Key asks to support delivery of RAP informed by discussions on the CSR

Early Intervention Support Pilot To provide early intervention support for individuals receiving support from mainstream employment services. Focused on whether early referral to support for those with complex needs reduces incidence of long-term unemployment. Also, whether providing a co-ordinated local approach reduces welfare benefits and other service dependence.

Full Level 2 or Full Level 3 qualifications -Take up is very low across the SCR and the focus would be to link the qualifications to occupations in growth sectors. Or people who need to upskill or reskill due to the Covid pandemic and require a second Full Level 2 or Level 3 to enable them to access new opportunities in growth sectors.

Apprenticeship Advance - Allow pooling of transferred apprenticeship levy funding as already available to the West Midlands MCA, the establishment of new ATAs to support SME take up of apprenticeships, and an employer incentive scheme to stimulate demand in key skill gap disciplines.

Supporting our young people to progress into work or education - Advanced Economy Institute with a Hub in Sheffield with spokes in Doncaster, Rotherham and Barnsley to provide a seamless approach to skill development across the city region. Linked to shortage of technical and professional skills at level 4 & 5

Disadvantaged Learner Pilot -Deliver and test a pilot programme of specialist employment and skills support for learners in 'alternative provision', including those within the existing Care Leaver pathway to increase the number of most vulnerable young people aged 19-24 participating in education, training or employment.

Closing the Digital Divide - Deliver Community Digital Skills Hubs to improve the number of South Yorkshire residents accessing and developing digital skills