

EXTRAORDINARY CABINET	AGENDA ITEM No. 3
27 JUNE 2016	PUBLIC REPORT (to be read in conjunction with the report to Council, 27/04/16)

Cabinet Member(s) responsible:	Cllr Holdich – Leader of the Council, Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University and Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board	
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THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH DEVOLUTION PROPOSAL, GOVERNANCE REVIEW AND SCHEME

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
FROM : Full Council	Deadline date : 27 June 2016
<p>It is recommended that the Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Considers and endorses the conclusions of the outcome of the Governance Review, (Appendix A of the Council report dated 27/06/16), that the establishment of a Combined Authority with a Mayor for the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough area would be likely to improve the exercise of statutory functions in that area. 2. Approves the content of the Devolution Deal proposal, (Appendix C of the Council report dated 27/06/16), and confirms that this replaces in its entirety the East Anglia Devolution Agreement signed in March 2016. 3. Approves the draft Governance Scheme, (Appendix B of the Council report dated 27/06/16), and authorises the Chief Executive to make any appropriate revisions to the draft Scheme before publication as she may consider appropriate in consultation with the Leader and in liaison with the other Chief Executives of constituent authorities and to take all necessary actions to progress any matters arising from this report. 4. Approves the arrangements for public consultation on the Governance Scheme and authorises the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of Council to provide the Secretary of State with a summary of the consultation responses in due course and to circulate that summary to all members of the Council. 5. Resolves to convene a further meeting of the Executive to take place in October 2016 to consider whether to give consent for the Secretary of State to bring forward an Order to establish a Mayoral Combined Authority covering the area of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. 	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report is submitted to Cabinet following a meeting of Full Council, to be held directly before this meeting on 27 June 2016

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is for Cabinet to consider the outcomes of discussions held at the meeting of Full Council, prior to determining a number of recommendations as detailed above relating to a combined authority for the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough area, with a directly elected Mayor.
- 2.2 Subject to the recommendations of Council, Cabinet are requested to endorse the Review, approve the content of the Devolution Deal and the draft Governance Scheme and to approve the arrangements for public consultation on the Governance Scheme and to authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to provide the Secretary of State with a summary of consultation responses in due course and to progress any further matters as required in connection with the proposed Deal.
- 2.3 It is a legal requirement that Cabinet meet to approve the consultation process and this meeting is to take place immediately following the Council meeting which allows Cabinet members to have regard to the discussions of and the will of Council when considering whether to approve the recommendations in this report.
- 2.4 This report is for Cabinet to consider under its Terms of Reference No. 3.2.3 To take a leading role in promoting the economic, environmental and social well-being of the area.

3. TIMESCALE

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If Yes, date for relevant Cabinet Meeting	N/A
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4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 This report is to be read in conjunction with the report contained within the Extraordinary Council agenda pack for the meeting held on 27 June 2016, which can be viewed at the following link:
- 4.2 The report contained within the Council agenda pack at agenda item 4, summarises the review of the functions and governance arrangements for the proposed Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA), including how additional functions and arrangements would be likely to improve the exercise of statutory functions in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.
- 4.3 Relevant appendices to the report also detail the outcome of the governance review and the draft proposed scheme.

Waive of Call-in

- 4.4 As this matter has been publically debated at a Full Council meeting and owing to the tight timescales involved, the waive of call-in provision has been invoked on this decision. This has been approved by the Chairman of the Sustainable Growth and Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee, in consultation with the Monitoring Officer as per Part 4, Section 8 – Scrutiny Committee and Scrutiny Commission Rules of Procedure paragraph 14.1.

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The proposals for consultation are outlined within the report to Council.
- 5.2 Upon completion of the consultation, a summary of responses will be provided to the Secretary of State.

6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

- 6.1 That Members will approve the Governance Review and authorise the Scheme for consultation.

7. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 To consult on a scheme for the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough area, with a directly elected Mayor, in order to devolve powers from Government to a combined authority.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 8.1 The Governance Review, at Appendix A of the Council report, considered a number of alternative options.

9. IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 **Legal Implications:** The legislation on combined authorities is found in Part 6 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009, (the 2009 Act), which has been substantially amended by the Cities and Local Government Devolution Act 2016. The recent legislation has greatly extended the range of powers and functions which may be delegated to a Combined Authority.
- 9.2 Council Leaders have been briefed previously in relation to the decision-making process and the status of decisions in the process for devolution. It is important that all elected members are aware of the status and implications of the recommendations contained in this report if formalised in to decisions.
- 9.3 Under the current timetable for the devolution deal, consent to a draft Order from the Secretary of State will be sought from each authority in October 2016. This is because the latest date for laying the Order which will create a Mayoral Combined Authority (in order to comply with Electoral Commission deadlines for notification of a mayoral election) is 4th November. At that point in October each authority will have to meet to decide whether to consent to the Order. The draft Order will be considered by both Houses of Parliament before being made.
- 9.4 Before this, however, all participating authorities are being asked to take a decision on devolution arrangements in June (i.e. in this report). The principal purpose of this decision is to approve the Scheme of Governance for publication and public consultation.
- 9.5 In this report the Council is also being asked to endorse the terms of the CPCA proposal and the Governance Review as well as agree the Scheme of Governance.
- 9.6 Although the June decision is not the final decision and does not legally commit an authority to participating in a CA. Any significant change in the proposals after the public consultation has been triggered on 4 July is likely to require a new Scheme to be prepared for consultation and thus the timetable for creation of the CA would not be met
- 9.7 **Finance Implications:** There are no direct financial implications arising from these recommendations as this is to consult upon a scheme proposing a combined authority.
- 9.8 The financial benefits of the combined authority are fully set out in the appendices, particularly the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough East Anglian Devolution Proposal.
- 9.9 **Equalities Implications:** An outline equalities impact assessment has been undertaken.

10. APPENDICES

As appended to the Council report, 27 June 2016

Appendix A – Review

Appendix B – Draft Scheme

Appendix C – The Devolution Deal Proposal

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