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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND
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**The Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and
Sheffield Combined Authority Order 2014**

Made - - - - *******
Coming into force - - *1st April 2014*

This Order is made in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 84, 91 and 93 of the Local Transport Act 2008(1) and sections 103 to 105 and 114 to 116 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009(2).

The Secretary of State, having regard to a scheme prepared and published under section 82 of the Local Transport Act 2008 and section 109 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009, considers that the making of this Order is likely to improve—

- (a) the exercise of statutory functions relating to transport in the area to which this Order relates,
- (b) the effectiveness and efficiency of transport in that area,
- (c) the exercise of statutory functions relating to economic development and regeneration in that area, and
- (d) economic conditions in that area.

The Secretary of State is satisfied that the area to which this Order relates meets the conditions set out in section 103 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

The Secretary of State has consulted—

- (a) the district councils for the area comprised in the South Yorkshire integrated transport area,
- (b) the South Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority,
- (c) such other persons as the Secretary of State considered appropriate.

The councils whose areas are comprised in the South Yorkshire integrated transport area have consented to the making of this Order.

(1) 2008 c.26.
(2) 2009 c.20.

In making this Order, the Secretary of State has had regard to the need to reflect the identities and interests of local communities, and to secure effective and convenient local government.

A draft of this instrument has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament pursuant to section 94 of the Local Transport Act 2008 and section 117 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

Accordingly, the Secretary of State makes the following Order:

PART 1

General

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield Combined Authority Order 2014 and shall come into force on 1st April 2014.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

“the 2009 Act” means the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009;

“combined area” means the area consisting of the areas of the constituent councils;

“the Combined Authority” has the meaning given by article 3(2);

“constituent councils” means—

(a) Sheffield City Council; and

(b) Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council and Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council;

“financial year” means the period of 12 months ending with 31st March in any year;

“ITA” means the South Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority;

“non-constituent councils” means—

(a) Chesterfield Borough Council; and

(b) Bassetlaw District Council, Bolsover District Council, Derbyshire Dales District Council and North East Derbyshire District Council.

PART 2

Establishment of a combined authority for Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield

Establishment

3.—(1) There is established a combined authority for the combined area.

(2) The combined authority is to be a body corporate and to be known as the Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield Combined Authority.

(3) The functions of the Combined Authority are those functions conferred or imposed upon it by this Order or by any other enactment (whenever passed or made), or as may be delegated to it by or under this Order or any other enactment (whenever passed or made).

Constitution

4. Schedule 1 (which makes provision about the constitution of the Combined Authority) has effect.

Funding

5.—(1) The constituent councils must meet the costs of the Combined Authority reasonably attributable to the exercise of its functions relating to economic development and regeneration.

(2) The amount payable by each of the constituent councils is to be determined by apportioning the costs of the Combined Authority referred to in paragraph (1) between the constituent councils in such proportions as they may agree, or in default of agreement, in proportion to the total resident population at the relevant date of the area of each council concerned as estimated by the Registrar General.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (2) the relevant date in relation to a payment for a financial year is 30th June in the financial year which commenced two years prior to the current financial year.

PART 3

Transport

Abolition and transfer of functions

6.—(1) The South Yorkshire integrated transport area is dissolved and the ITA is abolished.

(2) On the abolition of the ITA—

- (a) its functions; and
- (b) its property, rights and liabilities,

are transferred to the Combined Authority.

Adaptation of enactments

7.—(1) This article has effect in consequence of article 6.

(2) In any enactment (whenever passed or made)—

- (a) any reference to an integrated transport area; or
- (b) any reference which falls to be read as a reference to such an area,

is to be treated as including a reference to the combined area.

(3) In any enactment (whenever passed or made)—

- (a) any reference to an integrated transport authority; or
- (b) any reference which falls to be read as a reference to such an authority,

is to be treated as including a reference to the Combined Authority.

Passenger Transport Executive

8.—(1) In this article “the Executive” means the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive established pursuant to the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Area (Establishment of Executive) Order 1973**(3)**.

(2) The Executive is to be an executive body of the Combined Authority for the purposes of Part 5 of the Local Transport Act 2008 and Part 6 of the 2009 Act.

