

Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board

Thursday 28 September 2023
4:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting.
The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear
in the formal minutes of the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of Interest

Andy Williams declared a non-statutory disclosable interest in relation to Agenda Item 8 (Cambridge South-East Transport Scheme), as a consultant to businesses on the Cambridge Biomedical Campus.

Andy Neely declared a non-statutory disclosable interest in relation to Agenda Item 9 (Better Public Transport – Waterbeach to Cambridge and Waterbeach Greenway), as a resident of the Waterbeach area.

Councillor Davey declared a non-statutory disclosable interest in relation to Agenda Item 10 (Better Public Transport – Cambridge Eastern Access Project), as a resident of Riverside.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the previous Executive Board meeting, held on 29 June 2023, were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

The minutes of the extraordinary joint meeting of the Executive Board and Joint Assembly, held on 26 June 2023, were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

4. Public Questions

Thirty-three public questions had been accepted by the Chairperson, who had agreed that the questions would be taken at the start of the relevant agenda item.

5. Feedback from the Joint Assembly

The Executive Board received a report from the Chairperson of the GCP Joint Assembly, Councillor Tim Bick, which summarised the discussions from the Joint Assembly meeting held on 7 September 2023.

6. Making Connections Outline Business Case and Next Steps

The Executive Board resolved to:

- (1) Note the strategic objectives of the City Deal programme and the Making Connections proposals;
- (2) Note the results of the consultation that was undertaken on the Making Connections proposals as outlined in Section 4 and Appendix 2 of the report;
- (3) Note the request from the Joint Assembly meeting on 7 September with regard to this item as outlined in Section 3 of the report;
- (4) Note; Appendix 4 of the report prepared in response to the request from the Joint Assembly;
- (5) Agree that the preferred option (Scenario 1A) as outlined in Section 7 and the Outline Business Case (Appendix 5):
 - a. meets the strategic objectives of the City Deal programme and
 - b. responds appropriately to the issues raised during the consultation.
- (6) Agree that the proposals are not at a stage to enable recommendations to be made to the Highways & Transport Committee of the County Council (as Highways Authority) to endorse the Outline Business Case and to progress the Making Connections proposals to the Full Business Case stage.

7. Greater Cambridge Partnership Future Investment Strategy 3

The Executive Board resolved to:

- (a) Agree the Future Investment Strategy 3 for investment across the GCP Programme;
- (b) Agree the reprioritisation of the programme, including pausing those schemes listed in Paragraph 4.9 of the report with specific changes to other schemes set out in Paragraph 5.6;
- (c) Agree to explore opportunities for additional funding, as set out in Paragraph 5.3 of the report;
- (d) Note the current forecast cost of the programme and the work officers are doing to manage this; and

- (e) Agree the proposed process for managing the 'overprogramming' element of the GCP budget including annual reports on the forecast cost of the programme.

8. Cambridge South-East Transport Scheme

The Executive Board resolved to:

- (a) Note the response to the Stapleford Consultation;
- (b) Approve the minor variation to the preferred route; and
- (c) Agree to formally pause the scheme and, should funding become available, make a formal request to Cambridgeshire County Council to submit a Transport and Works Act Order (TWAo) application as the relevant Highways Authority for the area.

9. Better Public Transport – Waterbeach to Cambridge and Waterbeach Greenway

The Executive Board resolved to:

- (a) Note the recent public consultation;
- (b) Approve the revised central alignment as the preferred busway route alignment to be taken forward to the next project stage, where further work will be undertaken to refine the route and develop the preliminary designs, and undertake more detailed environmental impact assessment;
- (c) Approve Park and Ride site C as the preferred location to be taken forward to the next project stage, where further work will be undertaken to develop the preliminary designs and undertake more detailed environmental impact assessment;
- (d) Approve the Outline Business Case for the project and that it provides the basis for a revised scheme budget of £109.4M; and
- (e) Approve the proposals to consult on a revised alignment of the Waterbeach Greenway.

10. Better Public Transport – Cambridge Eastern Access Project

The Executive Board resolved to:

- (a) Note the outcomes of the recent consultation on Newmarket Road and the Park and Ride;
- (b) Agree to progress the Eastern Access Phase 1 works along Newmarket Road, from the Chisholm Trail to Airport Way to detailed design stage;

- (c) Agree to revisit the scheme around Elizabeth roundabout to allow for the development of a wider strategy for the area reflecting the opportunities afforded by the emerging Grafton and Beehive developments, including possible developer contributions;
- (d) Note the Outline Business Case for the new Newmarket Road Park and Ride proposals and direct officers to work with the Joint Assembly and Board on next steps, particularly with regard to the location of the Park and Ride site; and
- (e) Note the budget for the scheme of £58,472,000.

11. Quarterly Progress Report

The Executive Board resolved to:

- (a) Note the update on the future maintenance of the GCP Active Travel infrastructure;
- (b) Agree an £80k contribution to funding of the City Council's secure cycle parking scheme at Queen Anne Terrace car park;
- (c) Approve the request to fast track the Detailed Design for the Addenbrooke's Roundabout section from the A1134 Cycling Plus scheme; and
- (d) Approve the update to the GCP Assurance Framework (Appendix 9 of the report).

11. Date of Next Meeting

The Executive Board noted that the next scheduled meeting was due be held on Thursday 14 December 2023.