



GREATER CAMBRIDGE CITY DEAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

FRIDAY, 27 MARCH 2015

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Greater Cambridge City Deal Executive Board held on Friday, 27 March 2015. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

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PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A GREATER CAMBRIDGE CITY DEAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT VEHICLE

The Executive Board:

- (a) **APPROVED** funding of £200,000 in 2015/16 and £200,000 in 2016/17 to support the establishment of a City Deal Housing Development Vehicle.
- (b) **REQUESTED** a report to the June cycle of meetings of the Joint Assembly and Executive Board, setting out the detailed business case for the proposed City Deal Housing Development Vehicle prior to consideration by the three partner Councils for decision.

Other Options Considered: Other options considered are set out in the report at paragraphs 20 – 22.

Reason For Decision: The establishment of a Housing Development Vehicle will enable the effective and efficient delivery of the various new build programmes associated with the City Deal. It will also ensure good project management and control over costs as well as generating a potential revenue surplus for the City Deal partners. A Housing Development Vehicle will maximise the benefits of both Housing Revenue Account build programmes and other new build programmes being channelled through the agency.

GREATER CAMBRIDGE CITY DEAL PARTNERSHIP BUDGET

The Executive Board:

- (a) **AGREED** that the following options in relation to the functions set out in the report be adopted and that budgetary provision be made within the 2015/16 Greater Cambridge City Deal non-project costs budget for:
 - central coordinating functions in the sum of £150,000 per year for two years;
 - strategic communications in the sum of £60,000 for two years;
 - economic assessments in the sum of £10,000 per year for two years;

- Smart City in the sum of £20,000 per year for two years;
 - inward investment team to a maximum sum of £150,000, subject to the conditions set out in that section of the report and subject to:
 - entering into a Service Level Agreement;
 - clarity of the role, including a job description, and details of the outputs from the investment;
 - a commitment that Cambridge Ahead and Cambridge Network would work together effectively.
 - support for the delivery of additional housing in the sum of £200,000 per year for two years;
 - support for the delivery of the Skills Service, subject to satisfactory agreement of the model at the June cycle of meetings of the Joint Assembly and Executive Board, in the sum of £150,000 per year.
- (b) **APPROVED** the City Deal budget for non-project costs as set out in section 6 of the report for the financial year commencing 1 April 2015.
- (c) **RETAINED** the unutilised funding, as set out in section 8 of the report, for other needs that are expected to arise to progress the City Deal objectives, including potential investment in infrastructure schemes, and **AGREED** that this be carried forward at the year-end subject to any further demands that may be agreed by the Board within the financial year.
- (d) **AGREED** that these allocations be reviewed at the mid-year point and any amendments to these sums or additional elements be made at that point.

Other Options Considered: Other options considered are set out in the both of the report.

Reason For Decision: This decision ensures that a budget is created for the forthcoming financial year to enable funds to be released to support the delivery of the overall City Deal programme for activities that are essential to the programme but not directly attributable to any of the individual schemes.

PROPOSALS FOR DEVELOPING THE NEXT STAGES OF THE GREATER CAMBRIDGE CITY DEAL TRANSPORT PROGRAMME AND CITY CENTRE CONGESTION

The Executive Board:

- (a) **APPROVED** the process for developing the transport programme for the next stage of the City Deal and to address congestion in Cambridge.
- (b) **APPROVED** the process to commence the development of proposals to address congestion in Cambridge.

Other Options Considered: Other options considered are set out in the body of the report.

Reason For Decision: The Executive Board previously agreed a programme of schemes to be promoted in the first five years of the City Deal. To ensure a continuous pipeline of schemes it is necessary now to consider the process for developing the programme of measures to be delivered in the period from year five of the City Deal onwards.

As part of this process there is a requirement to consider more radical measures for managing congestion in Cambridge City and the process for developing such measures needs to be understood and integrated with the wider transport strategy for the area.

GREATER CAMBRIDGE CITY DEAL SKILLS PROPOSALS

The Executive Board:

- (a) **APPROVED** the principle of the Skills Service as the basis for the achievement of the City Deal objective on skills and **REQUESTED** a further report containing the detailed proposals for the Skills Service for submission to the June meetings of the Joint Assembly and Executive Board.
- (b) **AGREED** to establish an informal group of Joint Assembly Members together with representatives of the Local Enterprise Partnership, the Cambridge Area Partnership and the City Deal Executive Board, to meet and work with officers, key partners and stakeholders, that will feed into the report for submission to the June meetings of the Joint Assembly and the Executive Board.
- (c) **ALLOCATED** net budgetary provision of £125,000 per annum for delivery of the Skills Service, subject to satisfactory agreement of the model at the June cycle of meetings of the Joint Assembly and Executive Board.

Other Options Considered: Other options considered are set out in the body of the report.

Reason For Decision: The City Deal commits the partners to creating 420 additional apprenticeships over five years and increasing skill levels in the area. A mechanism is needed to achieve this and this decision and report sets out a means by which this can be achieved and the process by which that proposal can be refined to a model for delivery.