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Appointment of Thematic Board Members

Purpose of Report

Following consultation with partners, this paper proposes the membership of each of the thematic boards.

Thematic Priority

Cross cutting – the model impacts on all elements of the SCR CA and LEP decision making.

Freedom of Information and Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

The paper will be available under the Combined Authority Publication Scheme

Recommendations

The Mayoral Combined Authority is asked to appoint members to the thematic boards.

1. Introduction

- 1.1** At its meeting on 14th January 2019 the LEP Board agreed to revised governance arrangements in the SCR.

It was agreed that one of the features of the SCR's revised governance arrangements would be that, whilst the sub structure of the MCA and LEP would retain its thematic focus in the areas of business growth; skills and employment; housing and infrastructure; and transport a stronger model of leadership would be introduced in that each boards purpose would be to:

- Shape future policy development and priorities on issues related to its thematic area;
- Develop new programmes;
- Make investment decisions up to £2 million within the agreed budget and policy on the relevant thematic area, as delegated by the Mayoral Combined Authority (MCA) (Board decisions are legally taken by the Head of Paid Service (or their nominated representative) in consultation with the Chair of the Board. By protocol, decisions will not be taken unless there is Board consensus for the decision. Where consensus cannot be reached the issue will be escalated to the MCA and/or the LEP as appropriate for final decision)
- Accept grants with a value of less than £2 million; and
- Monitor programme delivery and performance on the thematic area.

In addition, each Thematic Executive Board also has delegated authority to approve tender awards up to £200,000.00 that are related to its area of responsibility, provided the proposed spend is within budget. Previously a general Statutory Officer delegation had been in place to approve revenue funded tender awards up to £100,000.00.

Above that figure, tender approvals require Authority approval. This allows Thematic

Executive Boards a level of delegation within their own areas.

The MCA has formal responsibility for the appointment of elected members to each board.

2. Proposal and justification

2.1 It has previously been agreed that, with the exception of the Transport Board, each thematic board will comprise two leaders, with one from the constituent councils and one from the non-constituent councils, a member of each of the remaining councils (to be nominated by the respective authority) and two private sector LEP Board members, as well as a lead chief executive from a different authority to the leader.

2.2 The Board is asked to agree the elected membership for each board as proposed below.

2.3 The non-constituent Local Authorities have to date not been approached for nominations. This will now be addressed following the conclusion of the local election process.

2.4 Business Growth Board

Leader (Constituent member authority) (Chair)	Cllr Sir Steve Houghton
Private Sector member (Chair)	Neil MacDonald
Private Sector member	Lucy Nickson
Elected member (Sheffield)	TBC
Elected member (Rotherham)	TBC
Elected member (Doncaster)	Cllr Bill Mordue
Lead Chief Executive	Sharon Kemp (RMBC)
The SCR MCA Head of Paid Service (or nominated representative)	TBC

2.5 Housing Board

Leader (Constituent member authority) (Chair)	Cllr Chris Read
Private Sector member (Chair)	Tan Khan
Private Sector member	Neil MacDonald
Elected member (Barnsley)	TBC
Elected member (Sheffield)	TBC
Elected member (Doncaster)	Cllr Glyn Jones
Lead Chief Executive	Doncaster Chief Executive
The SCR MCA Head of Paid Service (or nominated representative)	TBC

2.6 Infrastructure

Leader (Constituent member authority) (Chair)	Mayor Ros Jones
Private Sector member (Chair)	Owen Michaelson
Private Sector member	Richard Stubbs
Elected member (Sheffield)	TBC
Elected member (Barnsley)	TBC
Elected member (Rotherham)	TBC
Lead Chief Executive	John Mothersole (SCC)
The SCR MCA Head of Paid Service (or nominated representative)	TBC

2.7 Skills and Employability

Leader (Constituent member authority) (Chair)	Cllr Julie Dore
Private Sector member (Chair)	Julia Muir
Private Sector member	Philippa Sanderson
Elected member (Doncaster)	Cllr Nuala Fennelly
Elected member (Barnsley)	TBC
Elected member (Rotherham)	TBC
Lead Chief Executive	TBC
The SCR MCA Head of Paid Service (or nominated representative)	TBC

2.8 Transport

Mayor (Chair)	Mayor Dan Jarvis
Leader (Constituent member authority) (Deputy Chair)	Cllr Chris Read
Private Sector Member	Peter Kennan
Private Sector Member	Alison Kinna
Elected member (Sheffield)	TBC
Elected member (Barnsley)	TBC
Elected member (Doncaster)	Cllr Joe Blackham
Lead Chief Executive	Sarah Norman
Director General of SYPTE	Stephen Edwards
The SCR MCA Head of Paid Service (or nominated representative)	TBC

2.9 Substitutes

Elected members can nominate a deputy to attend meetings of the Board in their absence. All deputies must be named and must complete a Register of Interests Form.

Substitutes nominations in place for the LEP Board are non-transferrable to the thematic boards. A separate nomination must be in place.

3. Consideration of alternative approaches

3.1 Alternative approaches have been considered in the in the development of the new governance arrangements, this paper only proposes the membership of each board.

4. Implications

4.1 Financial

A delegation limit from the MCA to the sub boards has been set at £2m.

This provides consistency with the limits previously in place for the BIF and Housing Investment Boards and is below the average (financial) value of schemes currently being funded through the LGF programme.

4.2 Legal

The changes set out in the agreed model have been captured in the MCAs Constitution and elements of the LEPs governance framework. Both are published on the SCR website.

4.3 Risk Management

Continuing to strengthen governance arrangements in the Sheffield City Region is an

important mechanism in managing a number of corporate risks. The agreed changes reflect the commitment of both the MCA and LEP to transparency, and the clear delineation of responsibilities between different elements of the decision-making system.

4.4 Equality, Diversity and Social Inclusion

In developing the composition of the sub boards of the SCR governance arrangements it has been important to consider diversity and how this represents the breadth of the City Region, including factors such as geography and gender.

5. Communications

5.1 Once the Boards become operational it will be important to clearly and effectively communicate when, how and what decisions are being taken and the roles of different boards within this process. This will be vital in signposting people to the information that they wish to find and in improving awareness of the activity being undertaken by the MCA and LEP collectively.

As a requirement of the LEP Review, the SCR are developing a corporate plan for 2019/20. Developing this document will further clarify these roles and purposes of the Thematic Boards.

6. Appendices/Annexes

6.1 None

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