

## Overview and Scrutiny Committee Decision Summary

Meeting: 25th January 2021

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Chair: Cllr Lorna Dupré

Summary of decisions taken at this meeting

Item	Topic	Decision <i>[None of the decisions below are key decisions]</i>
1.	<b>Apologies</b>	No apologies were received.
2.	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	There were no declarations of interest.
3.	<b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b>	The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as an accurate record.
4.	<b>Public Questions</b>	There were no public questions received.
5.	<b>The Combined Authority Budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan</b>	<p>The report provided an update on the preparation and approval of the Combined Authority and Mayoral budgets for 2021/22 and of the Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) for the period 2021/22 to 2024/25.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>i) The Committee noted the consultation responses and updates to the Combined Authority's 2021-22 Budget, Medium Term Financial Plan and Capital Programme.</p>

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		ii) The Chief Finance Officer agreed to provide a breakdown on what else would be covered by the Alconbury Weald receipts along with comments on the outcome if the receipts were less than expected.
6.	<b>Director for Housing</b>	The Committee received the report from the Director for Housing which provided an update on the £170 million Affordable Housing Programme being led by the Combined Authority.
7.	<b>Chair of the Housing and Communities Committee</b>	The Chair for the Housing and Communities Committee was in attendance and responded to questions from the members.
8.	<b>Combined Authority Board Agenda: Wednesday 27 January</b>	<p>The following questions to the Board were agreed:</p> <p><u>Item 1.6 Change in Membership - Transport and Infrastructure Committee</u></p> <p>Could the Board provide some clarity around the decision-making structure that will result from the proposals set out to change the remit of Transport and Infrastructure committee?</p> <p><u>Item 1.7 – Appointment of Combined Authority Returning Officer</u></p> <p>The reports suggest an election in May can be run within the budget envelope already envisioned. With the vast majority of local authorities reporting that they will struggle to run an election this year - is the Combined Authority confident that it can run a fair and free election under Covid restrictions and within the budget envelope suggested?</p> <p><u>Item 1.8 – Performance Report</u></p>

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		<p>The Combined Authority's flagship £100m Affordable Housing Programme now has a residual RAG status of RED. What plans does the Combined Authority have to address this?</p> <p><u>Item 1.10 – Combined Authority Business Plan and Annual Report 2021-22</u></p> <p>The Business Plan 2021/22 states that 'You will see more active travel, more work towards 'doubling nature' and hammering carbon emissions down to zero.' Can you provide further information and in practical terms about what is meant in practical terms by 'hammering carbon emissions down to zero' especially in regard to the authority's construction and transport projects?</p> <p><u>Item 2.1 Budget Monitor Update Report January 2021</u></p> <p>a) The breakdown of the revenue position under the Delivery and Strategy section notes the CAM Outline Business Case budget of £1.425M – could you advise what stage the Outline Business Case is currently at and how much of the current budget has been spent? Could the detail around this be provided to the Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee?</p> <p>b) The breakdown of the revenue position under the Delivery and Strategy section notes the One CAM Innovation Company has £6.84m allocated with nearly £4M of that already spent. How will the remaining £3M be spent by the end of March?</p> <p><u>Item 2.3 2021-22 Budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan 2021-2025</u></p>

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		<p>Forecast expenditure on the CAM Outline Business Case £5M for 2021/22, and £6.5M in years 2022/23 and 2023/24. Will the Outline Business Case be concluded by the end of 2024?</p> <p>Forecast expenditure on the CAM SPV outlined in Appendix 2c is £2M for 2021/22. What is the spend estimate on the SPV beyond 2021/22 and why is this not included in the forecast?</p> <p><u>Item 2.4 Transport Levy 2021/22</u></p> <p>Does the Transport Levy amount sufficiently reflect the enormity of work that has been done and will continue to be done by the Combined Authority in the future?</p> <p><u>Item 3.1 CAM Update</u></p> <p>Why has the CAM Update item been withdrawn?</p> <p><u>Item 4.3 Greater Cambridge Partnership Consultations - Waterbeach to Cambridge and Eastern Access</u></p> <p>What is the Combined Authority's position on an alternative public transport mode for travel between Waterbeach and Cambridge? This has previously formed part of the Authority's proposals for the CAM; is this still the case?</p> <p><u>Item 6.2 University of Peterborough Phase 2 - Incorporation of PropCo2</u></p> <p>The plans mention car park provision. What weight has been given to the environmental impact of the proposals in terms of land use and carbon emissions?</p>

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9.	<b>Combined Authority Forward Plan</b>	The CA Forward Plan was noted.
10.	<b>Lead Member Questions to Executive Committees</b>	The responses to the Lead Member questions were noted.
11.	<b>Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme</b>	<p>The Work Programme was noted.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) That the Independent Commission on Climate Change come to March's meeting</li> <li>ii) That the Lead member Role for the Business Board come to February's meeting</li> <li>iii) Requested that the University of Peterborough item come to February's meeting</li> <li>iv) That the March meeting be rescheduled to the 22<sup>nd</sup> March to align with the CA Board meeting.</li> <li>v) The Monitoring Officer would provide members with a note of advice on what items it would be appropriate to consider at the April meeting during the purdah period.</li> </ul>
12.	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	Monday, 22 February 2021 at 11.00 a.m. with a pre-meeting for Members at 10.00 a.m.

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