



CAMBRIDGESHIRE & PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY

Decision Statement

Meeting: 30th January 2019

Minutes: [Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority Decision Statement](#)

Summary of decisions taken at this meeting.

Item	Topic	Decision
	Part 1 – Governance Items	
1.1	Announcements, Apologies and Declarations of Interest	Apologies were received from Councillor S Count (Substituted by Councillor I Bates), Councillor C Roberts, Jason Ablewhite and Jess Bawden.
1.2	Minutes- 28 November 2018	It was resolved to: Approve the minutes of the meeting of 28th November 2018 as a correct record.
1.3	Petitions	None received.
1.4	Public Questions	Three questions were received. A summary of the questions and responses is published at the following link - Combined Authority: Public Questions

1.5	Forward Plan	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <p>Note the Forward Plan.</p>
1.6	Housing and Communities Committee: Change of Membership	<p>The Combined Authority Board was asked to approve a change in membership of the Housing and Communities Committee.</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p> <p>Approve the change of Member on the Housing and Communities Committee for Fenland District Council from Councillor Seaton to Councillor Denise Laws.</p>
1.7	Appointment of Interim Chief Finance Officer (s73 Officer)	<p>The Combined Authority Board was asked to appoint Noel O'Neill as interim s73 Chief Finance Officer.</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p> <p>Appoint Noel O'Neill as interim s73 Chief Finance Officer to the Combined Authority</p>

1.8	Audit and Governance Committee - Recommendations	<p>Following the Audit and Governance Committee meeting on the 30th November. The Committee members agreed that they would like to recommend to the Combined Authority that a review be undertaken on the procedures in place for the termination of the employment of senior officers.</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Instruct the Chief Executive to carry out a review of procedures for termination of the employment of senior officers and report the outcome of that review to the Audit and Governance Committee</p>
PART 2- Finance		
2.1	Budget Monitor Update	<p>The Combined Authority Board considered a report providing an update of income and expenditure for the year to the end of November 2018 against the forecast for the year as approved by the Board on 28 November 2018.</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Note the financial position of the Combined Authority for the year to date</p>
2.2	2019/20 Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan 2019-2023	<p>The Combined Authority Board considered a report outlining the 2019/20 Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan 2019 to 2023. The Board were asked to approve the revenue and capital budgets.</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Approve the revenue budget for 2019/20 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2019 to 2023 b) Approve the capital programme 2019 to 2022

2.3	Combined Authority Business Plan 2019/20	<p>The Combined Authority Board was asked to adopt a recommended 2019-20 Business Plan.</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Adopt the 2019-20 Business Plan</p>
2.4	Budget 2019/20 (Mayor's Budget)	<p>The Combined Authority Board was asked to approve the Mayor's draft budget for 2019/20.</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Approve the Mayor's draft budget for 2019/20</p>
2.5	11&12 Wisbech High Street	<p>At the last meeting, the Combined Authority delegated authority to the interim Section 73 Officer and the interim Chief Executive to formalise the potential arrangements to support Fenland District Council in the event that step in is required. The Combined Authority Board was asked to approve this potential support to Fenland District Council.</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Approve the arrangements to support Fenland District Council if required to see successful conclusion of the project.</p>

	PART 3- Combined Authority Matters	
3.1	Strategic Bus Review	<p>In November 2017 the Combined Authority commissioned a strategic review of the regional bus network. This report presents the outcomes of that review and proposes recommendations for consideration.</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Note the recommendations of the Strategic Bus Review b) Approve to develop and deliver a Business case assessment of the benefits of operational models open to the Combined Authority including Enhanced Partnerships and franchising opportunities in line with DfT Guidelines and as set out in the Bus Service Act. The business case will be completed in Q1 2021 c) Approve the establishment of a cross-organisational group “Bus Reform Group” to build up the implementation strategy based on the recommendations of the Strategic Bus Review for short and medium term improvements.

3.2	Transport Delivery- Appointment of Inner Circle	<p>The Combined Authority Board considered a report providing a briefing relating to the appointment of Inner Circle LTD as transport consultants to the Authority under delegated powers.</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Note the arrangement with Inner Circle to date b) Authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chair of the Transport Committee, to take whatever steps are necessary to secure appropriate consultancy arrangements after the end of March 2019 and until the appointment of the permanent transport team.
PART 4- Business Board Recommendations to Combined Authority		
<p>All of the following Business Board recommendations are conditional pending confirmation from Government that local growth funds have been released for allocation by the Business Board.</p>		
4.1	Growth Deal Projects Proposals January 2019	<p>The Business Board was responsible for allocating the Growth Fund subject to ratification by the Combined Authority (CA) Board with the objective of creating new jobs and boosting productivity. The Combined Authority Board was asked to approve the recommendations set out in the report.</p> <p>It was resolved to approve upon the recommendation of the Business Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Consider the reports by external assessors of projects submitted for Growth Deal Funds b) Recommend those schemes which are suitable to the Combined Authority Board for approval

		<p>c) Note the summary of Small Grants approved under delegated powers.</p> <p>a) Bid A</p> <p>b) Bid B subject to there being recognition of the source of the funds from the Business Board by the recipient and that the following conditions precedent are satisfied before any funds are released.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">i) Confirmation that 50% of the £30m follow up funding had been secured</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">ii) There be a professional assessment of the 3.5% equity figure in terms of risk</p>
4.2	Draft Annual Delivery Plan for Business and Skills	<p>On the 28th January 2019, the Business Board considered a report bringing forward the first draft of the Business and Skills Annual Delivery Plan. The Combined Authority Board was asked to approve the recommendations set out in the report.</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p> <p>a) Consider the content of the draft Annual Delivery Plan</p> <p>b) Identify any areas for further development by officers</p> <p>c) Note the draft Annual Delivery Plan for Business and Skills</p>

4.3	Rural Community Energy Fund- Management and Administration	<p>The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) was the Accountable Body for the Greater South East Energy Hub that covers fifteen counties and Greater London. The Energy Hub had been set up to unlock current restrictions and blockages relating to local energy infrastructure. By aligning the Rural Community Energy Fund (RCEF) with the Energy Hub it enabled greater connectivity and maximises the resultant opportunities to create, initiate and deliver projects locally. The Combined Authority Board was asked to approve the recommendations set out in the report.</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p> <p>Agree that the Greater South East Energy Hub assumes the RCEF management role, administers the fund and employs the Community Energy Advisor.</p>
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4.4	Growth Programme Update (from November 2018 Business Board)	<p>The Greater Cambridge and Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership (GCGP LEP) negotiated three successive Growth Deals with Government between 2014 and 2017, securing £146.7m to deliver new homes, jobs and skills across the LEP area. In addition to the Growth Deal, GCGP secured £16.1m from the Growing Places Fund to establish a recyclable pot of grants and loans for projects delivering economic benefit across the region. The Combined Authority Board was asked to approve the recommendation set out in the report.</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Note the accumulative and in-year programme position to 31 October 2019 for Growth Deal and Growing Places Fund b) Note and agree the submission of the Growth Deal monitoring report to Government to end Q2 2018/19; and c) Approve an extension to the funding period for the Lancaster Way Phase 2 (grant). See section 3.8 to 3.11)
	Part 5- Date of next meeting	
5.1	10.30am Wednesday 27 February 2019, Council Chamber, South Cambridgeshire District Council, South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, Cambridge CB23 6EA	

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