

Overview and Scrutiny Committee Decision Summary

Meeting: 23 January 2023
 Agenda/Minutes: [Overview and Scrutiny Committee](#)
 Chair: Lorna Dupré

Summary of decisions taken at this meeting.

Item	Topic	Decision [<i>None of the decisions below are key decisions</i>]
1&2.	Apologies & Declarations of Interest	Apologies were received from Councillors Harvey, Van de Weyer, Miscandlon and Smith. Councillor Fane attended as a substitute for Councillor Harvey. There were no declarations of interest.
3.	Minutes of the previous meeting and Action Log	<u>RESOLVED</u> That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2023 be approved as a correct record and that the Action Log be noted.
5.	Improvement Framework	<u>RESOLVED:</u> That the Improvement Framework report going to the Combined Authority Board on 23 January 2023 be noted and that the following feedback be submitted to the Board: a) On reviewing the new governance arrangements that form part of the Improvement Plan, the committee highlighted the need for Overview and Scrutiny to be fully integrated with the new committee structure, and for members to be fully engaged and informed. b) In order to fulfil a developing role, the information provided to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee needed to be much more timely. The move to a

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		<p>Forward Plan giving up to six months' notice of items of business was welcomed and would aid the Committee to look ahead for priority strands of work.</p> <p>c) There was concern about the possible risk of non-alignment of the LTCP with emerging government guidance and although officers allayed concerns to a degree and stated that there were unlikely to be any surprises, the Board would need to be mindful of governmental delays impacting the pace of the Improvement Plan's implementation in this regard.</p> <p>d) The Mayoral Ambition Statement and the Combined Authority's Corporate Strategy needed to be triangulated with the objectives of government as without this alignment there was a danger that the funding to deliver projects would not be forthcoming.</p> <p>e) Given the focus on the Bus Strategy, more realistic timescales for bus franchising needed to be set. The Chief Executive outlined to members that in two years' time the Combined Authority could be at the point of agreeing the business case for franchising but then there would need to be another period of time to implement plans and put in place the considerable number of staff that would be needed. The Chief Executive also referenced the need to factor in any unforeseen financial risk should the bus franchising operation not go to plan. This could further delay decision making or potentially derail the project if this underwriting of financial risk was not accepted by the CPCA. It was felt that this detail and nuance was not coming through in reports and documents.</p> <p>f) The committee noted the number of amber ratings in the report and would ask Board members to consider whether they were content that these were</p>

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		just due to a change of scope and more realistic timelines, or whether there were any other issues that should be of concern.
6.	Local Transport and Connectivity Plan	<p><u>RESOLVED:</u></p> <p>That the committee:</p> <p>1. Note the report which provides an update on the local Transport and Connectivity Plan, specifically in relation to the DfT guidelines deadlines and progress to date.</p>
7.	Demand Responsive Transport	<p><u>RESOLVED:</u></p> <p>That the committee:</p> <p>1. Note the report which provides an update on the Combined Authority's use of Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) and the Ting trial in particular</p>
8.	Budget Scrutiny – Responses to the Consultation	<p><u>RESOLVED:</u></p> <p>That the responses to the consultation be noted.</p>
10.	Combined Authority Board Agenda	Members did not put forward any questions to be asked at the CA Board meeting on 25 January 2023.
10.	Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme	<p><u>RESOLVED:</u></p> <p>a) That the draft work programme as shown at Appendix 1 be noted.</p>

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		b) That the February reserve meeting date be used for a virtual session to discuss how Overview and Scrutiny will operate within the new committee structure and the development of strategic objectives.
11.	Date and Time of Next Meeting	Monday 20 March 2023 at 11am.