



CAMBRIDGESHIRE & PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY BOARD

Decision Statement

Meeting: 28th March 2018

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Part 1 – Governance Items		
1.1	Apologies and Declarations of Interest	<p>Apologies received from Councillor C Seaton (Councillor D Mason substituting), Councillor K Reynolds (Councillor J Peach substituting), and Jess Bawden (Dr G Howsam substituting)</p> <p>Councillor Roberts declared a non-statutory disclosable interest under the Code of Conduct in relation to Item 2.7, as a Director of the East Cambridgeshire Trading Company. He did not take part in the debate or vote.</p> <p>The Chief Executive also declared a non-statutory disclosable interest under the Code of Conduct in relation to Item 2.8, as a Director of Greater Cambridgeshire Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership.</p>
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1.2	Minutes – 28 February 2018	It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of 28th February 2018 as a correct record.
1.3	Petitions	None received.

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1.4	Public Questions	None received.
1.5	Forward Plan	It was resolved to approve the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions dated to be published on 26 March 2018.
Part 2 – Key Decisions		
2.1	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Strategic Spatial Framework (Non Statutory)	<p>The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Strategic Spatial Framework brings together the current growth ambitions of the area, and how we – as the Combined Authority – can support local jobs and housing growth ambitions. The Framework allows us to clearly articulate the positive impact the Combined Authority can have towards making these plans become a reality.</p> <p>The devolution deal is centred around achieving ambitious levels of growth across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough for the benefit of all our communities – namely over 100,000 new homes and 90,000 new jobs by 2036. This non-statutory document:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Sets out how the Combined Authority will support the implementation of development strategies in Local Plans to 2036, so that jobs and homes ambitions are met •Scopes the opportunities for longer-term strategic planning between the Combined Authority and Planning Authorities from 2036 to 2050 including through ongoing stakeholder engagement •Signals that Cambridgeshire and Peterborough’s authorities are working collaboratively and strategically to achieve growth – in line with the direction set out in Government’s current planning reforms. <p>This report asked the Board to approve this version of the Framework, and agree proposals to bring a report scoping the next phase of the Framework’s development to its June meeting.</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Approve this first phase of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Strategic Spatial Framework (Non Statutory). (b) Note the intention of the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning to bring a report to the Board in June scoping proposals for the status, approach and resources needed to deliver the next phase of the Framework to 2050.

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		<p>The Mayor agreed to exercise his general power of competence to publish the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Strategic Spatial Framework following a vote of unanimous consent subject to including the minor amendments raised at the meeting.</p>
2.2	Transport Delivery 2018/19	<p>Transport has a vital role to play in helping the region fulfil its economic potential. The Combined Authority has set out its ambitious transport plans for the area and is making progress across a range of projects, including many high profile strategic schemes such as the A10 Upgrade and the Cambridgeshire Autonomous Metro.</p> <p>The Combined Authority area has seen significant infrastructure investment in recent years. This is set to continue with ongoing investment from the Combined Authority and from a number of other organisations.</p> <p>In its role as the strategic transport authority for the area, the Combined Authority has a key role in ensuring that the development and delivery of these important transport schemes are co-ordinated so that the best possible outcomes are achieved for the people of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.</p> <p>The purpose of this paper was to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Identify the key transport interventions that are being promoted, developed and delivered across the Combined Authority area b) Provide an overview of the transport interventions currently being funded by the Combined Authority c) Seek approval for the Combined Authority's ongoing pipeline of transport schemes for 2018/19 and beyond. d) Agree to delegate responsibility and funding to our delivery partners. <p>The pipeline of schemes proposed within this paper builds up on the Priority Transport Schemes approved by the Board in October 2017.</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Agree a total budget allocation of £18.305m, comprising £16.13m in 2018/19 and £2.18m in 2019/20 for the rolling programme of priority transport and infrastructure schemes. b) Note the £6.65m funding secured from the National Productivity Investment

