



Overview and Scrutiny Committee- Decision Summary

Meeting: 1st June 2018

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Chair: Cllr Lucy Nethsingha

Summary of decisions taken at this meeting

Item	Topic	Decision <i>[None of the decisions below are key decisions]</i>
1.	Appointment of Chair & Vice Chair	<p>Councillor Nethsingha was nominated by Councillor Allen and seconded by Councillor Sanderson for the position of Chair.</p> <p>Councillor Sargeant was nominated by Councillor Murphy and seconded by Councillor Over for the position of Chair.</p> <p>The Committee resolved to appoint Councillor Nethsingha as Chair for the municipal year 2018/19.</p> <p>Councillor Sargeant was nominated by Councillor Murphy and seconded by Councillor Over for the position of Vice Chairman.</p> <p>The Committee resolved to appoint Councillor Sargeant as Vice Chairman for the municipal year 2018/19.</p>

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2.	Apologies	Apologies received from Cllr Gehring, substituted by Cllr Holt.
3.	Declaration of Interests	There were no declarations of interest.
4.	Minutes	<p>The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26th March 2018 were agreed as a correct record subject to the following amendments:-</p> <p>Cllr Boden requested that in future the minutes more clearly reflected the questions raised by committee members as well as the responses provided.</p> <p>Cllr Boden requested that the following point be added to the East Cambridgeshire Strategic Community Land trust Programme item that was discussed – ‘Arrangement for security hadn’t been clarified but was being worked on and a report on how loan agreement was to be amended would be brought to the Board.’</p> <p>Members raised a concern that feedback had not been received following the last committee meeting on a question regarding the Loans on Land Trust and officers advised they would look into this and get a response provided.</p> <p>The Committee discussed the proposed committee system that had been mentioned at the last O&S meeting by the Mayor, the Governance Advisor provided an update for members that discussion around this were still ongoing.</p> <p>The Committee requested that a further update on the proposed committee system be brought to the next committee and were advised that the Mayor was scheduled to attend and members could request an update at the meeting.</p>
5.	Key Priorities Themes - Allocation	<p>The Committee received the report which asked members to consider whether they would like to continue to cover key priority themes to monitor the work of the Combined Authority and agree which members of the Committee will be assigned to each theme.</p> <p>The following points were raised during the discussion:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members discussed whether they should wait until the Mayor had confirmed the new committee system before assigning members to themes and it was decided that the committee should go ahead with the existing theme allocation and adapt as and when the

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		<p>Mayor announced the new committee system.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members discussed adding Finance as a theme and whether this would impede the work of the Audit and Governance Committee. Most members felt that there was a role for the O&S Committee to consider financial implications and that it should be added as a theme. • Members felt that the Finance should be included with the existing theme of covering the work of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor's. <p>The Committee agreed to continue to have a system where members would cover key priority themes to monitor the work of Combined Authority Board.</p> <p>The members agreed to add Finance to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor theme.</p> <p>The members agreed to add the work of the Business Board to the strategy and Planning theme.</p> <p>The Committee agreed the following allocation of members to the key priority themes:</p> <p><u>Activities of Mayor, Deputy Mayor's and Finance</u></p> <p>Cllr Boden, Cllr Over, Cllr Gehring</p> <p><u>Transport and Infrastructure</u></p> <p>Cllr Sargeant, Cllr Sanderson, Cllr Chamberlain</p> <p><u>Skills and Employment</u></p> <p>Cllr Nethsingha and Cllr Dew</p> <p><u>Housing</u></p> <p>Cllr Allen, Cllr Murphy, Cllr Connor</p> <p><u>Strategy & Planning and Business Board</u></p> <p>Cllr Bradley and Cllr Sharp.</p>

