

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting

Delegated Officer Decision – 16 December 2022

Report Title

Acceptance of South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority Grant: Feasibility Fund

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

No, but it has been included on the Forward Plan

Assistant Director Approving Submission of the Report

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Ward(s) Affected

Borough-Wide

Report Summary

The South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA) have allocated £3m revenue to Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council as a 'Feasibility Fund'. A grant agreement has been provided by the SYMCA and this report seeks to exercise delegation to the Assistant Director Planning, Regeneration and Transport to accept the grant by signing the agreement.

Recommendations

1. To sign the SYMCA Funding Agreement in relation to the acceptance of the Feasibility Fund under the delegated powers: 'The implementation of any functions associated with any grant regime, including National Grants, City Region Grants & Programmes and European Funding'

List of Appendices Included

Appendix 1 Grant Agreement Feasibility Fund

Background Papers

[Sheffield City Region Strategic Economic Plan](#)

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

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Council Approval Required

No

Exempt from the Press and Public

No

Acceptance of South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority Grant: Feasibility Fund

1. Background

- 1.1 The South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority have made available a £3m revenue grant known as the 'Feasibility Fund'. The aim of this grant is to facilitate the development of Rotherham's Place Based Investment Strategy (PBIS) by reducing capacity and capability constraints and contributing to the development and delivery of both capital and revenue projects over the next 4 years. The PBIS will be presented to Cabinet in February 2023.
- 1.2 On the 9th November the SYMCA provided a grant agreement for signature. This report seeks to exercise the delegation to sign this agreement and accept the grant.

2. Key Issues

- 2.1 The Rotherham Place Based Investment Strategy sets out ambition for the Borough across 8 themes for investment:
- Vibrant & Resilient Places
 - Culture & Visitor Economy
 - Innovation, Enterprise & Growth
 - Skills, Education & Employment
 - Sustainability & Net Zero
 - Transport & Mobility
 - Digital
 - Housing, Land & Development

It is the conduit through which the SYMCA's single pot of funding the 'South Yorkshire Renewal Fund' will be accessed.

- 2.2 To facilitate the creation of the PBIS and the development and delivery of the projects it promotes the Feasibility Fund has been created.

High level headline categories for expenditure have been identified, as follows:

	Total (£)
Resourcing	700,000
Investment Planning	650,000
Strategy Development	200,000
Consultation Costs	300,000
Project Preparation	900,000

Land Holding Costs	250,000
Total (£)	3m

3. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 3.1 That the offer of grant is accepted, and the Council receives £3m revenue toward the development and delivery of projects and the PBIS. This option is recommended.
- 3.2 That the offer of grant is not accepted, and the Council does not pursue the development of the PBIS and access to the SYMCA's South Yorkshire Renewal Fund.

4. Consultation on proposal

- 4.1 The Feasibility Fund facilitates the PBIS. The PBIS itself assembles the outcomes and priorities of various cross-service strategies and policies. Consultation has been carried out during the formation of these individual strategies and thus informs the direction of the PBIS.

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

- 5.1 The grant agreement should be signed by 30th November, with the first tranche of funding claimed at the same time.
- 5.2 Final expenditure of the grant must take place before March 2026.

6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications (to be written by the relevant Head of Finance and the Head of Procurement on behalf of s151 Officer)

- 6.1 The South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA) have allocated £3m revenue to Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council as a 'Feasibility Fund'. A grant agreement has been provided by the SYMCA which matches the Council's plan to support the creation of the PBIS and the development and delivery of the projects it promotes.
- 6.2 There are no direct procurement implications associated with the acceptance of the grant.

7. Legal Advice and Implications (to be written by Legal Officer on behalf of Assistant Director Legal Services)

- 7.1 The terms of the Grant agreement to the Council are acceptable and allow for use of the funding as set out in the report.

8. Human Resources Advice and Implications

8.1 There are no human resources implications arising from this report.

9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

9.1 There are no specific implications in relation to this delegation.

10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

10.1 There are no specific implications in relation to this delegation.

11. Implications for CO2 Emissions and Climate Change

11.1 There are no specific implications in relation to this delegation.

12. Implications for Partners

12.1. The PBIS takes a place-based approach and covers a range of investment opportunities implemented by both the Council and its partners. Consequently the Feasibility Fund has a positive impact on partners by facilitating further capital and revenue investment across a range of projects.

13. Risks and Mitigation

13.1 The grant agreement specifies the completion of the PBIS as a grant condition. Failure to complete the PBIS will result in clawback. The Council's PBIS is in draft and will be presented to Cabinet in February.

14. Accountable Officers

Simon Moss, Assistant Director, Planning, Regeneration & Transport
Tim O'Connell, Head of RIDO

Approvals obtained on behalf of Statutory Officers: -

	Named Officer	Date
Chief Executive	Sharon Kemp	Click here to enter a date.
Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services (S.151 Officer)	Named officer	Click here to enter a date.
Head of Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)	Named officer	Click here to enter a date.

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