(3) In the application of section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972**(4)** (arrangements for the discharge of functions) to the Combined Authority the Executive is to be treated as if it were an officer of the Combined Authority.

Continuity

9.—(1) Nothing in article 6 or 7 affects the validity of anything done by or in relation to the ITA before 1st April 2014.

(2) There may be continued by or in relation to the Combined Authority anything (including legal proceedings) which—

(a) relates to any of the functions, property, rights or liabilities transferred to the Combined Authority; and

(b) is in process of being done by or in relation to the ITA immediately before 1st April 2014.

(3) Anything which—

(a) was made or done by or in relation to the ITA for the purposes of or otherwise in connection with any of the functions, property, rights or liabilities transferred; and

(b) is in effect immediately before the transfer takes effect,

has effect as if made or done by or in relation to the Combined Authority.

(4) The Combined Authority shall be substituted for the ITA in any instruments, contracts or legal proceedings which—

(a) relate to any of the functions, property, rights or liabilities transferred; and

(b) are made or commenced before the transfer takes effect.

(5) A reference in this article to anything made or done by or in relation to the ITA includes a reference to anything which by virtue of any enactment is to be treated as having been made or done by or in relation to the ITA.

(6) Without prejudice to the generality of this article a levy issued by the ITA under section 74 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988**(5)** and in accordance with the Transport Levying Bodies Regulations 1992**(6)** to the constituent councils in respect of the financial year beginning 1st April 2014 is to have effect for that year as if it had been so issued by the Combined Authority.

(3) [S.I. 1973/1728](#).

(4) [1972 c. 70](#).

(5) [1988 c.41](#); section 74 was amended by the Local Government Finance Act [1992 \(c. 14\)](#), Schedule 13, paragraph 72; the Local Government (Wales) Act [1994 \(c. 19\)](#), Schedule 6, paragraph 21; the Environment Act [1995 \(c. 25\)](#), Schedule 24; the Greater London Authority Act [1999 \(c. 29\)](#) section 105; the Courts Act [2003 \(c. 39\)](#), Schedule 8, paragraph 305(a); the Fire and Rescue Services Act [2004 \(c. 21\)](#), Schedule 1, paragraph 68; the Local Government and Involvement in Public Health Act [2007 \(c. 28\)](#), Schedule 1, paragraph 16; the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act [2009 \(c. 20\)](#), Schedule 6, paragraphs 74 and 75 and Schedule 7, Part 4; the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act [2011 \(c. 13\)](#), Schedule 16, paragraph 182(a); the Localism Act 2011 (c. 20), Schedule 7, paragraphs 1, 2; and by [S.I. 1994/2825](#).

(6) [S.I. 1992/2789](#), amended by [S.I. 2012/213](#).

PART 4

Additional functions

Economic development and regeneration functions

10.—(1) The functions of the constituent councils set out in Schedule 2 to this Order are exercisable by the Combined Authority in relation to its area.

(2) The functions are exercisable concurrently with the constituent councils.

(3) Any requirement in any enactment for a constituent council to exercise such a function may be fulfilled by the exercise of that function by the Combined Authority.

Incidental provisions

11. The following provisions shall have effect as if the Combined Authority were a local authority for the purposes of these provisions—

- (a) section 142(2) of the Local Government Act 1972⁽⁷⁾ (the power to arrange for publication of information etc relating to the functions of the authority); and
- (b) section 222 of the Local Government Act 1972 (the power to prosecute and defend legal proceedings).

12.—(1) The Combined Authority shall have the power to exercise any of the functions described in subsection (1)(a) and (b) of section 88 of the Local Government Act 1985⁽⁸⁾ (research and collection of information) whether or not a scheme is made under that section.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1) of this article, paragraphs (a) and (b) of section 88(1) of the Local Government Act 1985 shall have effect as if a reference to “that area” were a reference to the combined area.