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		<p>Funding for 2018/19 which was included within the total budget allocation.</p> <p>c) Agree the pipeline of projects set out in the multi-year transport programme.</p> <p>d) Authorise the Chief Executive to delegate responsibility and budget for the production of feasibility studies, business case or designs for each of the projects within the multi-year transport programme to a delivery partner, provided that all such studies, business cases and designs are to be reported back to the Combined Authority Board for approval.</p>
2.3	<p>Digital Connectivity Infrastructure: Improving Mobile Coverage and increasing the full fibre footprint across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough</p>	<p>Fast, reliable internet connections are vital for economic growth. Our area already achieves a high level of success with Cambridge and Peterborough both in the top 5 fastest growing cities in the UK. We also have the highest productivity and employment rates of all the mayoral combined authorities.</p> <p>The Combined Authority's ambition is to exceed this level of achievement. This report outlined the importance of digital connectivity to our future success. It proposed an innovative, multi-faceted approach which will:</p> <p>(a) Maintain and enhance Cambridgeshire and Peterborough's position as a leading digital county.</p> <p>(b) Support current economic strengths and protect future prosperity.</p> <p>(c) Maximise private sector investment and improve fixed and mobile connectivity as part of a 4 year programme</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p> <p>(a) Note the digital infrastructure and mobile coverage in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and endorse the vision for the Mayoral Combined Authority to be a leading area for digital connectivity.</p> <p>(b) Approve in principle a budget of up to £5.66m to support the extension of the Connecting Cambridgeshire programme.</p> <p>(c) Authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Mayor, to approve the business case and draw-down of funds in accordance with the approved business case relating to improvements to mobile coverage and the full fibre footprint for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.</p> <p>(d) Delegate to the Director of Strategy and Planning authority to approve the programme reporting and delivery arrangements in partnership with Cambridgeshire County Council and the other Combined Authority Constituent</p>

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		Councils.
2.4	University of Peterborough – Interim Accommodation Options	<p>This paper sought agreement and a funding allocation for the first stage of the University's development. The report outlined the options for the location of interim teaching and student facilities for the new University of Peterborough, Board Members were asked to consider three options, and to allocate funding to their preferred solution.</p> <p>It was resolved to approve Option 3 (recommended option): Allocate a budget of £9.74m to base all facilities on the Embankment development site, subject to the Combined Authority seeking security over the future assets of the University of Peterborough with a view to recycling funding. This is a single site solution.</p>
2.5	£70M Cambridge City Devolution Housing Programme	<p>The Combined Authority successfully secured £70million from the Government as part of the devolution deal to deliver 500 council homes. This report provided an update on the Cambridge City Devolution Housing Programme.</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Note the progress in year 1 of the programme and approve funding for the year 1 schemes of £971,216. (b) Note the forward pipeline. (c) Agree to receive further quarterly progress reports. (d) Note the arrangements for a Strategic Partnership Agreement with Cambridge City Council as the Combined Authority's delivery partner for the £70m programme.
2.6	£100M Affordable Housing Programme	<p>The Combined Authority successfully secured £100million from the Government as part of the devolution deal to deliver 2,000 affordable homes across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. This report provided an update on the programme.</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Note the progress of the Phase 1 housing scheme approvals agreed by the Board in July 2017. (b) Note the forward pipeline of affordable housing schemes, including emerging strategic sites. (c) Commit grant funding of £3.66m for the next Phase 2 of affordable housing

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		<p>schemes subject to the terms of the grant agreement being agreed between the Section 151 officer and the Portfolio Holder for Fiscal Strategy.</p> <p>(d) Agree to receive further progress reports on a quarterly basis.</p> <p>(e) Agree that the grant conditions be reviewed generally by the Legal Counsel and Section 151 officer, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Fiscal Strategy.</p>
2.7	East Cambridgeshire Strategic Community Land Trust (CLT) Programme – Provision of Loan Facility	<p>The purpose of this report was to seek the approval of the Board for the provision of a two year commercial loan facility capped at £6.5m to East Cambs Trading Company Ltd to facilitate the development of a CLT scheme of 54 homes (35 open market sale and 19 CLT owned affordable homes) at West End Gardens, Haddenham.</p> <p>In addition, to bring forward further proposals currently in development to facilitate a ten year commercial loan of £40m loan to East Cambs Trading Company Ltd to deliver the East Cambs Strategic Community Land Trust Programme.</p> <p>These proposals will come to the next meeting of the Combined Authority Board.</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p> <p>(a) Approve the provision of a commercial loan facility capped at £6.5m from the £100m Housing Programme for a period of two years to East Cambs Trading Company Ltd for the CLT scheme at West End Gardens, Haddenham. Approval was subject to completion of the business case, due diligence and agreement of loan terms including security over the loan or assets, step in rights and/parent guarantee from East Cambs District Council to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive, Monitoring Officer and Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Mayor and the Portfolio Holder for Fiscal Strategy.</p> <p>(b) Authorise the Chief Executive to bring forward detailed proposals and the business case to the next Board meeting for the provision of a ten year £40m commercial loan facility capped at £40m to fund the East Cambs Strategic CLT Programme.</p>
2.8	The Business Board and Business Transfer Agreement (from the Greater	The Combined Authority Board, with the support of Government, have agreed to form a new model of strategic leadership through the creation of a Business Board. This report

