



OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - Decision Summary

Meeting: 27th January 2020

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Chair: Cllr Lorna Dupre

Summary of decisions taken at this meeting

Item	Topic	Decision [<i>None of the decisions below are key decisions</i>]
1.	Apologies	Apologies were received from: Cllr G Chamberlain, Cllr P Heylings, Cllr P Jordan (substituted by Cllr Humphrey), Cllr A Miscandlon, Cllr K Price
2.	Declaration of Interests	<p>Cllr Hay declared an interest as Vice Chair of the Planning Committee at Fenland DC and confirmed that she would not speak or vote in any discussion of the report on the Combined Authority agenda relating to a housing site in Fenland.</p> <p>Cllr Connor declared an interest as Chair of the Planning Committee at Fenland DC and confirmed that he would not speak or vote in any discussion of the report on the Combined Authority agenda relating to a housing site in Fenland.</p>

3.	Minutes	<p>The minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2019 were agreed as a correct record.</p> <p>Members noted on page 7 of the minutes, an assurance was given by the Director of Delivery and Strategy regarding the appointment of the Chair of the Climate Change Commission. It is not clear if an appointment has been made.</p> <p>AGREED:</p> <p>That a question should be raised at the meeting of the Combined Authority Board: What progress is being made regarding the appointment of the Chair and the Climate Change Commission and what impact will delays in recruiting a Chair have on the timescales for production of the report.</p>
4.	Public Questions	<p>There were no public questions received.</p>
5.	Draft Budget 2020-21 and Medium-Term Financial Plan 2020-2024	<p>The Committee received the report from Jon Alsop, Head of Finance.</p> <p>A point was raised that there are proposals to replace the current European funding when the United Kingdom leaves the EU and the transitional arrangements end with other government funding such as the Shared Prosperity Fund. The draft budget is based on the situation as it was in November.</p> <p>AGREED:</p> <p>That the Head of Finance would confirm at what stage the UK would lose EU funding.</p>

6.	Lead Member Role Descriptions	<p>Councillor Coles attended the recent Skills Committee meeting in his capacity as Lead Member for the Skills Committee.</p> <p>AGREED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) That the Interim Monitoring Officer would arrange for the Skills Committee questions and answers to be published on the website. b) That a standing item be added to the agenda for lead members to include written questions and answers. c) That role description be amended to add 'liaising with officers of the Combined Authority to enable the lead member to undertake his/her duties'.
7.	Review of Combined Authority Board Agenda	<p>The Committee reviewed the Board agenda for 29 January 2020.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that the following questions would be raised at the meeting of the Combined Authority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 130 Business Plan Report Question to the Board - A note is needed in the report stating when a funding decision is expected to be made by government to enable members to keep a track of what is going on and when to expect the decisions • £100k Homes – Whom these would attract other than those who were already able to afford existing low cost options? What would attract individuals to the £100k Home Scheme as opposed to other established types of affordable housing? • Page 548 current CAM network map. The feedback on the Local Transport Plan includes a recognition of the demand for a stop on the

		<p>proposed CAM network in East Cambs. How will that issue be developed and where would the stop be located?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motion – A lengthy discussion took place as this Motion and it was noted that, if passed, it would prevent the Committee from meeting in Cambridge.• Committee notes that the proposed effects of the motion would affect where it could meet. Committee is deeply disappointed that it does not mention public transport and may deny the committee the opportunity to meet at the location with the best public transport links for the actual number of people to attend. Committee would ask what evidence has been considered about the impact of holding meetings elsewhere on air quality and about public transport.• The Committee were also concerned about the democratic deficit in not holding meetings at the offices of two of its constituent councils and that the proposal is not in accordance with the spirit of the Constitution. In those circumstances, how can the proposal be justified.• Consultation – Questions to the CA Board – Why were the papers on the CAM Metro consultation not provided to the CAM Task and Finish Group as promised?• What progress has been made towards funding options for the CAM?• Given the responses from the public about the importance of climate change in the context of the Local Transport Plan, will the Combined Authority outline the changes of approach that it has made in the LTP as a result of the feedback?
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8.	Combined Authority Forward Plan	The Committee considered the Combined Authority Forward Plan. No comments were made.
9.	Work Programme Report	<p>The Committee received the report which outlined the work programme for the committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be an Affordable Housing Programme presentation at the February meeting which will include the issue of accessible housing. • The Chair of the Climate Change Commission is to be invited to the March meeting. The timing of this may need to be reviewed. • There will be a presentation on the University of Peterborough – end of March.
10.	Date and Location of the next Committee meeting	The Committee agreed that the next meeting would be held 24 Feb at 11.00 am at Cambridge City Council.

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