13. Section 13 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989⁽⁹⁾ (voting rights of members of certain committees) shall have effect as if—

- (a) in subsection (4) after paragraph (h) there were inserted—
 - “(i) subject to subsection (4A), a committee appointed by the Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield Combined Authority;”;
- (b) after subsection (4) there were inserted—
 - “(4A) A person who is a member of a committee falling within paragraph (i) of subsection (4) or a sub-committee appointed by such a committee shall for all purposes be treated as a non-voting member of that committee or sub-committee unless that person—
 - (a) is a member of one of the constituent councils as defined by article 2 of the Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield Combined Authority Order 2014⁽¹⁰⁾; or
 - (b) is given voting rights by resolution of the Combined Authority in accordance with paragraph 4(5) of Schedule 1 to that Order.”.

(7) 1972 c.70.

(8) 1985 c.51.

(9) 1989 c.42.

(10) S.I. 2014/XXXX.

14. Regulation 64 of the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013⁽¹¹⁾ (special circumstances where revised actuarial valuations and certificates must be obtained) shall have effect as if after paragraph (8) there were inserted—

“(8A) Paragraph (8B) applies where the exiting employer is the South Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority (“the ITA”) and the liabilities of the fund in respect of benefits due to the ITA’s current and former employees (or those of any predecessor authority) have been or are to be transferred to the Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield Combined Authority as a result of the establishment of the combined authority by article 3(1) of the Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield Combined Authority Order 2014⁽¹²⁾.”

(8B) Where this paragraph applies, no exit payment is due under paragraph (1) and paragraph (2) does not apply.”.

15.—(1) The Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013 are amended as follows.

(2) In Part 1 of Schedule 2 (Scheme employers) at the end insert—

“25. The Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield Combined Authority established by the Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield Combined Authority Order 2014⁽¹³⁾.”.

(3) In Part 1 of Schedule 3 (pension funds) at the end insert—

“(z) the Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield Combined Authority established by the Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield Combined Authority Order 2014.”

Signed on behalf of the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government

Name
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Department for Communities and Local
Government

Date

⁽¹¹⁾ S.I. 2013/2356; there are no relevant amendments.

⁽¹²⁾ S.I. 2014/XXXX.

⁽¹³⁾ S.I. 2014/XXXX.

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

Article 4

Constitution

Membership

1.—(1) Each constituent council shall appoint one of its elected members as a member of the Combined Authority.

(2) Each constituent council shall appoint another of its elected members to act as a member of the Combined Authority in the absence of the member appointed under sub-paragraph (1) (“the substitute member”).

(3) Each constituent council shall appoint one of its elected members to be a rotational second member (“the second member”) of the Combined Authority.

(4) The Combined Authority shall appoint two of the rotational second members each year for a one year term.

(5) The order of rotation of the second members shall be determined at the first meeting of the Combined Authority.

(6) For the purposes of this Schedule any reference to a member is to be treated as including a reference to the appointed second members.

(7) Each non-constituent council shall appoint one of its elected members to be a member of the Combined Authority.

(8) Each non-constituent council shall appoint another of its elected members to act as a member of the Combined Authority in the absence of the member appointed under sub-paragraph (7) (“the substitute member”).

(9) A person ceases to be a member or substitute member of the Combined Authority if they cease to be a member of the constituent council or non-constituent council that appointed them.

(10) A person may resign as a member or substitute member of the Combined Authority by written notice served on the proper officer of the constituent council or non-constituent council that appointed them and the resignation shall take effect on receipt of the notice by the proper officer.

(11) Where a member or substitute member’s appointment ceases by virtue of sub-paragraph (9) or (10) the constituent council or non-constituent council that made the appointment shall, as soon as practicable, give written notice of that fact to the Combined Authority and appoint another of its elected members in that person’s place.

(12) A constituent council or non-constituent council may at any time terminate the appointment of a member or substitute member appointed by it to the Combined Authority and appoint another of its elected members in that person’s place.

(13) Where a constituent council or non-constituent council exercises its power under sub-paragraph (12), it shall give written notice of the new appointment and the termination of the previous appointment to the Combined Authority and the new appointment shall take effect and the previous appointment terminate at the end of one week from the date on which the notice is given or such longer period not exceeding one month as is specified in the notice.

(14) For the purposes of this paragraph, an elected mayor of a constituent council or non-constituent council is to be treated as a member of the constituent council or non-constituent council.

