



CAMBRIDGESHIRE & PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY

Decision Statement

Meeting: 20th December 2017

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Item	Topic	Decision
	Part 1 – Governance Items	
1.1	Apologies and Declarations of Interest	Apologies received from Councillors J Holdich and P Topping, and Jess Bawden substituted by Gary Howsam. Councillor Count declared a non-statutory disclosable interest under the Code of Conduct in relation to Item 2.4, as a member of the Local Enterprise Partnership Board.
1.2	Minutes – 29 November 2017	It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of 29th November 2017 as a correct record.
1.3	Petitions	None received.
1.4	Public Questions	None received.
1.5	Forward Plan	It was resolved to approve the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions dated to be published on 22 December 2017.

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	Part 2 – Non-Key Decisions	
2.1	Transport: Developing our Decision Making and Delivery arrangements	<p>The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Order 2017 transferred the local transport planning powers to the Combined Authority and created the C&P CA as the local transport authority for the area.</p> <p>This has created a complex environment with a variety of bodies with different powers and responsibilities promoting, developing and delivering a range of transport schemes. This encompasses the local road network, the strategic road network and the strategic rail network.</p> <p>It has been recognised that greater clarity and consensus is required on the role of the Combined Authority and how this relates to other bodies currently working within the transport environment. The report sought to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Set out the transport role of the Combined Authority (b) Make recommendations on the principles that should be adopted to create a simple understandable regime for decision making and delivery (c) Agree that further work should be undertaken to establish how the design of this will work in practice (d) Make proposals for the delegation of transport functions for the year 2018/19. <p>The report followed on from the Transport Update paper presented to the Board on the 29th November 2017.</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Agree the strategic transport role of the Combined Authority - as set out in paragraphs 2.4 – 2.7 of the report; (b) Agree the principles that should be adopted to create a simple understandable regime for decision making and delivery – as set out in paragraphs 2.8 – 2.11; (c) Note that further work would be undertaken to determine how the design of these principles would work in practice and proposals would be brought back to the Combined Authority Board in February 2018 for consideration; (d) Agree the delegation of transport powers to Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council for the 2018/19 financial year - as set out in paragraph 2.16 of the report

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2.2	Establishing the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Land Commission	<p>The Combined Authority and its constituent partners have a collective ambition for significant levels of inclusive growth across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. However our track record of delivery has not always met this ambition and the Combined Authority has committed to form a Land Commission to ensure land supply is now brought forward for development in line with our growth needs.</p> <p>The scope of the Land Commission will include bringing forward both public and private land for development. Within this scope there is particular opportunity for the Land Commission to establish a fresh and strategic approach to managing public sector assets across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, reflecting our need to implement a cross-border and cross-sector approach to make better use of our collective estate. There are approximately 14,000 hectares of public estate across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.</p> <p>This report asked the Board to agree the scope of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Land Commission that will:</p> <p>(a) Identify specific barriers that are holding back the supply of land for key strategic development sites in Local Plans, primarily focussing on public land and work with partners to bring forward recommendations to overcome these</p> <p>(b) Develop a register of all publicly owned land across the area to ensure the long-term supply of land for future development needs</p> <p>(c) Identify any common factors that are holding back the supply of land for development across the geography and work with partners to bring forward recommendations to overcome these.</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p> <p>(a) Agree the Terms of Reference for the Land Commission</p> <p>(b) Agree the membership and appoint the portfolio holder for Spatial Planning as the Chair of the Land Commission</p> <p>(c) Agree the timetable for implementation of the Land Commission and ask the Chair of the Land Commission to bring regular progress reports to the Board</p> <p>(d) Approve a budget allocation of up to £80,000 to support the work of the Land Commission</p>
2.3	Update on Peterborough University Business Cases and Project Progress	This report updates Board members on the extensive progress being made on the University of Peterborough project.

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		It was resolved to note the current progress being made by partners on the University project
2.4	Establishing a new Stronger Public and Private Sector Partnership in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	<p>It was resolved to not exclude the press and public when considering Appendix 1 as the Board would be considering exempt information under categories 3 and 4 of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.</p> <p>The Greater Cambridgeshire and Greater Peterborough area has huge economic potential. If this potential is to be realised, a really powerful partnership needed to exist between the public and private sectors. The purpose of this paper was to consider how a series of new arrangements could strengthen the strategic leadership of the area, create a new model of local enterprise partnership and provide best value for the public purse.</p> <p>These new arrangements would set the standard for best practice models of the future for public and private sector partnerships. At the same time, they would restore trust and confidence, including that of the wider business community, local democratic leaders and central government.</p> <p>The current Local Enterprise Partnership Board agreed at its Board meeting on 19th December that Greater Cambridge and Greater Peterborough Enterprise Partnership Limited (the "Company"), that was established in 2010 to lead and manage the Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership (the "GCGP LEP") should be voluntarily wound up on a solvent basis with effect from 31st March 2018.</p> <p>This would allow for an effective transition from the current model to new arrangements. This report set out how the Combined Authority could work in partnership with a new LEP to deliver a new model of strategic leadership.</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Note the decisions proposed to the Greater Cambridgeshire and Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership Board (GCGP LEP) regarding the future of its Company; (b) Note that the GCGP LEP had accepted the proposals made to it, and:

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. To note that it was proposed that a new Local Enterprise Partnership would be established in the form of a Business Board; ii. To note the future working relationship of the Combined Authority and the new Business Board, and the membership of the new Business Board; iii. Agree that the Combined Authority shall become the Accountable Body for the Business Board from 1st April 2018. <p>(c) note that periodic reports would be made to the Combined Authority Board from the New Year regarding the arrangements for the future working relationship between the two Boards.</p>
	Part 3 – Budget Decisions	
3.1	Budget 2018-19	<p>The Local Government Finance Act 1992 (LGFA 1992) placed a duty on Councils to set a balanced budget with regard to the advice of its Chief Finance Officer (section 151).</p> <p>This paper provided a draft ‘indicative’ budget for the Combined Authority produced in accordance with the ‘emerging strategic themes’ for 2018/19 as set out in the October Board meeting, to be consulted on by the consultees as approved by the Board.</p> <p>It was resolved to consider and approve the draft 2018/19 Combined Authority budget for consultation purposes.</p>
3.2	Budget 2018-19 (Mayor’s Budget)	<p>This paper sets out the Mayor’s draft budget for 2018/19 for review by the Combined Authority Board</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review the Mayor’s draft budget for 2018/19 2. Approve the draft budget in its current form.
	Part 4 – Date of Next Meeting	
4.1	Date of Next Meeting	It was resolved to note the date of the next meeting – Wednesday, 31 January 2018 at 10.30 am in the Kreis Viersen Room, Shire Hall, Cambridge