Combined Authority Board Decision Summary

Agenda/Minutes: Combined Authority Board 25 August 2021

Meeting: Wednesday 25 August 2021

Part 1 - Governance Items

1.1 Announcements, Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from Mr A Adams, substituted by Professor A Neely; Councillor R Fuller, substituted by Councillor J Neish; Councillor L Herbert, substituted by Councillor M Smart; and Councillor E Murphy.

There were no declarations of interest.

1.2 Minutes of the Combined Authority Board meeting on 28 July 2021

The minutes of the meeting on 28 July 2021 were approved as an accurate record, subject to a spelling correction, and signed by the Mayor.

1.3 Petitions

No petitions were received.

1.4 Public Questions

Three public questions were received from Rod Hart, on behalf of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Climate Action Coalition; Dorothy Ball, a local resident; and Antony Carpen, a local resident. Copies of the questions and the responses (once published) can be viewed on the 25 August 2021 Combined Authority Board meeting web page.

1.5 Annotated Forward Plan – August 2021

It was resolved to approve the Forward Plan.

Part 2 – Finance

2.1 Wisbech Access Strategy (Phase 1)

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve £1.88m from the subject to approval funding within the Medium-Term Financial Plan enabling Cambridgeshire County Council to complete the purchasing of land, detailed design, and the Full Business Case for the project.
- b) Authorise the Director of Delivery and Strategy to conclude a revised Grant Funding Agreement with Cambridgeshire County Council on terms approved by Chief Legal Officer/ Monitoring Officer.

2.2 Peterborough Station Quarter

It was resolved to:

a) Recommend to the CPCA Board drawdown of £350,000 from the Transport Response Fund for the development of a Strategic Outline Business Case

b) Note the programme to progress the development of the Strategic Outline Business Case.

2.3 March – Future High Streets Funding Bid: Business Case for Additional Combined Authority Match Funding

It was resolved to:

- a) Accept the Business Case for the March Town Regeneration Future High Streets Fund Scheme
- b) Approve the drawdown of the £1.1m of 'Subject to Approval' Combined Authority funding for the March Future Highstreet Fund.
- c) Authorise the Chief Legal Officer and Monitoring Officer to complete the funding agreement with the grant recipient.
- 2.4 iMET Opportunity and Combined Authority Accommodation needs

It was resolved to:

Carry out a search exercise within the estate of the constituent councils and other public sector bodies in the area of the Combined Authority for other potential opportunities to secure office space to meet CPCA's future office needs. Output to be reported back to the Board with options for consideration.

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