

## Overview and Scrutiny Committee Decision Summary

Meeting: 29th July 2020

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Chair: Cllr Lorna Dupré

Summary of decisions taken at this meeting

Item	Topic	Decision [None of the decisions below are key decisions]
1.	Apologies	Apologies were received from: Cllr Markus Gehring (Cambridge City Council) substituted by Cllr Dan Summerbell; Cllr Patricia Jordan (Huntingdonshire District Council); and Cllr Kevin Price (Cambridge City Council).
2.	Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations of interest.
3.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	Cllr Alex Miscandlon (Fenland District Council) was not in attendance – Cllr David Mason was the representative of FDC. With this amendment the minutes of the last meeting were agreed as an accurate record.
4.	Public Questions	There were no public questions received
5.	The Mayor of the Combined Authority	It was Agreed:  The Monitoring Officer would provide legal advice as to whether the following could be made available to the Committee:

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) The legal advice, including that from James Goudie QC, behind the appointment of a political assistant and subsequent Chief of Staff;</li> <li>ii) The letter from MHCLG to the Co-Chief Executives in June 'outlining our differing view on the total additional starts on site delivered to date and confirming that further evidence of progress would be required before the Department could make further funding available';</li> <li>iii) The letter being written to The Minister of State at the MHCLG at the end of July/early August.</li> </ul>
6.	University of Peterborough	The PowerPoint presentation to be circulated to the Committee and published on the CA meetings website.
7.	Lead Member Appointment to Shadow the Business Board	<p>Agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Cllr Ed Murphy confirmed as Lead Member for the Business Board.</li> <li>ii) Cllr Jocelyne Scutt confirmed as Lead Member for Housing replacing Cllr Ed Murphy</li> </ul>

8.	<p>Combined Authority Board Agenda: Wednesday, 5 August 2020</p>	<p>The following questions to the Board were agreed:</p> <p><b>Item 2.1 Budget Monitor Update:</b> Building upon cycle schemes he has funded recently is the mayor able to consider reviewing budgets and move funding towards promoting safe walking and particularly cycling?</p> <p><b>Item 3.1 £100m Affordable Housing Programme Proposed Variations to Schemes that form investments from the £40m revolving fund:</b> The report to the Board states that “The lost interest by granting interest free periods will not impact on other areas of the Combined Authority. i.e. the revenue budget does not rely on these funds, but as mentioned earlier in the paper, any interest earned on these loans would be recycled and re-invested into new housing projects. i.e. the loss of interest just impacts on future funds available to support the £100m affordable housing programme.” What—in financial and housing unit terms—is the opportunity cost of this lost interest?</p> <p><b>Item 3.2 Proposal for a Corporate Vehicle to bring forward the Cambridgeshire Autonomous Metro (CAM):</b> The report to the Board states that “CAM will potentially increase social mobility to Peterborough and the Fens, therefore ‘levelling up’ the region”. Which parts of the Fens will have access to CAM, and when?</p> <p><b>Item 3.3 A10 Junctions and Dualling:</b> The report to the Board states that “there was a spread of opinion about the options”. Will the Combined Authority publish the public feedback received in response to the virtual public exhibition?</p> <p><b>Item 3.5 Market Town Masterplans:</b> A frequent comment during the development of the Market Town Masterplans was that local councillors and communities had not been consulted in their development, or their comments had been ignored. As funds are about to be allocated to the Market Towns to implement the Masterplans, what flexibility will be shown in granting funds to</p>
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9.	Combined Authority Forward Plan	The Committee work programme was noted.
10.	Lead Member Questions to Executive Committees	Cllr Andy Coles confirmed the questions provided to the Skills Committee had been answered. There were no questions to the last meetings of either the Transport or Housing Committees.
11.	Combined Authority Forward Plan	The CA Forward Plan was noted
12.	Date of Next Meeting	Monday, 28 September 2020 at 11.00 a.m.