

## **£30.7M EXPANSION OF GROWTH DEAL BOOSTS LOCAL PLAN FOR SHEFFIELD CITY REGION ECONOMY**

The Sheffield City Region Local Enterprise Partnership has agreed an expansion to its Growth Deal with the Government which will see an extra £30.7m invested in Sheffield City Region between 2016 and 2021. This is in addition to the £297.3m of funding committed by the Government on 7 July 2014. Over the lifetime of its Deal (2015-2021) the Local Enterprise Partnership estimates that up to 15,000 new jobs could be created, 12,000 new homes built and that it has the potential to generate £530m public and private investment.

This expanded Growth Deal sits alongside and builds on the Sheffield City Region Devolution Deal recently agreed with Government.

This ground-breaking deal gives the Sheffield City Region greater control over skills, business support, transport, housing and employment programmes, so that local leaders have the tools to drive economic growth in the area. The Sheffield City Region will enjoy an unprecedented level of control and flexibility over local growth programmes, and this deal will provide further resources for the area to draw on.

The additional proposed projects include:

- Investment in Skills, capital investment in training facilities across the Sheffield City Region, to maintain and improve facilities for learners. This will include the creation of a new Rail Engineering Campus in Doncaster, bringing together a new £50m Centre of Excellence for Rail Engineering with the HS2 National College and other major facilities to make Doncaster the UK's capital for rail engineering skills.
- Further investment in Sheffield City Region's Business Support Programme to support local businesses to invest and grow, including its existing unlocking business growth programme
- Further investment in Sheffield City Region's Sustainable Transport Exemplar Programme to promote cycling, walking and public transport across the City Region
- A fund to speed up development in the Sheffield City Region Enterprise Zone, creating new high quality employment premises and speeding up the delivery of jobs and further investment in the Enterprise Zone. The Enterprise Zone has sites in Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham, Sheffield and Markham Vale

- An investment to speed up delivery of the rail replacement programme for Sheffield's Supertram network
- Midland Mainline Market Harborough Improvements – Improving the journey time for non-stop passenger and freight train services on the Midland Main Line, through the realignment of the rail infrastructure at Market Harborough.

The Sheffield City Region Growth Deal is part of a long term plan to devolve at least £12 billion from central government to local economies. The plan aims for every part of the country to be a motor of growth for the national economy – building on the strength of the Sheffield City Region.

### **Quotes**

The Prime Minister said:

“Giving local communities the power and the money to unlock growth and development and make the spending decisions that work for them is a key part of our long-term economic plan to secure a brighter future for Britain and ensure a recovery for all.

“And this is happening right here in Sheffield City Region, with more money announced today for key projects to boost the local economy as part of the multi-million pound expansion of the Government's Growth Deals.

“And because the money will be in the control of a partnership of local community, business and civic leaders it means it will go on the things that really matter to people and businesses here.”

“That is what Growth Deals are all about, backing local people and investing in the infrastructure, housing and skills that will drive forward local economies, create more jobs and opportunities for hardworking people and supercharge all parts of our country.”

The Deputy Prime Minister said:

“A quiet revolution is underway in the Sheffield City Region and across the country, as Growth Deals signal the death of the culture where Whitehall calls the shots. Of course, as a local MP, I've seen for myself the difference it makes to give this great city more power over skills, over business support, over infrastructure spending.

"I am delighted to announce the expansion of the Sheffield City Region Growth Deal today.

“The Coalition Government has been relentless in our efforts to sort out the public finances and set firm foundations for growth. Growth Deals help create a stronger economy and a fairer society by boosting local economies, and providing more jobs, better transport and affordable homes.”

Councillor Sir Stephen Houghton CBE, Chairman of the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority, said:

“This expanded Deal marks another milestone on our ‘devolution journey’ and builds on our recent Devolution Deal which transferred additional powers and policy levers from Government to our City Region’s decision makers.

“Work is already underway to maximise our funding and create thousands of new jobs and training opportunities for local people. This additional £30 million funding will accelerate and enhance this crucial work.”

James Newman, Chairman of the Sheffield City Region LEP, said:

“This is another step forward in ensuring that our City Region has the powers and funding that we need to grow our economy by growing local businesses and creating good jobs for local people.

“This important deal is the result of the excellent local partnerships in place across our City Region, particularly between the private sector led LEP Board and the Combined Authority. These strong local partnerships bring together local leaders from local government and from the private sector to make more effective local economic decisions.

“This expansion of our Growth Deal with the Government adds to our £325 million allocation which we secured in the first round of Growth Deals. Once again, we are leading the charge when it comes to getting the powers and funding from the Government that local leaders need to boost growth in our private sector.”

