

## Appendix 1



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE  
& PETERBOROUGH**  
COMBINED AUTHORITY

# OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - Decision Summary

**Meeting:** 29 July 2019

**Agenda/Minutes:** [Overview & Scrutiny Committee - 29th July 2019](#)

Chair: Cllr Lorna Dupre

Summary of decisions taken at this meeting

Item	Topic	Decision <i>[None of the decisions below are key decisions]</i>
1.	Apologies	Apologies received from:  Cllr Conboy, substituted by Cllr Humphrey  Cllr Murphy
2.	Declaration of Interests	There were no declarations of interest.
3.	Minutes	The minutes of the meeting held on the 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2019 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

4.	Public Questions	There were no public questions received.
5.	Review of Combined Authority Agenda	<p>The Committee reviewed the agenda due to come to Board on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019.</p> <p>The Committee agreed to raise the following questions to the Board:</p> <p><b>1.7) <u>Business Board Allowances</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Was there any reason for using the East Cambs IRP over any other panel from the other Constituent Councils.</li> <li>b) By providing the Business Board members with an allowance, will there be a domino effect or an expectation that other bodies and appointed commissioners will receive an allowance?</li> <li>c) How does the workload of the LEP members differ from that of the Business Board to warrant the post being remunerated?</li> <li>d) What responsibilities will the Vice-Chair have and what will be the frequency of their deputising responsibility?</li> <li>e) Why are the allowances being backdated?</li> <li>f) The role of 'Business Board member' has been advertised already which states, Board Members will be remunerated. Does this not pre-determine the decision of the Board as they had yet to agree to the recommendation.</li> </ul>

		<p>g) What steps are being taken to exceed the government recommendations with regards to equality and representation on the Board – to include a greater percentage of women?</p> <p>h) Could the Business Board consider ‘rolling’ appointments to support continuity of the knowledge and expertise.</p> <p><b>2.1) <u>Budget Monitoring</u></b></p> <p>a) Appendix 2 of the Budget Monitoring report refers to ‘Passporting’. Can clarification be given on the meaning of this?</p> <p><b>3.1) <u>Affordable Housing Programme Scheme</u></b></p> <p>a) Can the Board explain the varying levels of grant between projects in the Affordable Housing Programme and the significant difference between cost per affordable unit under the revolving loan scheme?</p> <p><b>3.1.1) <u>£100m Affordable Housing Programme Scheme Approvals July 2019 - Werrington, Peterborough</u></b></p> <p>a) Can a definition or some clarity be given with regards to the term ‘affordable rent’</p> <p><b>a) <u>Housing Development Company - Approval of Shareholder Agreement</u></b></p> <p>a) The Committee have some concerns that the power of Mayor over Housing Company will lack scrutiny and consider there to be a need for increased transparency.</p>
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		<p>b) Will Scrutiny be able to have access to the exempt information (both reports and minutes) in order to properly scrutinise (eg of pay of CEO) especially in light of the number of Boards that are being set up at the Combined Authority.</p> <p><b>3.3) <u>Cambridge Autonomous Metro - July 2019</u></b></p> <p>a) What lessons have been learned from previous boards in terms of recruitment and diversity and are these going to be applied to the Partnership Board and all other future Boards that are established?</p> <p>b) Will the CAM Partnership Board consult with stakeholders including residents and environmental groups?</p> <p>c) What is the level of confidence with regards to the financial viability of the Outline Business Case given the budget changes outlined in the report.</p> <p><b>3.4) <u>A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet Consultation response</u></b></p> <p>a) How will the CPCA work with Highways England to address the issues raised in the draft response to the consultation with regards to biodiversity?</p> <p><b>3.6) <u>A Vision for Nature</u></b></p> <p>a) How will the vision for nature be delivered in the decision-making process?</p> <p>b) Do the Board consider that there is a need for more conservation bodies to be involved and consulted with?</p>
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6.	Combined Authority Forward Plan	The Committee confirmed that it was pleased that the publication of the Board Forward Plan had been amended to allow the Overview and Scrutiny Committee the opportunity to examine the document in a more manageable timeframe.
7.	Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme Report	<p>The Committee received the report which outlined the work programme for the committee for the municipal year 2019/20.</p> <p>The Committee noted that there would be a presentation from one of the joint Chief Executives at the next meeting on the Constitutional Review and an opportunity for a question and answer session</p>
8.	Date of Next Meeting	The Committee agreed that the next meeting would be held on the 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2019 at 11:00am, Kreis Viersen Room, Shire Hall, Cambridgeshire County Council.

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