

Appendix 4

Overview and Scrutiny Committee Decision Summary

Meeting: 23rd November 2020

Agenda/Minutes: [Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 23 November 2020](#)

Chair: Cllr Lorna Dupré

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 Patricia Jordan (Huntingdonshire District Council) substituted by Cllr Mike Humphrey.
2.	Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations of interest.
3.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as an accurate record.
4.	Public Questions	There were no public questions received.
5.	The Chair of the Business Board	Austen Adams was in attendance and updated the Committee on the activity of the Board including Covid recovery projects and funding. RESOLVED: i) The Chair to contact the Chair of the Business Board about the future relationship between the Business Board and the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

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6.	The Combined Authority Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan	<p>This was to be the first of three consecutive visits to the Committee over the course of the budget-setting process and development of the MTFP. This first appearance is related to the process of budget-setting.</p> <p>The Combined Authority Board should approve the budget for consultation purposes at its meeting on 25 November; and it is this budget that will be brought back to the December meeting of the Committee as a consultee in the process. Other consultees include all constituent authorities including the Leaders, Chief Executives and Chief Finance Officers. The draft budget is loaded onto the Combined Authority website with alerts via social media to engage the public in the process. As well as the Overview and Scrutiny Committee all Executive Committees and the Business Board receive the draft budget.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The Chief Finance Officer would return to the Committee meetings in December 2020 and January 2021 ii)
7.	Ely Capacity Enhancements	<p>The Committee was informed that the Mayor of the Combined Authority is to meet the Rail Minister shortly and will be discussing rail enhancements in the county. The Combined Authority is lobbying the Department for Transport for greater capacity than what is currently proposed and there is a good opportunity to maximise capacity without the need for separated solutions with rail in the region being critical for integrated transport solutions.</p> <p>The Wisbech rail proposals are dependent upon capacity through the Ely area and that negotiations with the Department for Transport are ongoing and interim solutions are being considered.</p>
8.	Scrutiny of the SPV for the CAM Metro	The report was noted.

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		<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>i) The Chair and Chief Executive of the SPV be invited to attend a meeting of the Committee in late winter/early spring 2021.</p> <p>ii)</p>
9.	<p>Combined Authority Board Agenda: Wednesday, 25 November</p>	<p>The following questions to the Board were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 1.7 Appointment of Chief Executive of ONE CAM Limited Can the process for the level of remuneration to be received by the Chief Executive of One CAM Limited be evidenced and justified? • Item 2.2 Draft 2021-22 Budget and MTFP to 2024-25 for Public Consultation Is there any indication of when we might expect to see the strategy underlying the financial figures extrapolated beyond 2021/22? The staffing budget shows a 2% pay award and increments for performance related pay. Given the expected announcement of a public sector pay freeze is the CPCA expecting to proceed with this pay award? <p>There are revenue proposals referencing EU funds up to 2023-24. Are these funds received prior to Brexit and will they be received post-Brexit?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 4.1 CAM Special Purpose Vehicle Given the expected announcement of a public sector pay freeze is it appropriate that an annual salary of £40,000 per annum is awarded to non-executive directors? Can the O&S Committee have some background to the process justifying this level of remuneration? <p>How does the Board justify the level of funding on a project that is currently speculative; and what level of recompense is likely if the project does not happen?</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 4.6 Devolution Deal, Gainshare Gateway Review and Combined Authority Prospectus <p>(Appendix 1: 1) Are we realistically still considering doubling GVA?</p> <p>(Appendix 1: 4) When will material be placed in the public domain arising from the work of the Public Sector Reform Commission?</p> <p>(Appendix 1: 6) How does the Board define world-class connectivity and how will we know something is world-class?</p> <p>(Appendix 1: 14) When will the Joint Assets Board will be established?</p> <p>(Appendix 1:18) When will the impasse be resolved in terms of holding back £45m of the £100m housing fund? If this is not resolved how will this affect the delivery of the commitment? When will it be made clear whether March 2021 or March 2022 that is the end date for the £100m scheme?</p> <p>(Appendix 1: 34) This is not, as yet, implemented; can the O&S Committee have an update please?</p> <p>(Appendix 1: 35) What are the Combined Authority's expectations for a second Devolution Deal?</p> <p>(Appendix 1: 39) What is happening on the government's proposals on business rate reform and what are the implications for the Combined Authority of not proceeding?</p> <p>(Appendix 1: 41) What is happening on the devolution of strategic planning powers to the Mayor and what is the likely impact?</p>

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		<p>(Appendix 1: 43) What is happening on forming an Education Committee with the Regional Schools Commissioner and other key education stakeholders and what is the likely impact?</p> <p>(Appendix 1: 46) What is happening on the work with government to explore a more integrated pathway of service delivery for the causes of offending behaviour early to reduce the use of courts and prisons and what is the likely impact?</p> <p>(Appendix 1:53) Could the O&S Committee have an update on the work with local partners to consider how best to establish a sub-national transport body?</p> <p>(Appendix 1:58) Does this commitment now refer to the Government White Paper on Planning for the Future or something entirely different?</p> <p>(Appendix 1: 69) The DfE did not include the Combined Authority in Area Reviews, as the process was considerably advanced by the time the Combined Authority was established in March 2017. The last of the Area Reviews were concluded in August 2017, but this commitment is described as 'Not yet implemented by Government'. Could the O&S Committee have an update on what the Combined Authority expects to happen now?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 5.1 Local Transport Plan CAM Sub Strategy What does the Board envisage the role of the Greater Cambridge Partnership to be in this as that body is barely mentioned in the report? • Items 6.3 Local Economic Recovery Strategy Update How is the Combined Authority liaising with its constituent authorities and the Greater Cambridge Partnership on Covid recovery?

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		Has the impact of Brexit on future investment funding been considered and, if so, how will funds be delivered to help those impacted by Brexit?
10.	Combined Authority Forward Plan	The CA Forward Plan was noted.
11.	Lead Member Questions to Executive Committees	The responses to the Lead Member questions were noted.
12.	Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme	<p>The Work Programme was noted.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>i) It was agreed that the Chairman and Chief Executive of One CAM Limited be invited to attend a meeting of the Committee in late winter/early spring 2021.</p>
13.	Date of Next Meeting	Monday, 14 December 2020 at 11.00 a.m. with a pre-meeting for Members at 10.00 a.m.