Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority Board - Decision Summary

Meeting: 27th January 2021

Agenda/Minutes: Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board – 27 January 2021

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Part 1 - Governance Items

1.1 Announcements, Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ryan Fuller, substituted by Councillor Jon Neish, and coopted member Jessica Bawden, representing Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group.

A declaration of interest was made by Councillor Bridget Smith in relation to Item 4.2: London Luton Airport Arrivals Consultation, in that the proposed change to aircraft stacking arrangements would have a significant impact on the village where she lives.

1.2 Minutes of the Combined Authority Board meeting on 25th November 2020

The minutes of the meeting on 25th November 2020 were approved as an accurate record. A copy will be signed by the Mayor when it is practical to do so.

1.3 Petitions

No petitions were received.

1.4 Public Questions

No public questions were received.

1.5 Forward Plan- 14 January 2021

It was resolved to approve the Forward Plan.

1.6 Change in Membership - Transport and Infrastructure Committee

It was resolved to:

Ratify the appointment of Councillor Mark Howell as the representative of Cambridgeshire County Council on the Transport & Infrastructure Committee in place of Councillor Ian Bates, and the appointment of Councillor Ian Bates as substitute member in the place of Councillor Roger Hickford.

1.7 Appointment of Combined Authority Returning Officer

It was resolved to:

Appoint John Hill, Chief Executive, as the Combined Area Returning Officer for the purposes of Article 6 of the Combined Authorities (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017 for the Mayoral election to be held on 6 May 2021.

1.8 Performance Report

The January 2021 Delivery Dashboard was noted.

1.9 Combined Authority Monitoring an Evaluation Framework 2021

It was resolved to adopt the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for 2021.

1.10 Combined Authority Business Plan and Annual Report 2021-22

It was resolved to:

- a) Review the draft 2021/22 Combined Authority Annual Report and Business Plan attached at Appendix 1 and consider any appropriate amendments;
- b) Delegate authority to the Chief Executives to finalise the Annual Report and Business Plan for publication in the light of the views of the Combined Authority Board.

1.11 Relationship between Risk and Change Control

It was resolved to:

Approve the adoption of the Relationship between Risk and Change Control document as recommended by the Audit and Governance Committee.

Part 2 - Finance

2.1. Budget Monitor Report: January 2021

It was resolved to:

a) Note the financial position of the Combined Authority for the year to date.

- b) Approve the movement of £900k from Subject to Approval to Approved budget for the Digital Connectivity Infrastructure Programme
- c) Note the Chief Finance Officer's acceptance of additional funding to support business through the EU exit grant and associated expenditure.
- d) Approve the amendment to the limit on investment balances held with Money Market Funds in the current Treasury Management Strategy.

2.2 Mayor's Budget 2021-22

It was resolved to:

Approve the Mayor's draft budget for 2021-22.

2.3 2021-22 Budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan 2021-25

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve the revenue budget for 2021/22 and the Medium-Term Financial Plan 2021/22 to 2024/25.
- b) Approve the capital programme 2021/22 to 2024/25

2.4 Transport Levy 2021-22

It was resolved to approve the amount and apportionment of the Transport Levy for the 2021-22 financial year as set out below:

Total Levy: £13,039,675

Peterborough City Council: £3,793,659

Cambridgeshire County Council: £9,246,016

Part 3 – Combined Authority Decisions

3.1 CAM Update January 2021

This report was withdrawn.

3.2 Market Towns Programme Investment Prospectus - Approval of Third Tranche of Project Proposals

It was resolved to:

Approve project proposals received under Market Towns Programme and in response to town centre Covid-19 recovery received from Fenland, East Cambridgeshire, and Huntingdonshire to the sum of £4,143,079.

