



CAMBRIDGESHIRE & PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY

Decision Summary

Meeting: 25th October 2017

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	Part 1 – Governance Items	
1.1	Apologies and Declarations of Interest	Apologies received from Councillor Topping, substituted by Councillor Wright, Councillor Reynolds, substituted by Councillor Peach, and Jess Bawden. Councillors Count, Holdich and Howe declared non-statutory disclosable interests under the Code of Conduct in relation to Item 3.2, as members of the Local Enterprise Partnership Board. Councillor Holdich also declared a non-statutory disclosable interest under the Code of Conduct in relation to the same item, as a Director on Opportunity Peterborough appointed by Peterborough City Council;
1.2	Minutes – 27th September 2017	It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of 27th September 2017 as a correct record.
1.3	Petitions	None received.

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1.4	Public Questions	None received.
1.5	Forward Plan	<p>It was resolved to approve the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions dated 23 October 2017 subject to the following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Items 12, 13 and 14 had been moved from November to the December meeting. - Adult Education Budget Devolution, and Transport update had been added to the November meeting
Part 2 –Non Key Decision		
2.1	Market Town Masterplans: St Neots	<p>The ten market towns of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, and the city of Ely, represent the places where much of the planned housing growth will occur over the next twenty years. They will be home to approximately a third of the population of the Combined Authority area. It is therefore hugely important that market towns thrive and are successful as prosperous economic centres, and are vibrant, great places to live. Previous economic strategies have not always recognised their role, nor has there been co-ordinated investment plans that enable them to achieve their full potential.</p> <p>St Neots was chosen by the Combined Authority as the starting point for a renewed focus on market towns, and the 100 Day Plan committed investment to develop a Masterplan. This report brought the first phase of the St Neots Masterplan to the Board. The key conclusion was that St Neots is a place that has great potential as a leading example of a thriving modern day market town, but this needed to be unlocked by creating an investment programme and a new partnership and delivery team.</p> <p>The Masterplan analysis concludes that from a coordinated programme of investments an additional £185m/annum Gross Value Added (GVA) will be created by the end of the plan period. The first stage of work had identified a package of £5.8m of early stage investments – these would enable future growth as well as make a real difference for the existing residents and visitors of St Neots.</p> <p>However, the forecast growth of GVA in St Neots of 40% falls well short of the Combined Authority goal to double GVA in all areas of the region. The strategic implication from this</p>

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		<p>analysis was that our target to double Cambridgeshire and Peterborough’s GVA can only be met if the ceiling on new homes and new jobs, with related investments, was significantly increased.</p> <p>It was considered essential to the development of future plans for St Neots that the A428 expressway and the rapid transit (light railway) system connecting St Neots with Cambridge were both commissioned and built by the early 2020s.</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) welcome the analysis and findings of the first phase of the Masterplan for St Neots; b) endorse the development of the next phase of the Masterplan through the creation of a “St Neots Masterplan Partnership”; c) note that a total investment programme of up to £5.8m was needed to unlock the growth potential of St Neots within existing plans; d) request that officers work with the St Neots Masterplan Partnership to develop a business case for collective investment in the proposed programme, and bring forward investment proposals to this Board as part of that approach; e) establish that any proposals for Combined Authority investment that were brought forward were in line with the Authority’s Investment Strategy as set out in paragraph 3.8; f) note the intention to promote the development of masterplans for market towns in Cambridgeshire, as part of the Combined Authority’s wider economic strategy.
	Part 3 – Key Decision	
3.1	Priority Transport Schemes	<p>The purpose of this report was to ask the Board to agree funding for the next tranche of priority transport schemes.</p> <p>These schemes would support the wider Combined Authority objectives by improving</p>

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		<p>transport connectivity, reducing congestion, enabling housing growth and/or supporting economic growth.</p> <p>This report set out a longer term pipeline of work to ensure that there is a steady flow of transport interventions that are effectively planned and well considered over the current and future Mayoral cycles. This longer term approach was vital to building confidence; developing and positioning projects for future private sector investment; and enabling accelerated delivery by providing delivery partners with visibility of future work.</p> <p>It should be noted that these schemes were in addition to the strategic transport and infrastructure schemes approved previously by the Board. The pipeline of schemes also excluded those projects currently being promoted, funded and/or developed independent of the Combined Authority. This included the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP), Highways England and Network Rail.</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Agree a total budget allocation of £4.53m, comprising £3.53m in 17/18 and £1.0m in 18/19 for the rolling programme of priority transport and infrastructure schemes b) Note the intention to deliver this 4 year programme of priority transport and infrastructure schemes, and the indicative level of future investment. c) Note the governance and budget management arrangements, and the intention to bring the pipeline back to the Board on an annual basis. In the future it is intended to maintain and develop this programme beyond the current 4 year.
	Part 3 – Non Key Decision	
3.2	Funding requests in place of Greater Cambridgeshire Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership	<p>This report highlighted urgent funding requests made by various bodies to the Combined Authority in place of grants which the Greater Cambridgeshire Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership (GCGP LEP) was not in a position to fund.</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p>

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		<p>(a) Note the urgent funding requests made by</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Independent Economic Commission ii. Opportunity Peterborough <p>(b) Note the funding approvals already given in relation to the Independent Economic Commission and Opportunity Peterborough to ensure important priority objectives could be met.</p> <p>(c) Note that upon restoration of funding to the Greater Cambridgeshire Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership (GCGP LEP) the Combined Authority would make applications to the GCGP LEP Board to restore the funding position of the Combined Authority.</p>
	<p>Part 4 – Budget and Fiscal decisions</p>	
<p>4.1</p>	<p>Budget Preparation and Consultation Proposals</p>	<p>This report set out the proposed budget setting process for the approval of the Combined Authority’s 2018/19 budget.</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. approve the proposed timetable and the consultees to be involved in the consultation of the Combined Authority’s budget 2018/19. 2. Note the emerging strategic themes for the 2018/19 budget.
<p>4.2</p>	<p>Budget Update</p>	<p>This report provided an update of the 2017/18 budget.</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the budget updates as requested for approval in other Board reports on this meeting’s agenda. 2. Approve the use of interest receivable balances to cover committed additional support costs as set out in paragraph 3.6.

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		<p>3. Note the budget updates as requested for approval as set out for approval in paragraph 3.5.</p> <p>4. Approve funding of £30.6k for the contribution to phase 1 of the development of a National Evaluation Framework.</p> <p>5. Note the updated budget and indicative resources for 2017/18 and 2018/19 to 2020/21 as set out in Appendices A and B</p>
	Part 5 – Date of Next Meeting	
5.1	Date of Next Meeting	It was resolved to note the date of the next meeting – Wednesday 29 November 2017 at 10.30am at South Cambridgeshire District Council, South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, Cambridge CB23 6EA