Chairman and vice-chairman

2.—(1) The Combined Authority must in each year appoint a chairman and a vice-chairman from among its members and the appointments are to be the first business transacted after the order of rotation of second members at the first meeting of the Combined Authority, and in subsequent years at the annual meeting of the Combined Authority.

(2) A person ceases to be chairman or vice-chairman of the Combined Authority if they cease to be a member of the Combined Authority.

(3) If a vacancy arises in the office of chairman or vice-chairman, an appointment to fill the vacancy is to be made at the next ordinary meeting of the Combined Authority, or, if that meeting is to be held within 14 days of the vacancy arising, at the meeting following that meeting.

Proceedings

3.—(1) Subject to the following sub-paragraphs, any questions that are to be decided by the Combined Authority are to be decided by a majority of the members and substitute members, acting in place of members, present and voting on that question at a meeting of the Combined Authority.

(2) No business shall be transacted as a meeting of the Combined Authority unless at least three members or substitute members appointed by the constituent councils are present at the meeting.

(3) Each member, or substitute member acting in that member's place, is to have one vote and no member or substitute member is to have a casting vote.

(4) Members appointed by the non-constituent councils will be non-voting members of the Combined Authority.

(5) The proceedings of the Combined Authority are not invalidated by any vacancy among its members or substitute members or by any defect in the appointment or qualifications of any member or substitute member.

Committees

4.—(1) The Combined Authority shall appoint one or more committees as an overview and scrutiny committee, or as the case may be committees, of the Combined Authority.

(2) The Combined Authority shall appoint members of each of the constituent councils and non-constituent councils to each overview and scrutiny committee appointed by the Combined Authority.

(3) An overview and scrutiny committee appointed by the Combined Authority may not include any member of the Combined Authority.

(4) Each member of the overview and scrutiny committee appointed from the constituent councils is to have one vote and no member is to have a casting vote.

(5) Members appointed from the non-constituent council to the overview and scrutiny committee, or to any other committee or sub-committee of the Combined Authority, shall be non-voting members of that committee or sub-committee but may be given voting rights by resolution of the Combined Authority.

(6) Any overview and scrutiny committee appointed by the Combined Authority shall have the power to—

- (a) invite members to attend before it to answer questions;
- (b) invite other persons, including members of the public, to attend meetings of the committee;

- (c) review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge of any functions which are the responsibility of the Combined Authority;
 - (d) make reports or recommendations to the Combined Authority with respect to the discharge of any functions which are the responsibility of the Combined Authority;
- (7) The power to review or scrutinise a decision made but not implemented under sub-paragraph (6)(c) includes the power to recommend that the decision be reconsidered by the Combined Authority.
- (8) Where an overview and scrutiny committee appointed by the Combined Authority makes a report or recommendation under sub-paragraph (6)(d) the committee may—
- (a) publish the report or recommendations;
 - (b) by notice in writing require the Combined Authority to—
 - (i) consider the report or recommendations;
 - (ii) respond to the overview and scrutiny committee indicating what (if any) action the Combined Authority proposes to take;
 - (iii) if the overview and scrutiny committee has published the report or recommendations under sub-paragraph (8)(a), publish the response.
- (9) A notice served under sub-paragraph (8)(b) must require the Combined Authority to comply with it within two months beginning with the date on which the Combined Authority received the reports or recommendations or (if later) the notice.
- (10) The Combined Authority shall comply with a notice given under sub-paragraph (8)(b).
- (11) Sub-paragraphs (8)(a) and (10) are subject to section 9FG of the Local Government Act 2000 and to any provision made under section 9GA(8)(14) and the Combined Authority shall be treated as a local authority for those purposes.

