SEP, especially around the focus on innovation. Through analysing the evidence for the SEP, it is clear that the LEP needs to ensure that a much wider set of businesses, supply chains and SMEs benefit from innovation. To boost productivity and accelerate the pace of growth, a greater focus on translational research is required.

The benefits of this approach will only be realised if all partners work together to foster a culture of innovation, at scale, across the city region.

- 2.2** The MCA/LEP is working with MIT to develop the entrepreneurial ecosystem in South Yorkshire to enable the growth that the economy needs. Steve Foxley from the AMRC is part of the core team, the collaboration and focus of the MIT approach is incorporated into the AMRC's new strategy.

The LEP and the Mayor have been advocating for the AMRC to be at the centre of the much-vaunted MIT of the North. With the Government's focus on increased R&D

investment as one of the ways of levelling-up the UK, the region is well placed to lead on translational research with the AMRC and AWRC.

- 2.3 Steve Foxley will give a verbal presentation to the LEP Board outlining plans for the development of the AMRC.

### 3. Consideration of alternative approaches

- 3.1 Not applicable.

### 4. Implications

#### 4.1 Financial

There are no direct financial implications arising from this paper.

#### 4.2 Legal

There are no legal implications arising from this paper.

#### 4.3 Risk Management

Not applicable.

#### 4.4 Equality, Diversity and Social Inclusion

There are no equality, diversity and social inclusion implications arising from this paper.

### 5. Communications

- 5.1 Not applicable.

### 6. Appendices/Annexes

- 6.1 None

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