3.2 Business Growth Service – Growth Company Board

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve the appointment of Barclays Bank as Company Bankers.
- b) Approve amendment of the Accounting Reference Date from 31st August 21 to 31 March 2021.
- c) Approve amendment of the Company's name at Companies House from Peterborough and Cambridgeshire Business Growth Co Ltd to Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Business Growth Co Ltd.
- d) Approve access for staff employed in Growth Co, to the NEST Pension Scheme with a total contribution of 10%, of which there is a 5% minimum employer contribution.

e) To grant the Monitoring Officer delegated authority, in consultation with the Director of Business and Skills to agree a final Shareholder Agreement in substantively the same form as is set out in Appendix 1 and to execute the agreement and any related deeds of adherence and succession or of amendment and restatement necessary to substitute it for the previous Shareholder Agreement approved by the Combined Authority.

By recommendation to the Combined Authority Board

Part 4 – Transport and Infrastructure Committee recommendations to the Combined Authority Board

4.1 A16 Norwood Improvements

It was resolved to:

Approve the drawdown of £630,000 from the Medium-Term Financial Plan to produce the Outline Business Case. This includes £320,000 carry forward from the current financial year subject to approval budget.

4.2 London Luton Airport Air Space (Stack) Consultation

It was resolved to:

Delegate authority to the Director of Delivery and Strategy, in consultation with the Chair of the Transport and Infrastructure Committee, to respond to the consultation on behalf of the Transport and Infrastructure Committee, reflecting the Committee and Board's discussions.

4.3 Greater Cambridge Partnership Consultations - Waterbeach to Cambridge and Eastern Access

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve the proposed consultation response commentary in relation to the Greater Cambridge Partnership's Waterbeach to Cambridge proposals, with a recommendation that they are issued on behalf of the Combined Authority;
- b) Approve the proposed consultation response commentary in relation to the Greater Cambridge Partnership's Greater Cambridge Partnership's Eastern Access proposals, with a recommendation that they are issued on behalf of the Combined Authority.
- n/a Additional report added to the agenda after publication: Amendment to Terms of Reference Transport and Infrastructure Committee

It was resolved to:

Authorise the Monitoring Officer to amend Chapter 8 of the Constitution of the Combined Authority Board (Transport and Infrastructure Committee), Section 3, to include: 3.2.13 Review matters related to the CAM scheme prepared by the Greater Cambridge Partnership and make representations to the GCP Executive Board related to CAM matters.

Part 5 – Housing and Communities Committee recommendations to the Combined Authority Board

5.1 Community Land Trust Business Case

It was resolved to approve the Community Land Trust Business Case at Appendix 1 of the report.

Part 6 – Skills Committee recommendations to the Combined Authority Board

6.1 Local Growth Fund Programme Management Review January 2021

It was resolved to:

a) Approve the project change request for Cambridge Medipark Ltd Biomedical Multi-occupancy building project; and

- b) Approve the project change request for the Cambridgeshire Skills March Adult Education Project;
- c) Note the programme updates outlined in the report to the Business Board.

6.2: University of Peterborough Phase 2 - Incorporation of PropCo2

It was resolved to:

- a) Delegate authority to the Director of Business and Skills, in consultation with the Lead Member for Economic Growth, the Section 73 Officer and the Monitoring Officer, to develop the necessary legal documentation for the Peterborough R&D Property Company.
- b) Approve the Business Plan for Peterborough R&D Property Company Ltd.
- c) Consent to Peterborough R&D Property Company Ltd entering into the contract with the commercial operation which is successful in the procurement exercise.
- 6.3 University of Peterborough Phase 2 Manufacturing and Materials Research and Development Centre Project

It was resolved to:

- a) Agree to the £1.13m increase in equity investment from the existing project partner into the Peterborough R&D Property Company Ltd.
- b) Subject to the approval of recommendation (a), to note the new revised total project budget of £19.5 million and the revised shareholding split in Peterborough R&D Property Company Ltd, the Joint Venture Company delivering the project.

6.4 Local Enterprise Partnership Partnering Strategy

It was resolved to:

Approve the Partnering Strategies approach between the Business Board and:

- i. The OxCam LEPs;ii. NALEP, GLLEP & SEMLEP; andiii. The LEP Network.

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