## FACTSHEET

### 1. How much is the Government investing in Sheffield City Region as part of the Growth Deal?

	Initial Growth Deal (July 2014)	Expansion – additional funding awarded (Jan 2015)	Total Expanded Growth Deal
<b>Local Growth Fund</b>	<i>£297.3m</i>	<i>£30.7m</i>	<b>£328m</b>

### 2. What proposed projects will this new tranche of funding deliver?

The additional funding will deliver the following projects:

- Supporting skills delivery in Sheffield City Region. This will include further investment in training facilities across the Sheffield City Region, to maintain and improve facilities for learners. There will also be a new Rail Engineering Campus in Doncaster, which will bring together a new £50m Centre of Excellence for Rail Engineering with the HS2 National College and other major facilities to make Doncaster the UK's capital for rail engineering skills.
- A further investment in Sheffield City Region's Business Support ambitions to support local businesses to invest and grow, including its existing unlocking business growth
- A further investment in Sheffield City Region's Sustainable Transport Exemplar Programme to promote cycling, walking and public transport across the Sheffield City Region
- A fund to speed up development in the Sheffield City Region Enterprise Zone, bringing £45m of private investment in the zone, creating new high quality employment premises and accelerating the delivery of jobs and further investment in the Enterprise Zone. The Enterprise Zone has sites in Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham, Sheffield and Markham Vale
- An investment to speed up delivery of the rail replacement programme for Sheffield's Supertram network
- Midland Mainline Market Harborough Improvements – Improving the journey time for non-stop passenger and freight train services on the Midland Main Line, through the realignment of the rail infrastructure at Market Harborough in conjunction with Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham & Nottinghamshire LEP and Leicester and Leicestershire LEP.

This adds to the projects that were announced in July 2014, including:

- A government investment of up to £49.5 million over 6 years in Sheffield City Region's Business Support Programme to provide grants to local businesses to invest and expand
- The £100million<sup>1</sup> Sheffield City Region Skills Bank, which will provide local businesses with more of the skills they need. The City Region's businesses will gain even greater control over how skills funding is spent, and will ensure that more local people get training which matches job opportunities in the area. Government will also invest £5million in a new Glass Innovation Centre<sup>2</sup>, training future generations to work in an industry with a long tradition in the City Region. A further £13million will also be dedicated to improving the quality of college facilities across the City Region
- A Government investment of £119.5million in the Sheffield City Region Infrastructure Fund (SCRIF) for its comprehensive multi-year infrastructure programme. Government will jointly invest in the following six strategic transport and infrastructure projects starting in 2015/16:
  1. **M1 J36 to Dearne Valley** – improved roads to the Dearne Valley Parkway to develop new employment and housing sites
  2. **Gateway to the Sheffield City Region** – completing the link road from the M18 motorway to Robin Hood Airport Doncaster Sheffield
  3. **Seymour Link Markham Vale, Sheffield City Region Enterprise Zone** – construction of the Seymour Link Road between junction 29A of the M1 and development plots at Markham Vale North
  4. **Sheffield City Centre Key Sites** - a series of road and public space schemes to stimulate regeneration in priority growth and employment areas in Sheffield city centre
  5. **Harworth Bircotes** – highway improvements to support the development of a former colliery site
  6. **Chesterfield Waterside** – project to increase the supply of high quality office space in Chesterfield
  7. **Upper Don Valley** – delivering new roads and highway improvements to support the development of two major regeneration areas in the Upper Don Valley area of Sheffield
  8. **Doncaster DN7** – new link road from M18 to improve access to Don Valley Power Park and development land

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<sup>1</sup> Government will invest £21.7million over 6 years in the Skills Bank, with the Sheffield City Region LEP committing over £30 million and local businesses investing over £50 million

<sup>2</sup> Project previously known as British Glass Academy

**9. Worksop and Vesuvius Works** – series of highway improvements to facilitate employment and housing site development

**10. Lower Don Valley** - series of highway improvements to accelerate delivery of housing and employment land

These projects will ease congestion, create new and improve existing highways, open up access to key housing and employment sites and improve Sheffield City Region's business offer by increasing the amount of high quality office space.

### **3. How does this benefit the people of Sheffield City Region?**

The Growth Deal will promote growth in Sheffield City Region by raising skill levels, supporting new and growing businesses and providing the economic infrastructure which businesses need to thrive.

According to estimates by the LEP, the Growth Deal could bring to Sheffield City Region:

- Up to 15,000 Jobs
- Up to 12,000 Homes
- Up to £530m public and private sector investment.

### **4. What is the benefit for local businesses?**

The Growth Deal confirms additional funding for Sheffield City Region's highly successful Business Support Programme, providing local businesses with the finance they need to invest and expand.

The Deal also provides funding to accelerate the delivery of the Sheffield City Region Enterprise Zone, creating high quality new buildings providing almost 8,000 square metres of new employment space and accelerating the delivery of jobs and investment in the Enterprise Zone.

### **5. Facts and figures**

The Growth Deal builds on significant recent investment in growth opportunities in Sheffield City Region including:

- Growing Places Fund total allocation: £18,574,935m
- Enterprise Zone funding: £26,961,132m
- City Deal: As a result of the City Deal, Sheffield City Region now has an Investment Fund to invest in growth, develop infrastructure, create jobs and

stimulate inward investment and a local skills funding model to address skills gaps in sectors such as advanced manufacturing.

- Devolution Deal: Sheffield City Region agreed a devolution deal with Government in December 2014, which transferred greater control over skills, employment support, business support, transport and housing to local leaders. This deal was fiscally neutral, but gave Sheffield City Region more control over the levers of economic growth.
- Regional Growth Fund: Sheffield City Region LEP area has to date received £68.7m investment from the Regional Growth Fund, and could also benefit from £40.3m invested in neighbouring LEPs.