

## Combined Authority Board Decision Summary

Meeting: 27 July 2022

Agenda/Minutes: Combined Authority Board - 27 July 2022

Chair: Mayor Dr Nik Johnson

Summary of decisions taken at this meeting

## Combined Authority Board Annual Meeting: Decision Statement

### Part 1 - Governance Items

#### 1.1 Announcements, Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor B Smith, substituted by Councillor J Williams and Police and Crime Commissioner D Preston, substituted by Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner J Peach.

Councillor C Boden declared an interest in Item 2.1: Budget Monitor Report July 2022 as a Trustee of FACT, which provided the No.68 bus route in Wisbech on a non-profit basis.

Professor A Neely declared an interest in relation to Item 5.1: Active Travel Cambridgeshire, in that he is a member of the Greater Cambridge Partnership Board. Professor Neely took part in the debate of the report, but did not vote.

#### 1.2 Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the Combined Authority Board 20 May 2022, Minutes of the Combined Authority Annual Meeting 8 June 2022 and Action Log

The minutes of the Extraordinary meeting on 20 May 2022 were deferred to 31 August 2022 for approval.

The minutes of the annual meeting on 8 June 2022 were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Mayor.

The Action Log was noted.

### 1.3 Petitions

No petitions were received.

### 1.4 Public Questions

One public question was received from CamCycle from Roxanne De Beaux, Executive Director of Camcycle. A copy of the question and response (when published) can be viewed on the [meeting webpage](#).

### 1.5 Membership of Combined Authority 2022-23

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the appointment by South Cambridgeshire District Council of Councillor John Williams as its substitute member on the Combined Authority Board for the remainder of the municipal year 2022/2023, replacing Councillor Brian Milnes.
- b) Appoint Councillor Edna Murphy as a co-opted member of the Combined Authority Board for 2022/23 representing the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority and Councillor Mohammed Jamil as substitute member.
- c) Appoint Alex Plant as the Business Board member of the Combined Authority Board for 2022/23, and Professor Andy Neely as the substitute member.
- d) Approve the appointment of Councillor Bridget Smith of South Cambridgeshire District Council as the nominated substitute member for the Mayor and Lead Member for Economic Growth for the Business Board
- e) Note and agree the Mayor's nomination to Lead Member responsibilities for Lead Member for Governance as set out in paragraph 2.9 of this report

## Part 2 – Finance

## 2.1 Budget Monitor Report July 2022 2021-22 Outturn

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the outturn position of the Combined Authority for the 2021 - 22 financial year, including £2m of single pot revenue savings and £1.8m capital savings.
- b) Approve the updated requested slippage of unspent project budgets on the approved capital programme of £51.3m and on the revenue budget of £8.4m.

## Part 3 – Mayoral Decisions

### 3.1 Recycled Local Growth Fund (LGF) Project Funding Awards: MDN 38-2022

It was resolved to note Mayoral Decision Notice MDN38-2022: Recycled Local Growth Fund (LGF) Category 2 funding approval.

## Part 4 - Combined Authority Decisions

### 4.1 Improvement Framework

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the recommendations of the Audit & Governance Committee set out in paragraph 2.7 to 2.12 of this report and provide a response as requested.
- b) Delegate authority to the Interim Chief Executive for the recruitment and appointment of additional resources, including interim Chief Officers and interim Statutory Officers (as defined within the constitution) as set out in paragraph 3.5 to 3.15 of this report.

- c) Delegate authority to the Interim Chief Executive to finalise the senior management structure of the Authority as set out in paragraph 3.16 to 3.18 of this report.
- d) Acknowledge the scope and scale of the intended self-assessment exercise set out in this report and recognition of the scale of the current issues facing the Combined Authority.
- e) Support the self-assessment exercise set out in this report and provide comment on its content, noting the intention to conclude this work and report back to Board at its scheduled meeting on 21 September 2022.
- f) Allocate the use of up to £750,000 from the CPCA Response Fund to enable that money to be utilised on scoping, developing and delivering work relating to CPCA Improvement Activity, and delegate authority to spend to the Interim Chief Executive.
- g) Note the review of governance and ways of working attached at Appendix A.
- h) Request that the Board, and the Chairs of Audit & Governance Committee and the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, receive regular updates on all improvement action.

