

Overview and Scrutiny Committee Decision Summary

Meeting: 13 June 2022

Agenda/Minutes: [Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 13 June 2022](#)

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.	Apologies	Cllr R Robertson, Cambridge City Council substituted by Cllr S Smith Cllr M Goldsack, Cambridgeshire County Council. There were no declarations of interest.
2.	Election of Chair of the Committee	There were two nominations. Following a vote: <u>RESOLVED</u> That Cllr L Dupre be elected Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the municipal year 2022-23.
3.	Election of Vice-Chair of the Committee	There was a single nomination. <u>RESOLVED</u> That Cllr A Sharp be elected Vice-Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the municipal year 2022-23.
4.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Action Log	The minutes of the meeting held on the 28 March 2022 were approved as a correct record.
5.	Public Questions	There were no public questions.

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6.	Appointment of Lead Members	<p>RESOLVED: That the Committee confirm the following appointments:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Lead Member for Transport:</td> <td>Cllr D Baigent</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lead Members for Skills:</td> <td>Cllr A Coles and Cllr A Miscandlon</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lead Member for Housing:</td> <td>Cllr A Van de Weyer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lead Member for Climate Change & Environment:</td> <td>Cllr M Atkins</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lead Member for Business Board:</td> <td>Cllr D Dew</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rapporteur for the Bus Reform Review</td> <td>Cllr A Hay</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rapporteur for One Cam</td> <td>Cllr A Sharp</td> </tr> </table>	Lead Member for Transport:	Cllr D Baigent	Lead Members for Skills:	Cllr A Coles and Cllr A Miscandlon	Lead Member for Housing:	Cllr A Van de Weyer	Lead Member for Climate Change & Environment:	Cllr M Atkins	Lead Member for Business Board:	Cllr D Dew	Rapporteur for the Bus Reform Review	Cllr A Hay	Rapporteur for One Cam	Cllr A Sharp
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7.	Overview & Scrutiny Work Programme	<p>The Committee received a report which requested that members discuss and agree items that they would like to be added to the work programme for the municipal year 2022-23.</p> <p>RESOLVED That the following items be added to the work programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Governance Review and the functioning of the CA. This to be a standing item for meetings over the next six months; • CA Housing Purpose and Function; • Local Transport and Connectivity Plan. This to be an agenda item for the September meeting. An informal briefing beforehand may be needed to inform and influence the report before it is issued; • Climate Change and a report on the delivery of the Action Plan; • Mayoral Question Time, both public and scrutiny sessions; • Scrutiny of the Budget and a review of quarterly accounts 														
8.	Co-opted Independent Member	<p>The co-option of an independent member from one of the constituent councils was considered by the Committee. There was some discussion on the focussing on the legislation that does not allow for the consideration of independent members when calculating political proportionality. It was:</p>														

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		<p><u>RESOLVED</u> That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee do not appoint a co-opted member for the municipal year 2022-23</p>
9.	One CAM Closure	<p>The Committee heard that all the necessary paperwork to close the One CAM Limited company has been completed internally at the CPCA, in terms of the company accounts at closure and statements of compliance. Final closure is now in the hands of the company legal advisors and the formalities are taking place. It is anticipated that the final strike-off from Companies House will occur before the end of July.</p> <p>A further report would be brought to the Committee by the Rapporteur to include the public costs involved in the closure of the company.</p>
10.	Housing Update	<p>Roger Thompson, Director of Housing presented a housing update to the Committee, speaking to the Combined Authority Board paper: Future Combined Authority Housing Purpose and Function across the CPCA area. It was highlighted that the paper had been prepared through a collaborative process and workshops had been held with delivery partners, and the officers and leaders of the constituent councils.</p> <p>During discussion several points were raised including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that whilst it was important that the CPCA was ready to take on opportunities as they arose, any retained skills and capacity should be fully exploited and not underutilised for any length of time • there are pressures in the construction industry and that there were linkages to be enhanced within the area of skills and economic growth, including supporting modern methods of construction • the CPCA had been severely restricted by the conditions applied by DHLUC between March 2021 and March 2022 and that schemes had

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		<p>operated largely in the north and centre of the area as that was where they had the ability to intervene</p> <p>The role of Community Land Trusts was also discussed. Following the discussion it was:</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u></p> <p>That the draft minutes for the Housing Update item be sent to the CA Board for consideration at the next CA Board meeting when the report, Future Combined Authority Housing Purpose and Function, would be discussed.</p>
11.	Date and Time of Next Meeting	The next meeting would be on Monday, 25 July at 11:00. The venue would be Pathfinder House, Huntingdon.