

# SCR TRANSPORT EXECUTIVE BOARD

# 24th AUGUST 2017

# SHEFFIELD TOWN HALL

No.	Item	Action
1	Welcome and Apologies	
	Present:	
	Board Members Cllr Julie Dore (SCC) - CHAIR	
	In Attendance / Advisory Members Matt Reynolds (RMBC) Peter Dale (DMBC) Gill Heyworth (BMBC) Tom Finnegan-Smith (SCC) Steve Edwards (SYPTE) Mark Lynam (SCR Exec Team) Simon Tompkins (SCR Exec Team) Lyndsey Whitaker (SCR Exec Team) Phil White (ARUP) – for item 5 Craig Tyler (Joint Authorities Governance Unit)	
	Apologies were received from Board Members Cllr Tricia Gilby (CBC), Martin McKervey (Nabarro / LEP), Diana Terris (BMBC) and Neil Taylor (BaDC) + Damien Wilson (RMBC), Matt Gladstone (BMBC), Katie Jackson (SCC / SCR Exec Team) and Mike Ashworth (DCC)	
2	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	
	The minutes of the previous meeting held on 6 <sup>th</sup> April were agreed to be an accurate record.	
3	Declarations of Interest	
	Cllr Dore declared a declaration at item 10 (Any Other Business – Arriva Trains North) in respect of her directorship on Rail North.	
4	<u>Urgent Items / Announcements</u>	

None requested. 5 **SCR Transport Strategy** The Board was provided with a report and presentation on progress made in refreshing the Sheffield City Region Transport Strategy. It was noted the working group is recommending the Transport Strategy be structured around four goals, each with three policies. These being: a) Support inclusive economic growth • Improve access to jobs, markets, skills and supply chains • Enhance productivity by making our transport system faster, more reliable and more resilient Invest in integrated packages of infrastructure to unlock growth b) Create healthy streets where people feel safe Make our streets healthy and people feel safe • Enhance our multi-modal transport system which encourages sustainable travel choices, particularly active travel • Improve sustainable and inclusive access to our green and recreational spaces c) Improve the quality of our outdoors Actively improve air quality, especially in designated **AQMAs**  Deliver a low carbon transport network, including a zero carbon public transport network • Work in tandem with town planning to create attractive places d) Promote, enable and adopt different technologies • Be at the forefront of transport innovation • Enable different solutions to create a fully integrated transport service Adopt technology solutions to stimulate change It was noted there have been some development timetable amendments and the draft Transport Strategy will now be presented to the CA and LEP Boards on 30 October 2017 for sign-off ahead of the public consultation. Pending any amendments requested by the CA and LEP Boards, the draft Transport Strategy will then be published for public consultation on 1 November 2017, with the consultation to run for 12 weeks and responses required by 17 January 2018. The refreshed Transport Strategy is then scheduled for

completion by 14 February 2018, with adoption by the SCR CA

thereafter.

Regarding communications, the Board discussed the importance of engaging local i.e. ward Members, given this strategy is highly tangible with local transport interests as part of the consultation activities. It was noted the most apposite means to undertake this level of engagement in each district will be developed, e.g. through the Transport Advisory Board in RMBC.

It was agreed all TEB members would be sighted on the final draft prior to its submission to the 30<sup>th</sup> October CA and noted adherence to this request would ensure Leaders are appropriately briefed ahead of the CA.

Action: Mark to ensure TEB members are sighted on the final (pre-CA) Transport Strategy draft

### **RESOLVED**, that the Board:

- 1. Approves the strategy's proposed vision, goals and policies.
- 2. Endorses the completion of a 12-week public consultation on the Draft Transport Strategy between 1 November 2017 and 17 January 2018.

### 6 HS2 Growth Strategy

A report was received to provide progress on producing the HS2 Growth Strategy for the Sheffield City Region.

The Board was reminded that in November 2016, the SCR was awarded £1.25 million by DCLG to develop and implement a local HS2 Growth Strategy. The purpose of the strategy being to extract maximum economic benefit from HS2 during its construction and its operation.

It was noted the funding is being drawn down in two tranches of £625,000. The first tranche was received earlier this year to fund the development of SCR's HS2 Growth Strategy and the second will fund the development of detailed station master plans for Sheffield Midland and Chesterfield.

However, it was noted the release of tranche 2 funding is predicated on the submission to DCLG of an Interim Report which will be a public document, and a confidential Progress Report. Both documents will be submitted to DCLG by 31 August 2017.

It was noted the HS2 Growth Strategy would effectively sit beneath and support the SCR Transport Strategy and have oversight of connectivity activity along the HS2 corridor. It was noted DCLG have acknowledged the 31<sup>st</sup> August date for the submission of the 2 reports is challenging given the late confirmation of the preferred HS2 route.

It was confirmed both intended documents will be circulated to TEB members for approval by written procedures on completion of the drafts.

RESOLVED, that the Board agrees to approve the Interim Report and Progress Report for DCLG by written procedures.

### 7 HS2 Parkway Update

The Board was provided with a verbal update in respect of the emerging shortlist for potential HS2 parkway station locations and work being undertaken with partners to further refine this list

It was noted intentions are to ensure the merits of all potential station locations have been fully expressed though appropriately comprehensive business cases, thus ensuring the decision on the final preferred station location has been applicably well informed. It is expected a preferred location will have been identified by January 2018 and therefore in time to inform the next HS2 Hybrid Bill.

It was noted that whilst the DfT are not planning on funding the development of the station itself, this position doesn't preclude the SCR from lobbying for a change to this intention.

#### 8 Midland Main Line Electrification

A report was received to remind members of issues concerning the Midland Main Line including the electrification scheme, Market Harborough line speed scheme, and the re-tendering of the East Midlands rail franchise.

It was noted that efforts continue to arrange a meeting with DfT representatives to outline the SCR's dismay at the news of the cancellation of the Main Line electrification (phase 2) project.

It was noted the East Midlands rail franchise consultation response would be prepared with support from SYPTE.

#### **RESOLVED**, that the Board:

1. Notes the letter sent to the Secretary of State for Transport expressing disappointment at the Government's decision to abandon phase 2 of the

	Midland Mainline electrification project to Sheffield, and agree that SCR should continue to lobby for full electrification as part of the wider package of MML upgrades.  2. Agrees that SCR prepares a response to the East Midlands rail franchise consultation based on the aspirations and delegates authority to the Head of Paid Service, in consultation with the Chair of TEB, to sign off the final response for submission before the deadline.	
10	Any Other Business	
	Transport Summit The Chair provided the Board with feedback from the recent Northern Transport Summit, at which calls were made for transport improvements across the North of England.  It was also noted an initiative has been launched to help	
	develop and mobilise a stronger business lobbying 'voice' to support these demands, akin to that enjoyed in London and the South East.  Arriva Rail North	
	The Board was advised of further strike action planned by the RMT, scheduled for Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> and Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September as part of their ongoing dispute with Arriva Rail North (Northern Franchise operator) over plans for driver-only trains.	
	Bright Bus The Board was reminded Bright Bus has ceased operations. It	
	was suggested the full effect of this move would be known at the start of the new academic year and confirmed there has been work proactive undertaken with schools and colleges to	
	minimise issues and provide advice on service changes.	
10	Any Other Business	
	No further matters noted.	
11	Date of Next Meeting	
	28 <sup>th</sup> September, 2.00pm at Sheffield Town Hall (to be confirmed)	