

January 2021

Chief Executive's Update

Purpose of Report

To provide LEP Board Members with a general update on activity being undertaken by the LEP outside of the agenda items under discussion.

1. AEB procurement

In line with the strategy approved by the thematic Board the procurement exercise for the devolved Adult Education Budget commenced on the 18th December. It is open to any organisation who would like to deliver provision funded through the devolved adult education budget to South Yorkshire residents.

2. Quarterly Economic Review

The event announcing the latest South Yorkshire's Chambers of Commerce and LEP quarterly business survey results will take place on January 27th. A link to the survey can be found on our website.

3. Covid-19 Business Input Group

This group continues to meet on a fortnightly basis to secure a business view on where the region's support should be targeted. The group continue to receive policy and data insights on the impact of C19 and provide business insight and intelligence on the shape of our business support response.

4. Skills Advisory Network

The new Skills Advisory Network (SAN) chaired by Angela Foulkes has been formally established and is working with the Department for Education and local stakeholders to develop more detailed insights into labour market challenges and opportunities. A potential project in partnership with the Manufacturers Forum, EngineeringUK and the WorkWise Foundation is in development to deepen our understanding of the needs of our manufacturing and engineering base.

5. Future High Streets Fund

The Government announced on Boxing Day that up to £830 million from the Future High Streets Fund will be invested in 72 areas across England. Sheffield received confirmation of its full £15,817,001 bid. Rotherham secured a provisional commitment of £12,660,708 and Barnsley £15,624,456.

6. Annual Performance Review

Each year the LEP is required to undergo an annual performance review as part of the governance requirements set out by MHCLG. This years' review will take place on the 25th January. In advance of that the executive team will be preparing a submission as part of the APR process setting out performance and progress against the themes of delivery, governance and strategic impact.