## 4.2 Climate and Strategy Business Cases July 2022

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve the Business Case for the Huntingdon Biodiversity For All project and approve £1.2m CPCA capital investment and £150,000 revenue from subject to approval line in the MTFP.
- b) Approve the Business Case for the Fenland Soil project and approve drawdown of £100,000 from the subject to approval line in the MTFP for Climate Commission.
- c) Note the progress of the Waterbeach Renewable Energy Network project.

### 4.3 Shared Prosperity Fund Investment Plan

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve the final draft Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Local Investment Plan.
- b) Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer to make minor final refinements to the Local Investment Plan and to submit that final version to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities before the 1 August 2022 deadline.
- c) Delegate authority to Chief Executive Officer in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer to make amendments to the Local Investment plan based on any feedback from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and after consultation with the Cambridgeshire Public Service Board.

### 4.4 North Cambridgeshire Training Centre Infrastructure Funding

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve the Business Case for North Cambridgeshire Training Centre additional Infrastructure works and approve £347,000 Grant from the Transforming Cities Fund.
- b) Note formal commitment by project Lead to increase outputs by at least 10% across all learners using the centre per year until 2030 secured by a revised grant funding agreement.
- c) Seek a financial contribution from Metalcraft towards the infrastructure costs.

#### 4.5 Cambridgeshire Peterborough Growth Company Limited (Growth Co) Allotment of New Shares to the Combined Authority

It was resolved to:

Give approval to the Cambridgeshire Peterborough Business Growth Company Limited (Growth Co) to issue 400,000 additional £1.00 shares to the Combined Authority in return for investment of the £400,000 of Recycled Local Growth Fund.

### Part 5 - Transport and Infrastructure Committee recommendations to the Combined Authority

#### 5.1 Active Travel (Cambridgeshire)

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve the drawdown of the relevant share of the £753,000 of Active Travel Funding from the Medium-Term Financial Plan to complete a programme of active travel improvements in Cambridgeshire, as delivered by Cambridgeshire County Council.
- b) Delegate authority to the Interim Head of Transport in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer, to conclude a Grant Funding Agreement with Cambridgeshire County Council to enable work to progress.

#### 5.2 Transport Model Replacement

It was resolved to:

- a) Agree the change in delivery for a new transport model with Cambridgeshire County Council being commissioned to lead the delivery of the model on behalf of all partners;

- b) Agree the changes to the spending objectives for the initial transport model budget. Previously approved budget will now be committed to modelling activities of:
  - i. Collection of data to populate current and future transport models; and
  - ii. Preparation of a full business case for the design and build of a new transport model.
  - iii. Retention of residual to be put towards model development (together with additional funding identified within the 2022/23 MTFP).
- c) Note the future arrangements for the review of the model, full business case, and sign-off of medium term financial plan (MTFP) funds (subject to approval) at a future date.

### 5.3 Peterborough Electric Bus Depot

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the current position in relation to the Peterborough Bus Depot Relocation.
- b) Support the proposal to investigate alternative options for the provision of a bus depot in Peterborough.
- c) Agree a £40,000 drawdown from the £150,000 in the STA revenue budget, to progress this project in a timely manner.

### 5.4 A141 St Ives Outline Business Case

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve the release of £6m funding for the delivery of the Outline Business Case.
- b) Delegate authority to the Interim Head of Transport and Chief Finance Officer to enter into Grant Funding Agreements with Cambridgeshire County Council.

## 5.5 East Anglian Alternative Fuels Strategy (EAAFS)

It was resolved to approve a six week public consultation on the EAAFS.

## Part 6 - Business Board recommendations to the Combined Authority

### 6.1 Growth Works Management Review July 2022

It was resolved to note the Growth Works programme performance up to 31 May 2022 (Q6 is April 2022 to 30th June 2022).

## Part 7 - Governance Reports

### 7.1 Member Officer Protocol

It was resolved to:

- a) Agree the Member Officer Protocol attached at Appendix A for adoption into the Constitution.
- b) Note the intention to review the Protocol within 6 months.
- c) Note the intention to develop a Social Media Protocol to support the Member Officer Protocol.

### 7.2 OneCAM Ltd Audit Report

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the One CAM Audit Report.
- b) Note the key findings and actions in the report.



### 7.3 Performance Report

It was resolved to note the latest performance report.

### 7.4 Annotated Forward Plan

It was resolved to approve the Annotated Forward Plan.

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