



OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - Decision Summary

Meeting: 25 November 2019

Agenda/Minutes: Overview & Scrutiny Committee - 25th November 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 Chamberlain, Cllr Gehring, Cllr Heylings (substituted by Cllr Fane) and Cllr Price (substituted by Cllr Davey).
2.	Declaration of Interests	Cllr Davey declared a non-pecuniary interest.
3.	Minutes	The minutes of the meeting held on the 28 October 2019 were agreed and signed by the Chair.
4.	Public Questions	There were no public questions received.

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5.	Combined Authority Draft Budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan	<p>Deputy S73 Officer explained that the Committee would have the opportunity to look at the Draft Budget and Medium-term Financial Plan three times. He explained the process the Combined Authority had gone through so far in terms of the next year's Budget and that the consultation would be starting on Thursday 28 November 2019 and concluding on 31 December 2019.</p> <p>The Committee would have the opportunity to look at this report again at its December meeting, which would be during the consultation period. It would have the opportunity to draft a response to go back into the consultation process, which would be responded to at the January meeting of the Combined Authority Board.</p> <p>The final look at the Budget paper would be at January Committee meeting, which would be two days before the Budget was presented to the Combined Authority Board.</p> <p>Deputy S73 Officer presented and explained to the Committee the draft, timetable and principles that had been taken into account when drafting the Budget. He explained that while the key overarching objective was to set an affordable balanced budget, the Combined Authority had gone beyond that and developed its budget in line with key principles that had been established through feedback from Members and Officers throughout the process.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">That the Combined Authority Draft Budget and Medium-term Financial Plan be noted.</p>

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6.	Affordable Housing Programme Update	<p>The Director of Housing and Development provided a brief update on the progress of the Programme since the last update in June 2019, explaining the objective of £170m Affordable Housing Programme being the delivery of 2500 homes. It was further noted that some good progress had been made in recent months. Homes with funding approved have increased from 777 to over 1100, money paid to date had gone from £3.5m to £28m. Looking ahead to the rest of this financial year, it is anticipated approximately 1230 units would be approved by the end of March with a significant jump in numbers of homes starting on-site.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) That the update from the Director of Housing and Development be noted. b) That a more informed discussion was to be held at the February meeting, when more information will be available.
7.	Review of Combined Authority Board Agenda	<p>The Committee reviewed the agenda for the Combined Authority Board meeting on Wednesday 27 November 2019 and identified questions to the Board as below:</p> <p><u>3.3 Climate Change</u></p> <p>Q: How will the Commission and its work align with the work of its constituent authorities and of Cambridgeshire County Council's technical group on air quality? We note that Cambridgeshire County Council publishes its pre-consultation Climate Change and Environment Strategy next month.</p> <p>Q: How can the Commission effectively address the environmental effects of transport when the Local Transport Plan is going to the Combined Authority's Transport Committee in early January and will be approved by the Combined</p>

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		<p>Authority Board at the end of January, given the importance of transport to climate change?</p> <p>Q: How will the Commission influence the decision-making processes of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority?</p> <p>Q: Whom will the Commission consult as part of its work?</p> <p>Q: How will the Commission work with the Executive Committees of the Combined Authority?</p> <p>Q: Will the Commission's interim report be made available before the pre-election period for the May elections?</p> <p>Q: How soon does the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority expect the Panel to be recruited and hold its first meeting?</p> <p>Q: Will the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority appoint a lead officer for Climate Change?</p>
8.	Combined Authority Forward Plan	<p>The Committee considered the Combined Authority Forward Plan.</p> <p>The Chair identified the following items for the Committee's consideration:</p> <p>January - Local Transport Plan January – Skills Committee Business plan University of Peterborough Market Towns March – Local Enterprise Partnerships</p>

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		<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the Combined Authority Forward Plan be noted.</p>
9.	Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme	<p>The Committee received a report which outlined the Work Programme for the Committee for the municipal year 2019/20.</p> <p>Identified items to be added to the Work Programme for February meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Item on Housing ii) Item on Trading companies <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the items be added to February agenda.</p>
10.	Date and Location of the next Committee meeting	<p>The Committee agreed that the next meeting would be held on 16 December 2019 at 11:00am, at South Cambridgeshire District Council with a pre-meeting at 10am</p>

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