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Decision Statement

Meeting: 27th June 2018

| Item | Topic | Decision |
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| | Part 1 – Governance Items | |
| 1.1 | Announcements, Apologies and Declarations of Interest | Councillor Roberts declared a disclosable interest under the Code of Conduct in relation to Item 3.2: Strategic Community Land Trust (CLT) Programme Development, as a Director of the East Cambridgeshire Trading Company. Councillor Roberts had sought advice from the Monitoring Officer and confirmed that he would be speaking and answering questions but would not vote on this item. |
| 1.2 | Minutes – 30 May 2018 | It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of 30th May 2018 as a correct record. |
| 1.3 | Petitions | None received. |
| 1.4 | Public Questions | Two questions were received. A summary of the questions and responses are published at the following link: Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority meeting 27/06/2018 |
| 1.5 | Forward Plan | It was resolved to approve the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions dated to be published on 27th June 2018. |

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| 1.6 | Appointment of Interim Deputy Chief Finance Officer and Business Board Chief Finance Officer | The purpose of this report was to ask the Board to appoint an interim statutory Deputy Chief Finance Officer for the Combined Authority, and to also act as the Chief Finance Officer for the Business Board. It was resolved to appoint Noel O'Neill as interim deputy Chief Finance Officer to the Combined Authority, and also to act as the Chief Finance Officer for the Business Board |
| Part 2 – Key Decisions | | |
| 2.1 | St Neots Masterplan | <p>The Board considered Phase 1 and 2 of the St Neots Masterplan. It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Note the impact the St Neots Masterplan was already having in providing vision and strategic direction for the town (b) Note the recognition the St Neots Masterplan received in the Interim Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Economic Review (CPIER) (c) Welcome the partnership with Kier Group and the St Neots Manufacturing Club to provide skills provision and career opportunities within St Neots (d) Approve the £4.1m package of funding in order to deliver the first phase of the St Neots Masterplan |
| 2.2 | Strategic Spatial Framework Phase 2 | <p>The report brought forward the next stage of work on the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough (Non-Statutory) Strategic Spatial Framework. It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Agree the work programme and approach for Phase 2 of the non-statutory Strategic Spatial Framework; (b) Agree a budget provision of up to £135,000 for Phase 2; (c) Agree that Phase 2 of the non-statutory Strategic Spatial Framework would be developed and delivered in conjunction with the planning policy forum to support the evidence gathering and analysis of spatial implications of the economic and housing projections, key infrastructure and environmental implications and views on strategic sites. |

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| 2.3 | East-West (North) Corridor – A47 Dualling Study – Strategic Outline Business Case | <p>The Board considered the key findings of the Strategic Outline Business Case and recommendations made to further advance study work on 12 of the 20 route options initially identified, into the Outlined Business, where they would be further reduced. It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Note the findings of the A47 Strategic Outline Business Case, and that a strong case exists for the dualling of the whole section of the route, and the intention to update this for new growth figures stated within this paper. (b) Approve the procurement of consultancy support for the planned public consultation and the development of an Outline Business Case. (c) Note that further Board approval would be sought prior to supplier appointment, along with the associated budget. (d) Note that engagement with the Department for Transport and its partners would now commence to explore alternative delivery arrangements in order to bring forward completion to 2025 to 2027. |
| 2.4 | Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Unified Staffing Structure – Combined Authority and Local Enterprise Partnership | <p>The Board received details of the newly unified staffing team, incorporating activity and staff transferred on 1 April 2018. The new structure was designed to support the Combined Authority Board, its work programme, and the new Business Board and its activities. It was resolved to support the Chief Executive’s proposed unified structure of the Combined Authority.</p> |
| 2.5 | Combined Authority and Business Board Offices | <p>The Board considered the opportunity to rationalise the accommodation into a single, fit for purpose, agile working office space following its previous decision to bring together the staff of the Combined Authority and the former Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership into a single organisation. It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Agree the location of the Combined Authority offices at the Alconbury Weald Enterprise Campus. (b) Approve the 2018/19 budget for occupation of the accommodation of £169,300. (c) Approve the 2019/20 and ongoing budget for occupation of the accommodation of |

