

Combined Authority Board Decision Summary

Meeting: 31 August 2022

Agenda/Minutes: [Combined Authority Board - 31 August 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 S Conboy, substituted by Councillor T Sanderson.

Councillor C Boden declared an interest in Item 1.4: Public Questions, as a Cambridgeshire County Council appointed Trustee of FACT, which provides the No.68 bus route in Wisbech.

1.2 Minutes – 27 July 2022 and Action Log

The minutes of the meeting on 27 July 2022 were deferred to 21 September 2022 for approval.

The Action Log was noted.

1.3 Petitions

No petitions were received.

1.4 Public Questions

Three public questions were received from Councillor S Hoy, Cambridgeshire County Councillor, Fenland District Councillor and Leader of Wisbech Town Council; Councillor B Hunt, East Cambridgeshire District Council; and G James, local resident. A copy of the questions and responses (when published) can be viewed on the [meeting webpage](#).

Part 2 – Combined Authority Decisions

Key Decision added under Special Urgency Arrangements

Multiply – The Approach to Programme Delivery (KD2022/052)

It was resolved to:

- a) Accept the Multiply grant funding of £3,999,186 from the Department for Education and approve the creation of a new budget line in the Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) for 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 financial years as per Table A in Appendix 1 to this report, subject to receipt of the grant funding offer letter from the DfE.
- b) Delegate authority to the Interim Associate Director of Skills, in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer, to commission, enter into and sign grant funding agreements and contracts for services to the providers listed in Tables D and E in Appendix 1 to this report for 'on-menu' delivery and further allocations for 'off-menu', subject to receipt of the grant funding agreement.
- c) Approve the funding allocations to Further Education colleges, local authority Institutes of Adult Learning and procured Independent Training Providers (ITPs), subject to receipt of grant funding from the DfE.
- d) Approve the approach to programme management of Multiply and note the analysis of numeracy levels in the sub-region.

2.1 Green Home Grant LAD2 (KD2022/039)

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the ongoing work with BEIS to manage the recovery plan for the Green Homes Grant (LAD2 programme) and the revised forecast covering the scheme extension by an additional three months to complete installations by 30 September 2022.
- b) Approve the return of additional underspend to BEIS of £33.35m that is detailed in an MOU variation attached as Appendix 1.
- c) Delegate authority to the Interim Chief Executive, the Monitoring Officer and the S73 Officer to return any remaining unspent capital funds at scheme end in line with the revised MOU and scheme conditions.

2.2 Sustainable Warmth Budget (KD2022/049)

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the ongoing challenges and work to manage the recovery plan for the Sustainable Warmth project and the revised forecast covering the scheme to complete installations by 31 March 2023.
- b) Approve the return of underspend to BEIS of £62,619,025 that is detailed in an MOU variation attached as Appendix 1.
- c) Delegate authority to the Interim Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer to return any remaining unspent capital funds at scheme end in line with the original MOU and scheme conditions.
- d) Approve the establishment of a Sustainable Warmth (Retrofit) project board, based on the outline structure in this paper and delegate authority to the Interim Chief Executive, in consultation with the Lead Member for the Environment and Climate Change, Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer, to agree terms of reference.

2.3 Changing Futures

It was resolved to:

Approve the allocation of funds from the corporate response fund of £60,000 per annum for three years (2022-2025, total £180,000) in support of the collaborative Changing Futures project to Cambridgeshire County Council - the accountable body.

Part 3 – Governance Reports

3.1 Forward Plan

It was resolved to approve the Forward Plan for August 2022.

Part 4 – Exempt Matters

It was resolved that the press and public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that the report contains exempt information under Part 1 of Schedule 12A the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, and that it would not be in the public interest for this information to be disclosed. That is, information relating to an individual; information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual; and information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining the exemption was deemed to outweigh the public interest in its publication.

4.1 EXEMPT Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the Combined Authority Board 20 May 2022

The minutes of the meeting on 20 May 2022 were deferred to 21 September 2022 for approval.

4.2 EXEMPT Employment Matters Part 1

It was resolved to:

1. In relation to Paul Raynes, Director of Delivery and Strategy:

a) Approve Recommendation 1a.

2. In relation to interim arrangements:

a) To note the proposals set out in this report regarding cover arrangements for Director Delivery & Strategy (6.1.2).

4.2 EXEMPT Employment Matters Part 2

It was resolved to:

1. In relation to Robert Parkin, Chief Legal Officer (Monitoring Officer):

a) Approve recommendation 1a.

2. In relation to interim arrangements:

a) To note the proposals set out in this report regarding cover arrangements for Chief Legal Officer (Monitoring Officer) (6.1.2).

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