Greater Cambridge City Deal Joint Assembly

16 September 2015 – Workstream update

Update	Upcoming milestones
Communications	
 A recruitment process is under way to recruit to the City Deal Communications Manager post Consultation is being prepared for the A428 corridor, Chisholm Trail and cross-city cycle improvements schemes 	 October-November 2015: Public consultation on A428 corridor and Chisholm Trail January-February 2016: Public consultation on cross-city cycle improvements
Economic development and promotion	
 Jonathan Brech has recently been appointed as Cambridge Development Director, working with Cambridge Ahead Officers are exploring potential to join up work between the partner bodies on economic development, including synergies with LEP funded work on business advice via their new Signpost2Grow website 	
Finance	
Covered on the main agenda	 November 2015: 2015/16 Quarter 2 financial monitoring report to Executive Board December 2015: Autumn Statement
Governance	
Work on potential governance options for a prospective devolution deal is ongoing, with the City Deal commitment to a strong and binding governance arrangement for Greater Cambridge a key aspect of that work – work to progress City Deal governance and investigate potential long-term models is therefore likely to be informed by that wider piece of work	 Late September: Continuing discussions on potential devolution models October: Potential initiation of officer project work on City Deal governance
Housing	
 All three Councils approved the establishment of the Housing Development Agency (HDA) in July An officer workshop was held in August to map out the next steps to implement the HAD 	Late September: Inaugural meeting of the HDA Shadow Board
Infrastructure programme	
Work on options is being undertaken to inform upcoming decisions on the	November 2015: Executive Board to consider options for Histon Road and

remaining tranche 1 schemes	 Milton Road bus priority schemes December 2015: Executive Board to consider initial tranche 2 prioritisation and options for A1307 corridor
Payment-by-results mechanism	
Cambridgeshire County Council will soon be leading the commissioning of an independent economic assessment panel to undertake assessments on behalf of four city-regions with similar mechanisms in their respective deals (including Glasgow, Manchester and West Yorkshire)	March 2016: Independent economic assessment panel expected to be commissioned
Skills	
 The LEP is in the process of tendering for the Skills Service as agreed earlier in 2015, which is expected to come into operation shortly 	September: Skills Service becomes operational
Smart/digital	
 Officers are working with BT, Milton Keynes and Leeds on a bid to the Innovate UK Internet of Things Cities demonstrator Work is taking place to establish options for the data and communication infrastructure needed to support smart city applications 	 30 September: Submission of Internet of Things bid 31 October: 'Smart Cities' engagement event #hack Cambridge
Strategic planning	
 Further work on the Local Plans was requested by the examining inspectors this is underway and on track to proceed through member processes in October/November 	 6 November: Six weeks of consultation begins February 2016: Proposed modifications to the Local Plans to be submitted for inspection