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	Cambridge Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership)	<p>set out an exciting vision of how it is proposed that the Business Board will operate. This included its main areas of focus, and its relationship with the Combined Authority Board.</p> <p>The paper also described the arrangements for the formal transfer of business from the Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership (GCGP LEP) to the Combined Authority. This included funding, staffing and programmes of investment. The details are set out in a Business Transfer Agreement. The transfer will take effect from 1st April 2018, and it is expected that the GCGP LEP company will be successfully wound up by 30th April 2018 through a process known as a members voluntary liquidation (MVL).</p> <p>In order to ensure that the GCGP LEP company has sufficient funds in the bank at the exact date and time of its closure the Mayor has used his general power of competence of under Article 12 Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Order 2017 to take a decision on 20th March 2018 to make additional cash available to enable the GCGP LEP to pay several existing short-term liabilities.</p> <p>This amount of £400,000 is identified in the Business Transfer Agreement. In addition, the Mayor has agreed to underwrite all other known and unknown liabilities of the LEP going forward in the MVL process. These have been identified in a side letter, which also assesses how any further liabilities that might arise during the finalisation of the voluntary liquidation process will be covered. The Mayor's decision will enable the Chief Executive to progress the decisions of the GCGP LEP Board on 19 December 2017.</p> <p>The Combined Authority was asked to agree, in conjunction with the Business Transfer Agreement, the attached Accountable Body Transitional Agreement which will facilitate the transfer of the rights and responsibilities of the accountable body from Cambridgeshire County Council to the Combined Authority with effect from 1st April 2018.</p> <p>The Combined Authority Board was asked to note the work of the Shadow Business Board so far and the plans that are in place for the Business Board to launch formally on 1st April 2018.</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p> <p>(a) Agree the vision of how the new Business Board would operate.</p>

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		<p>(b) Agree in principle the Business Transfer Agreement between the Greater Cambridgeshire Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority.</p> <p>(c) Ratify the commitment of £400,000 in cash to the GCGP LEP which was made by the Mayor on the 20 March 2018 in order to ensure a successful winding up of the GCGP LEP company.</p> <p>(d) Agree the longer-term indemnity around the GCGP LEP liabilities as set out in the attached side letter.</p> <p>(e) Agree that Legal Counsel and the Section 151 Officer could make any required changes and sign-off on the final fund amount (Schedule 1) in the Accountable Body Transitional Agreement.</p> <p>(f) Agree that any final insubstantial amendments that were required prior to signing the Business Transfer Agreement, Deed of Indemnity and Authorised Body Transitional Agreement could be made by the Legal Counsel, in consultation with the Mayor as portfolio holder for governance.</p> <p>(g) Agree that the Legal Counsel be authorised to sign the Business Transfer Agreement, Deed of Indemnity and Authorised Body Transitional Agreement for and on behalf of the Combined Authority</p>
	Part 3 – Non Key Decision	
3.1	Market Town Masterplans for Growth	<p>Every one of our market towns should be a vibrant and thriving place in its own right, with its own distinct identity and set of ambitions for the future. This report sets out how the Combined Authority will support every town to make this a reality by developing Market Town Masterplans for Growth, and ensuring that these are interconnected in an overall plan for the region’s future prosperity.</p> <p>A Masterplan for Growth will mean that in every single town there is;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · a shared ambition for the future which authorities, businesses and communities can unite behind; · which focuses collective resources against the same priorities, and crucially; · which unlocks new investment from the Combined Authority and other agencies. <p>This report recommended that the Combined Authority agree a programme to develop Masterplans for Growth in the remaining nine Market Towns over 2018 and 2019 for a total programme cost of up to £450,000.</p>

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		<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Note the proposed principles and role of Market Town Masterplans for Growth as set out in this report (b) Approve the sum of £50,000 to develop a Masterplan for each of the nine market towns (total budget of £450,000) (c) Note that each Masterplan was to be reported to a subsequent Combined Authority Board for approval (d) Note the collaborative arrangements of a Partnership Team with the relevant District Council to develop and subsequently lead the Masterplans
	Part 4 – Date of Next Meeting	
4.1	Date of Next Meeting	It was resolved to note the date of the next meeting – Wednesday, 30 May 2018 Fenland District Council, Fenland Hall, County Road, March PE15 8NQ

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