



Overview and Scrutiny Committee Decision Summary

Meeting: 29 May 2020

Agenda/Minutes: Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 29th May 2020

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 P Heylings (substituted by Cllr P Fane), and Cllr J Scutt
2.	Confirmation of Membership	The Membership of the Committee remained the same as last year. Fenland DC had its AGM on 17 June and could, potentially, change its appointments to the Committee. If required this would be reported to the next meeting of the Committee.
3.	Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair	The Monitoring Officer took the Chair for this item. Cllr Dupre was nominated and seconded to continue as Chair for 2020/21 and was elected unanimously. Cllr Price was nominated and seconded as Vice-Chair for 2020/21 and was elected unanimously.

		All Lead Members shadowing the Housing, Skills and Transport Executive Committees agreed to continue.
4.	Declaration of Interests	There were no declarations of interest
5.	Minutes of the last meeting held on 24 February 2020	<p>With a minor correction the minutes of the meeting held on 24 April 2020 were agreed as a correct record.</p> <p>AGREED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Future CA Board answers to questions raised at O&S Committee be appended to the minutes as a supplement b) The response from BEIS, as agreed in Agenda item 8 on 24 April 2020, had yet to be shared with Committee. It to be established that this could be provided
6.	Public Questions	There were no public questions received.
7.	CPCA Project Register	<p>Roberta Fulton, DESIGNATION, was in attendance.</p> <p>AGREED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) An updated table be provided to the next meeting of the Committee indicating the status of projects that were no longer proceeding b) That O&S receives project updates on some of the larger schemes in its 'fallow' months c) The Committee lead members to consider the projects in the register, look at the key dates and suggest dates these could be scheduled into the Committee work programme. The lead members should meet with

		<p>the Monitoring Officer and Scrutiny Officer to bring a paper to the next meeting of the Committee</p> <p>d) Further updates be bought to the Committee on a quarterly basis commencing in September 2020</p>
8.	Report of the CAM Metro Task & Finish Group	<p>AGREED:</p> <p>a) The work of the T&F Group continue into this municipal year</p> <p>b) The T&F Group provide quarterly updates to the Committee commencing in September</p>
9.	Horizon Scanning: Strategic Forward View	<p>The Committee discussed the impact of Covid-19 which would have particularly impacted the skills and transport agendas.</p> <p>On skills the committee were keen to know how the pandemic would fully affect HEIs, apprenticeships and the impact of any recession.</p> <p>On housing the affordable housing programme and the committees continuing concerns over accessibility and environmental factors was raised. The status of the £100k homes programme was also raised.</p> <p>On transport the CAM Metro T&F Group will continue and at the April meeting of the Committee it was agreed the Bus Review T&F Group be extended until the Mayoral decision in January 2021.</p> <p>AGREED:</p> <p>a) The lead members consider the issues highlighted above and raise at the meeting indicated in item 7 (c) above to assist in formulating the work programme</p>

		<p>b) A presentation from the Skills team at a future meeting to present on the impact of Covid-19 on employment, training and education be requested</p>
10.	Combined Authority Board Agenda	<p>The following questions from the Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee to the CA Board were:</p> <p>AGREED:</p> <p>a) Agenda item 1.2: The Overview & Scrutiny Committee received a written response following its question to the meeting of the Combined Authority Board on 29 April stating that ‘productive discussions’ were ongoing relating to the appointment of a Chair of the proposed Independent Commission on Climate Change. What have these discussions consisted of and have they resulted in the appointment of a Chair of the Independent Commission and other commissioners? What progress on this important piece of work has been made in the last month?</p> <p>b) Agenda item 3.3: There is an increased emphasis on active transport modes and an increased level of importance attached to cycling, walking and equestrian transport as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. What steps are being taken to prioritise active travel not only in the light of Covid-19 but more generally?</p> <p>c) Agenda item 3.6: The paper accompanying this item refers to savings that will be achieved as a result of the surrender of the lease on the Combined Authority headquarters in Alconbury. However, there are no assumptions included in terms of the costs associated with alternative accommodation. Can the Board provide a more accurate savings figure which takes into account such costs? Secondly, why is the Combined Authority paying a whole year’s rental costs to terminate the lease at Alconbury?</p>

11.	Combined Authority Forward Plan	The CA Forward Plan was noted.
12.	Committee Meetings – Lead Member Questions and Answers	<p>AGREED:</p> <p>Questions from Lead Members will be forwarded to the Committee Chairs at least 48 hours in advance throughout the municipal year</p>
13.	Date of next meeting	<p>The CA Board would confirm dates for all meetings on 3 June 2020. Confirmed dates would be circulated as part of the minutes of this meeting.</p> <p>The next scheduled meeting of the Committee is Monday, 22 June 2020 at 11.00 a.m. (with a 10.00 a.m. pre-meeting). This would be held virtually on the Zoom platform.</p>

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