GREATER CAMBRIDGE PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE BOARD

WEDNESDAY, 20 MARCH 2019

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board held on Wednesday, 20 March 2019. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

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1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Prof Phil Allmendinger.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Executive Board APPROVED the minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2018 as a correct record.

4. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The Executive Board RECEIVED and responded to public questions as part of agenda items 8 and 10.

5. FEEDBACK FROM THE JOINT ASSEMBLY

The Executive Board RECEIVED an overview report from Councillor Tim Wotherspoon, Chairperson of the GCP Joint Assembly, on the discussions from the GCP Joint Assembly meeting held on 27 February 2019.

6. BUDGET SETTING 2019/20 AND QUARTERLY MONITORING REPORT

The Executive Board:

a) APPROVED the GCP’s 2019/20 budget, as set out in Appendix A to the report, which included proposed changes to the previously agreed budgets as set out in section 21 of the report.

b) NOTED the proposal that Form the Future and Cambridge Regional College would be contracted to start work on the Greater Cambridge Apprenticeship
Service as soon as contracts had been finalised.

c) **NOTED** the progress across the GCP programme.

d) **ADOPTED** the County Council’s new Fibre Ducting in Transport Schemes policy, tabled for consideration by the County Council’s Economy and Environment Committee on 14th March, as detailed in section 16 of the report. This would support the deployment of fibre ducting in all GCP commissioned transport schemes going forward.

e) **APPROVED** the investment of up to £400k to support Stagecoach to purchase two low emission buses to operate on routes within the city centre.

7. **GCP FUTURE INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

The Executive Board:

a) **NOTED** that the updated evidence base continued to demonstrate that a transformational solution was required to address the issues that posed a risk to continued economic growth and prosperity.

b) **AGREED** the principles and criteria for prioritisation of future investment, which were based on the City Deal Assurance Framework.

c) **AGREED** the initial prioritisation for future investment as set out at paragraphs 5.4-5.8 of the report, and **NOTED** that together with existing commitments, this would take overall allocated spend to c£627m.

d) **NOTED** the updated long list of projects at paragraph 5.10 of the report, and **AGREED** to keep these under consideration while additional work to develop projects and identify match funding was undertaken.

8. **MILTON ROAD: BUS, CYCLING AND WALKING IMPROVEMENTS**

The Executive Board:

a) **SUPPORTED** the final design for Milton Road as outlined in Appendix A of the report, as a basis for moving to the detailed design stage, including preparation of the final business case and contractor procurement.

b) **SUPPORTED** the Landscaping Strategy as set out in Appendix B of the report.

9. **A10 FOXTON LEVEL CROSSING BYPASS AND PARKING AT FOXTON RAIL STATION**

The Executive Board:

a) **SUPPORTED** the concept of additional station parking and the promotion of
sustainable travel options at Foxton Station, and AGREED to consult the public on proposals and as part of that process, develop an Outline Business Case.

b) NOTED the report on removing the Foxton Level crossing, but recognising the wider traffic issues along the A10 corridor, referred the matter to the Combined Authority for its consideration as the Strategic Transport Authority for the area.

10. CAMBRIDGE BIOMEDICAL CAMPUS TRANSPORT NEEDS REVIEW

The Executive Board:

a) NOTED the findings of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus Transport Needs Review study, and recognised the urgent need for action in the short to medium term.

b) REQUESTED officers to work with the Cambridge Biomedical Campus partnership at a senior level, and with residents of the adjacent communities, to develop an action plan for short, medium and long term interventions based upon the recommendations of the Transport Needs Review study.

c) AGREED to receive a further report on an agreed prioritised delivery programme following discussions with the Biomedical Campus partners.

11. THE CHISHOLM TRAIL

The Executive Board:

a) NOTED the progress being made on Phase One, details of construction works commencing and the work to date on developing Phase Two.

b) APPROVED an increased budget in line with final estimates.

c) APPROVED the delivery of the Romsey section of Phase Two by Govia Thameslink/Network Rail’s contractor, as part of the Thameslink work.

12. RURAL TRAVEL HUBS

The Executive Board AGREED:

a) To note the outcome of the Oakington and Sawston Rural Travel Hub public consultation and engagement.

b) With regard to the detailed design for the pilot Rural Travel Hub at Oakington, option 1 (with parking) be considered, together with options for potential alternative locations and a further report be brought back to a future meeting of the Joint Assembly and Executive Board.

   c) To explore the opportunities for alignment of a Rural Travel Hub site at Sawston
with the Cambridge South East Transport Scheme.

d) To note the conclusions of the Whittlesford Station Masterplan study and initial stakeholder feedback.

e) To undertake public consultation on the Whittlesford Parkway Station Masterplan and develop a draft delivery plan, with a report to come back to a future Executive Board meeting.

f) To acknowledge that the location of other potential locations for Rural Travel Hubs, including at Cambourne, will be subject to further review.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Executive Board NOTED that the next meeting would take place on Thursday 27th June 2019, at 4pm in the Council Chamber at the Guildhall in Cambridge.