

Appendix 1

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - Decision Summary

Meeting: 23 September 2019

Agenda/Minutes: [Overview & Scrutiny Committee - 23rd September 2019](#)

Summary of decisions taken at this meeting

Item	Topic	Decision [<i>None of the decisions below are key decisions</i>]
1.	Apologies	Apologies received from: Cllr Heylings, substituted by Cllr Fane Cllr Gehring, substituted by Cllr Summerbell Cllrs Chamberlain, Scutt and Morris.
2.	Declaration of Interests	There were none.
3.	Minutes	The minutes of the meeting held on the 29 th July 2019 were agreed and signed by the Chair.
4.	Public Questions	There were no public questions received.

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5.	Mayor of the Combined Authority	<p>The Chair informed the Committee that the Mayor had sent his apologies and was unable to attend due to a meeting convened with the Minister for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG).</p> <p>The Committee requested that the Mayor attend the next scheduled meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the 28th October 2019.</p>
6.	Medium Term Financial Plan and Business Plan	<p>The Head of Finance submitted a report which provided an update to the 2019/20 Budget and 2019-2023 Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) to be considered by Board on 25th September 2019. It was noted that the report provided an update to the January 2019 Budget and MTFP report and members of the Committee were informed that the Authority continued to have a balanced budget. New sources of revenue had been identified, equivalent to £4.1million in 2019/20 and the staffing structure had been concluded and a 24% reduction reported in January 2019 compared to June 2018 position was highlighted.</p> <p>AGREED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) That the proposed mid-year update to the 2019/20 Budget and the 2019-2023 Medium Term Financial Plan be noted. b) That the mid-year update on the 2019-20 Business Plan be noted.
7.	Project Register	<p>The Programme Manager submitted a report and explained that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee had requested to receive the list of projects on the Combined Authority's Single Project Register on a quarterly basis. It was noted that the 2019-20 Business Plan identified 12 key projects and as a result of the half year business plan mid-year update, the Board will be invited to add 6</p>

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		<p>projects to the key project list and to merge to key projects at the meeting to be held on the 25th September 2019.</p> <p>Members raised concerns about the affordable homes trajectory and questioned what the implications to Peterborough and the jobs growth following the collapse of Thomas Cook, which would significantly impact the job market.</p>
8.	Governance Review Report	<p>The Chief Executive submitted her report and elaborated thereon. It was explained that the Combined Authority had undertaken a fundamental review of the organisation and the new governance arrangements reflected the final re-design of the Authority. The proposed changes to the Constitution would see the Board delegate many of their decision-making powers to the three Executive Committees: Transport and Infrastructure Committee, Skills Committee and the Housing and Communities Committee. The proposal would allow the Board to retain strategic control of the Authority and would continue to decide the budget and strategies and set out the key priorities of the organisation.</p> <p>It was further noted that a significant part of the proposed Governance (decision-making) Review would be the introduction of new rules on public questions. These would include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Members of the public [residents or people who work in the area] may ask questions of a Member of the Combined Authority at CA Board or at an Executive Committee. b) Members of constituent Councils who wish to ask questions about matters on the CA Board agenda should submit their questions to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee. c) Members of constituent Councils may ask questions of a Member of the Combined Authority at a meeting of the Combined Authority Board

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		<p>provided the question is not substantially the same as a question put by the Chair of Overview & Scrutiny.</p> <p>d) Members of constituent Councils may ask questions of Members of the Combined Authority at meetings of Executive Committees.</p> <p>AGREED:</p> <p>That the focus of the next Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the 28th October 2019 be on the impact of the Governance (decision-making) Review and the approach the Committee wish to take to enhance and develop their future role.</p>
9.	Review of the Combined Authority Board Agenda	<p>The Committee reviewed the agenda due to come to Board on Wednesday 25th September 2019.</p> <p>The Committee agreed to raise the following questions to the Board:</p> <p><u>1.8 Quarterly Performance Monitoring Report</u></p> <p>Following the collapse of Thomas Cook, what impact will this have, specifically in Peterborough, on the job growth trajectory?</p> <p><u>2.2 Business Plan 2019-20 Mid-Year update</u></p> <p>The 2019-20 business plan identified 12 key projects. As a result of the half year Business Plan mid-year update, the September Board will be invited to add 6 projects to the key project list Does the authority have the capacity to take on 6 more projects and where are the resources coming from for the new projects?</p>

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		<p><u>3.1 £100m Affordable Housing Programme Scheme Approvals - Whaddon Road, Meldreth, South Cambridgeshire (Settle)</u></p> <p>Peterborough City Council is working on a new Housing Strategy and may reconstitute its Housing Revenue Account with a view to building affordable new homes.</p> <p>What are the implications for the delivery of affordable homes and the Combined Authority's programme to deliver 2,000 affordable homes by March 2022?</p> <p><u>3.3 Public Transport to Serve Alconbury</u></p> <p>What assurances can be given to ensure that an interim public transport solution will be in place when Cambridgeshire County Council relocate their headquarters to Alconbury?</p> <p><u>3.4 Bus Reform Taskforce - Budget Drawdown</u></p> <p>Can we be given an update on bus franchising and what else can be done to drive the bus system forward?</p>
10.	Combined Authority Forward Plan	The Committee considered the Combined Authority Forward Plan; no questions or comments were raised.
11.	Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme	The Committee received the report which outlined the Work Programme for the Committee for the municipal year 2019/20.

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		The Committee noted that there would be further consideration given to the Governance (decision-making) Review and the Mayor to be invited to attend the next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Consideration would also need to be given to MTFP Governance Cycle and changes to the Board dates.
12.	Date and Location of the next Committee meeting	<p>The Committee agreed that the next meeting would be held on the 28th October 2019 at 11:00am, Council Chamber, Town Hall, Peterborough City Council.</p> <p>The pre-meeting on the 28th October 2019 at 10:00am, Forli Room, Town Hall, Peterborough.</p>