Records

- 5.—(1)** The Combined Authority must make arrangements for the names of members and substitute members present at any meeting to be recorded.
- (2) Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the Combined Authority, or any committee or sub-committee of the Combined Authority, are to be kept in such form as the Combined Authority may determine.
- (3) Any such minutes are to be signed at the same or next suitable meeting of the Combined Authority, committee or sub-committee as the case may be, by the person presiding at that meeting.
- (4) Any minute purporting to be signed as mentioned in sub-paragraph (3) shall be received in evidence without further proof.
- (5) Until the contrary is proved, a meeting of the Combined Authority, committee or sub-committee, a minute of whose proceedings has been signed in accordance with this paragraph is deemed to have been duly convened and held, and all the members and substitute members present at the meeting are deemed to have been duly qualified.
- (6) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (3) the next suitable meeting is the next following meeting or, where standing orders made by the Combined Authority provide for another meeting of the authority, committee or sub-committee, to be regarded as suitable, either the next following meeting or that other meeting.

(14) 2000 c. 22. Sections 9FG and 9GA were inserted by the Localism Act 2011 (c. 20), section 21 and Schedule 2.

Standing orders

6. The Combined Authority may make standing orders for the regulation of its proceedings and business and may vary or revoke any such orders.

Remuneration

7.—(1) No remuneration is to be payable by the Combined Authority to its members, other than allowances for travel and subsistence paid in accordance with a scheme drawn up by the Combined Authority.

SCHEDULE 2

Article 10(1)

Economic development and regeneration functions

1. Such functions of the constituent authorities as are exercisable for the purpose of economic development and regeneration in reliance on the general power of competence under section 1 of the Localism Act 2011⁽¹⁵⁾.

2. The power under section 144 of the Local Government Act 1972⁽¹⁶⁾ (the power to encourage visitors and provide conference and other facilities).

3. The duty under section 8(1) of the Housing Act 1985⁽¹⁷⁾ (duty of local housing authorities to consider housing conditions in their district and the needs of the district with respect to the provision of further housing accommodation).

4. The duties under sections 15ZA, 15ZB, 15ZC, 17A, 18A(1)(b), of the Education Act 1996⁽¹⁸⁾ and the power under sections 514A and 560A of that Act (duties and powers related to the provision of education and training for persons over compulsory school age).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This order establishes the Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield Combined Authority.

Part 6 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (“the 2009 Act”) provides for the establishment of combined authorities for the areas of two or more local authorities in England. Combined authorities are bodies corporate which may be given power to exercise functions relating to transport and to economic development and regeneration in their area.

The Secretary of State may only establish a combined authority for an area where a scheme for such an authority has been published under section 109 of the 2009 Act. This order has been made following the publication of such a scheme on 25th April 2013 by the constituent councils

⁽¹⁵⁾ 2011 c.20.

⁽¹⁶⁾ 1972 c.70.

⁽¹⁷⁾ 1985 c.68.

⁽¹⁸⁾ 1996 c.56.

whose areas together make up the combined area of the new authority. The scheme is available at www.sheffieldcityregion.org.uk/projects/the-sheffield-city-region-authority.

Part 2 of the Order establishes the new authority, to be known as the Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield Combined Authority on 1st April 2014, and makes provision for its constitution and funding.

Article 4 of and *Schedule 1* to the Order make provision for the constitution of the Combined Authority. This is supplemental to the provision that is made by Part 1A of Schedule 12 to the Local Government Act 1972 (see paragraph (6A) of that Schedule, as amended by the 2009 Act).

Article 5 makes provision for the funding, by the constituent councils, of those costs of the Combined Authority that relate to the exercise of its economic development and regeneration functions.

Part 3 is about the transport aspects of the combined authority. *Article 6* dissolves the South Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority and transfers its functions and its property, rights and liabilities to the Combined Authority. *Article 7* makes general adaptations to the primary and subordinate legislation, so that references to an integrated transport area or authority are to be treated as extending to the Combined Authority and its area. *Article 8* makes the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive an executive body of the Combined Authority. *Article 9* ensures continuity when functions, property, rights or liabilities are transferred by the Order.

Part 4 confers additional functions on the Combined Authority. *Article 10* confers functions of the constituent councils relating to economic development and regeneration. These are set out in Schedule 2 to the Order and are to be exercised concurrently with the constituent councils. *Articles 11 to 13* make some general, incidental provisions relating to the Combined Authority to enable it to carry out its functions more effectively.

A full regulatory impact assessment has not been prepared as this instrument will have no impact on the costs of business and the voluntary sector.