

## **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at Worksop Town Hall**

#### **Present:**

Councillor J C Shephard (Chair)

Councillors: D K Brett, H Burton, R B Carrington-Wilde, M F T Critchley, G Clarkson, S E Farncombe, G Freeman, D Hare, G A N Oxby and K Sutton.

Officers: S Brown, J Hamilton and J Wilson.

Also: David Hewitt – Sheffield City Region  
Councillor Sir Steve Houghton – Chair of the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority and Leader of Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council

(There were several elected Members in the audience.)

(Meeting commenced at 6.03pm.)

(The Chair read out the Fire Evacuation Procedure; in respect of the filming/recording regulations, there were no members of the public present.)

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly Councillor Sir Steve Houghton, Chair of the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority and Leader of Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, and David Hewitt from the Sheffield City Region.

#### **19. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Richardson and J M Sanger.

#### **20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

##### **(a) Members**

There were no Declarations of Interest by Members.

##### **(b) Officers**

There were no Declarations of Interest by officers.

#### **Key Decisions**

#### **21. KEY DECISIONS OF CABINET**

##### **(a) Sheffield City Region (Key Decision No. 530)**

Councillor Sir S Houghton, Chair of the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority and Leader of Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, gave a presentation on the Sheffield City Region – ‘A Model of Mayoral Governance within the Sheffield City Region’.

Copies of the presentation were tabled and Councillor Houghton summarised:

- The Strategic Economic Plan
- The ‘Deal’ – Overview
- The Single Pot
- A Mayoral Model that is ‘bound’ into the Combined Authority

- Changes required to realise the benefits of the Deal
- New Powers – Spatial Planning, Housing, Transport, Skills, Finance and Governance
- The Consultation – from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 12<sup>th</sup> August 2016
- What happens next? – decision by the Secretary of State expected September/October

Mr Hewitt added that the 'Scheme' document sets out the governance arrangements.

Elected Members raised the following issues which were responded to by Councillor Sir Houghton and Mr Hewitt:

- The process for BDC becoming a full Member.
- Options available to Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire County Councils.
- Voting rights for constituent and non-constituent members.
- The extent of the Highways Authority's retention of control.
- Borrowing powers in respect of infrastructure and possible conditions.
- Investment to develop public transport, particularly bus services in rural areas.
- Funding arrangements for bus services; the impact on bus routes and stations.
- Future proposals for rail services, particularly in an east-west direction, and the impact of HS2.
- Future expansion of and connectivity with Robin Hood Airport.
- The current role of local authority scrutiny and the future role of the Scrutiny Board.
- Funding of the elected mayor position and review of associated allowances.
- Mayoral election by proportional representation in May 2017 and possible candidates.
- The collection and re-allocation of Business Rates to District Councils.
- The role of the Joint Asset Board in respect of public assets.
- The strategic benefits for BDC – economic footprint, skills, health, transport.
- The bidding process for commissioning strategies to formulate four-year strategic plans.
- The impact of 'Brexit' on European funding and Government funding to replace any loss.
- The role of elected Members to encourage engagement with residents.
- The potential for a 'community vote' to be held by BDC on joining the SCR.
- Any possible impact from the outcome of the NCC elections in May 2017.
- The process for an exit strategy for BDC if promised benefits do not materialise.

The Chair thanked Councillor Sir Houghton and Mr Hewitt for their informative presentation.

**RESOLVED** that the presentation on Sheffield City Region be received.

### **Other Decisions**

None.

### **SECTION B – ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION IN PRIVATE**

#### **Key Decisions**

None.

#### **Other Decisions**

None.

As there was no other business to be discussed, the Chair closed the meeting.

(Meeting closed at 7.33pm.)