

## Mayoral Combined Authority Board

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### Business Advisory Board Appointments

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Is the paper exempt from the press and public?	No
<i>Reason why exempt:</i>	Not applicable
<b>Purpose of this report:</b>	Governance
<b>Is this a Key Decision?</b>	No
<b>Has it been included on the Forward Plan?</b>	Not a Key Decision

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#### **Executive Summary**

This paper asks MCA Board to formally endorse appointments to the Business Advisory Board.

#### **What does this mean for businesses, people and places in South Yorkshire?**

A strong, representative and diverse business voice is central to the economic success of the region. By developing a deeper understanding of the needs of the business community the MCA will be able to develop and deliver programmes that help create more jobs, more businesses and make the region a more attractive destination for new investment. The Business Advisory Board will enable the region to be better represented on the national and international stage.

#### **Recommendations**

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Board members are asked to:

**1. Approve the following appointees to the Business Advisory Board:**

- I. Sherry Kothari (Plasma-4)
- II. Tariq Shah (Vigo Group)
- III. Roz Davies (Green Estate)
- IV. David Cross (Sky-House)
- V. Richard Gould (Metlase)
- VI. Ken Perritt (GXO Logistics)

The six people named above will be combined with the following six confirmed representatives from SY business groups (approved at MCA Board on 12 September):

- I. Louisa Harrison Walker representing the three South Yorkshire Chambers (Barnsley & Rotherham, Doncaster, and Sheffield)
- II. Rachel Abbott representing the Cutlers, South Yorkshire International Trade Forum, Manufacturers Forum and Made In Sheffield
- III. Dawn Huntrod representing MakeUK
- IV. Paula Gouldthorpe representing the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB)
- V. Angela Foulkes representing the South Yorkshire Skills Advisory Board (SYSAB)
- VI. Liz Blackshaw representing the Northern Trade Union Congress.

**2. Support the intention to further broaden business representation on the Board by inviting a representative member of the CBI (Yorkshire and Humber) onto the Business Advisory Board.**

**1. Background**

1.1

The new Business Advisory Board (BAB) will provide regional business input into the work of the MCA. With representatives on the Board from a range of industries and from key business representative organisations present in the region, the MCA will be able to access and be advised by a broad spectrum of expertise.

The BAB is an advisory body with no delegated authority, however it is integral to the decision-making process to ensure a strong business voice is considered.

1.2

Members of the BAB will be asked to confirm acceptance of the terms of the position which are in line with the advertised job description. The Business Advisory Board is a voluntary partnership and as such the agreement is between the members in either in their capacity as a representative of a business body or in their personal capacity, and the MCA. They will also be asked to complete a Register of Interests form.

All members are asked to comply with the Member's Code of Conduct. The Code sets out general obligations about the standards of conduct expected, together with provisions about registering and declaring interests. It has been adopted under section 27 of the Localism Act 2011 and is required, when viewed as a whole, to be consistent with the following general principles of conduct identified by the Committee on Standards in Public Life.

## **2. Financial and Procurement Implications and Advice**

- 2.1 There are no financial or procurement implications related to the proposals set out in the paper.

## **3. Legal Implications and Advice**

- 3.1 There are no legal implications related to the proposals set out in the paper.

## **4. Human Resources Implications and Advice**

- 4.1 There are no human resources implications related to the proposals set out in the paper.

## **5. Equality and Diversity Implications and Advice**

- 5.1 Through the appointment process, the MCA has endeavoured to ensure that the new Board reflects the communities across South Yorkshire, including a commitment to achieve a gender balance. Diversity on the Boards in relation to business sectors, geography, demographics, and ethnicity has been prioritised to ensure the business voice is representative of interests throughout South Yorkshire.

## **6. Climate Change Implications and Advice**

- 6.1 An Impact Assessment is not required for this activity.

## **7. Information and Communication Technology Implications and Advice**

- 7.1 There are no information and communication technology implications relating to this activity.

## **8. Communications and Marketing Implications and Advice**

- 8.1 Any arising communications and marketing requirements will be considered as the work of the new Boards begins.