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6.	Appointments to Task and Finish Group – Mass Rapid Transport	<p>The committee received the report which asked members to appoint the membership to the working group for Mass Rapid Transport and to appoint a chair.</p> <p>The Committee resolved to appoint the following members to the task and finish group:</p> <p>Cllr Sargeant, Cllr Sanderson, Cllr Chamberlain, Cllr Allen, Cllr Bradley</p> <p>The Committee agreed that the task and finish group should appoint their Chair at the first meeting.</p>
7.	Constitution Review – Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Governance arrangements	<p>The Committee received the report which requested members review its terms of reference within the Combined Authority constitution and suggest any changes they would like to put forward as a recommendation to the Board.</p> <p>The Committee were advised that legal advice would be sought to clarify the position for the committee on their ability to scrutinise projects that had been delegated to constituent councils.</p> <p>The Committee agreed the changes put forward in the Overview and Scrutiny terms of reference.</p>
8.	Combined Authority Forward Plan	<p>The Committee agreed they would discuss items from the Combined Authority Board meeting which had been held on Wednesday 30th May 2018.</p> <p><u>£100M Affordable Housing Programme:</u></p> <p>Members felt that how the ringfenced money for affordable housing was allocated was quite confusing and was not very strategic.</p> <p>Members felt that the committee should get some clarity on where affordable housing would be spread out across the county. Ask for legal advice on what was in original order, officers would feed this information back to the committee.</p> <p>Members were supportive of the idea of having a formula to work out where housing was needed around the county. It would need to take into account that the needs of each area and take into account terminology and differences between affordable housing definitions in the different areas.</p> <p>Members felt that stalled sights needed to be considered and ways to help developers get</p>

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		<p>developments off the ground.</p> <p>Members requested that a report on Affordable Housing be brought to the next O&S meeting which would detail on how funding would be allocated across the area, what the future plans were in regard to affordable housing and what the priorities were. Also, how decisions are being made and who was making them.</p> <p>The Committee requested that the Mayor as the Portfolio for Housing answer questions from the committee regarding this topic at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that following this report at the meeting due to be held on the 25th June the committee may like to seek expert external advice on this topic.</p> <p><u>Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Economic Review</u></p> <p>Members felt that they should monitor the assumptions that were being made by the Mayor on growth in the region.</p> <p>Cllr Allen felt that there should be more in the report to describe the impact of climate change on the area.</p> <p><u>Mayoral Interim Transport Strategy Statement</u></p> <p>Members queried what plans were being put on hold as it was not clear within the report.</p> <p>Local Transport Plan to be produced in one year was an unrealistic timeframe.</p> <p>Members raised the point that as the Mayor was intending to finance certain transport plans such as the metro through Cambridge with the income gained from the new garden towns proposals which would release the land value that this could potentially cause a lot of conflict between the Mayor's plans and the existing local plans.</p> <p>Cllr Bradley advised that the necessity for a short delay was an attempt to prevent current plans having an impact on future long term projects; the statement needed to be viewed as a whole rather than from individual areas.</p> <p>Some members felt that the short term plans proposed were still important and should not be</p>

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		<p>delayed.</p> <p>Members felt that the potential delay to schemes that were already far advanced would be detrimental and that some of the schemes were urgently needed.</p> <p>The Committee discussed whether they wished to call in the report and were advised that this was not a key decision. However, some members felt that as it could have an impact on a large proportion of the population for the Combined Authority area that it should have been a key decision.</p> <p>Six members of the committee indicated they would be interested in calling in this item and agreed to meet after the committee had closed to discuss this further.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that a discussion on the Combined Authority Forward Plan should wait until after the O&S workshop due to be held on the 25th June 2018.</p>
9.	Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme Report	<p>The Committee received the report which provided the Committee with the draft work programme for the Overview & Scrutiny Committee for the 2018/19 municipal year and asked them for comments and suggestions.</p> <p>Members requested that an item be added to the July agenda for members from the themes to report back to the committee.</p> <p>The Committee noted that there would be a Work Programme workshop before the O&S meeting on the 25th June 2018.</p>
10.	Date of Next Meeting	<p>The next meeting would be held on the 25th June 2018 at East Cambs District Council at 11:30am.</p>