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| | | <p>£225,300 per annum.</p> <p>(d) Agree that any final insubstantial amendments that were required prior to signing the lease could be made by the Legal Counsel, in consultation with the Mayor.</p> <p>(e) Agree that any final insubstantial financial amendments that were required could be made by the Section 151 Officer.</p> |
| 2.6 | Growth Programme Update (referral from Business Board) | <p>The purpose of the report was to summarise the current position on Growth Deal, identify to the Board some of the major milestones that were about to complete, demonstrate the major scheme commitments from Growth Deal that had been transferred to the Combined Authority after the closure of the LEP and a status position of those projects. It was resolved to endorse the recommendations of the Business Board to:</p> <p>(a) note the programme updates for the Local Growth Fund (Growth Deal) and Growing Places Fund;</p> <p>(b) note activity to bring forward business cases for provisional schemes and develop approach for new allocations;</p> <p>(c) approve payment to Peterborough City Council of £513,492.63 for Claim 8 under the Bourges Boulevard 2 contract.</p> |
| Part 3 – Non Key Decision | | |
| 3.1 | Local Energy East Strategy (referral from Business Board) | <p>The Board was asked to endorse the Local Energy East Strategy to meet the requirements of the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS). It was resolved to:</p> <p>(a) note and endorse the decision of the Business Board (to be reported at the meeting). This includes:</p> <p>(b) endorse the Strategy for the whole LEP area and as the basis for the Local Energy Hub to start considering projects in the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough area.</p> |

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| | | (c) agree the Strategy and use of the Combined Authority name and logo within the final version of the Strategy. |
| 3.2 | Strategic Community Land Trust (CLT) Programme Development | <p>The Board considered the key principles of an umbrella agreement for East Cambridgeshire Community Land Trust that could then be applied on an area wide scale. It was resolved to:</p> <p>(a) Note the intention to develop a strategic model to deliver Community Land Trust schemes across the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough area, including an assessment of the total loan facility required</p> <p>(b) Agree the s151 Officer engage with HM Treasury to establish the position with regards to the existing Borrowing Cap for CPCA in respect of the potential borrowing requirement, and establish any treasury rules, guidelines or requirements for borrowing for this purpose.</p> <p>(b) Agree in principle the proposal to develop an umbrella agreement which could provide a loan facility, with up to £40m to potentially be funded through borrowing for ECTC</p> <p>(c) Agree the intention for the Chief Executive, Monitoring Officer and the Chief Finance Officer to develop the following in consultation with the Portfolio Holder Fiscal</p> <p>a. the procedures for agreeing the future draw down of funding within the loan facility</p> <p>b. the appropriate level of any delegations to officers and Portfolio Holder, for individual loan and/or total scheme sign off</p> <p>c. the monitoring of the delivery of housing schemes under the loan facility at appropriate stages to maintain oversight of delivery, including reporting to Board and External Audit</p> |

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| | Part 4 – Finance | |
| 4.1 | Budget Update | <p>This report provided the outturn position against budget for the year to 31 March 2018 and an update of the preparation and audit of the draft Statement of Accounts of the Combined Authority for the year to 31 March 2018. It was resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the outturn position against budget for the year to 31 March 2018. 2. Note progress being made in the preparation and audit of the draft Statement of Accounts for 2017/18. 3. Note that a further report would be brought to the Board to recommend the approval of certain unspent budgets, to be identified in that report, to be carried forward for use in 2018/19. |
| | Part 5 – Date of Next Meeting | |
| 5.1 | Date of Next Meeting | <p>It was resolved to note the date of the next meeting – Wednesday, 25 July 2018, East Cambridgeshire District Council, Council Chamber, The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely, CB7 4EE</p> |