

CAMBRIDGESHIRE & PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY Decision Statement

Meeting: 25th July 2018

Item	Topic	Decision
	Part 1 – Governance Items	
1.1	Announcements, Apologies and Declarations of Interest	Apologies received from Councillor C Roberts (Councillor A Bailey substituting), Councillor C Seaton (Councillor D Oliver substituting), Jason Ablewhite (Councillor R Bisby substituting), Jess Bawden (Sue Watkinson substituting) and Councillor K Reynolds (Councillor D Over substituting)
1.2	Minutes – 30 May 2018	It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of 30th May 2018 as a correct record.
1.3	Petitions	None received.
1.4	Public Questions	One question was received. A summary of the question and response is published at the following link Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority meeting 25/07/2018
1.5	Forward Plan	It was resolved to approve the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions dated to be published on 24th July 2018.

1.6	Review of Constitution – Committee Structure	The Combined Authority is a dynamic organisation, which has considerably increased its scope and budget over the past 12 months. It operates within an equally dynamic economic environment. The recent Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Economic interim report highlighted the fast rate of economic and employment growth in the region, and the importance of planning now to ensure that strong growth will be sustainable and more inclusive. The impact of working to deliver against the rapid pace of growth means that the Combined Authority will have an increasing level of business over the coming 12 months. It needs a responsive governance framework that allows for decision making outside of the monthly Board meeting. This report proposed a framework of decision making which will assist in delivering projects in a fast paced environment. It was resolved to: (a) Agree the establishment of the following committees from 1 September and the
		terms of reference of each as set out in Appendix 1. (a) Transport Committee, (b) Skills Committee and (c) Housing and Communities Committee. (b) Note and agree the portfolios as set out in Appendix 2.
		(c) Agree the timetable of meetings for the above committees (Appendix 3).
		(d) That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to amend the constitution to take account of the Board's decision and to bring a further report to the Board in September to confirm the changes to the constitution and the appointments to the committees.
1.7	Business Board Recommendations of its meeting on 25 June	It was resolved to note the Business Board Recommendations of its meeting on 25 June.
	Part 2 – Key Decisions	

2.1 Delivering the Mayoral Transport Strategy

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Order 2017 transferred the local transport planning powers to the Combined Authority and created the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority as the local transport authority for the area.

The Combined Authority at its meeting in May approved the Mayoral Interim Transport Strategy Statement and committed the Combined Authority to undertaking a review of the features and timeframes for all transport corridors to ascertain their alignment with the Mayoral Interim Transport Strategy Statement (MITSS). The review has identified significant opportunities across the transport programme to save money, accelerate delivery and remove interim solutions that divert public money away from delivery of the long-term transport ambitions.

In particular, the review has identified that the projects A1307, A428 Cambridge to Cambourne and A10 and park and ride schemes can be delivered at lower cost by making some elements temporary and accelerating delivery of the Cambridge Autonomous Metro.

This report set out the findings of that review and asked the Combined Authority Board to approve the actions arising.

It was resolved to:

- 1. Note the relationship between the CPIER, Non-Statutory Spatial Plan 2, Local Transport Plan and Local Industrial Strategy as captured in section 2.1-2.6;
- 2. Agree to fully support the implementation of the transport ambitions set out in the Mayoral Interim Transport Strategy Statement (MITSS);
- 3. Agree that there are two types of transport project; those projects that can be delivered within existing growth plans (type 1) and those that will enable and require growth beyond current plans (type 2);
- 4. Agree that the projects are categorised as set out in sections 2.12 to 2.13;

		 Agree that it should develop the appropriate mechanisms necessary to secure and accelerate the delivery of growth projects; Agree the measures and protocols set-out in section 2.15 to ensure all CAM projects are integrated and coordinated; Agree to develop proposals with the GCP for the park & ride elements of the projects (A1307, A428, A10) in order to achieve cost savings and enable quicker delivery. Note the opportunities that have been identified to accelerate the transport projects; Ask officers to assess the potential delivery models to ensure the opportunities to accelerate delivery are pursued and report back to the Board in September. That the Board confirms that the GCP schemes identified in para 2.14 (A10, A1307 and M11 Junction 11) support the early delivery of the CAM project and should be progressed, subject to recommendation 7; and that the continuing review of the A428 project be agreed and will conclude by the end of September as set out in para 2.16.
	Part 3 - Non Key Decision	
3.1	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Economic Review (CPIER)	The devolution deal made between Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, and Government, signalled a fundamental shift towards greater local leadership of the future growth that this area will experience, and the ways in which economic potential can be unlocked for the benefit of local communities. Across the Combined Authority and Business Board numerous programmes are underway to achieve this already, and these will be brought together in an overarching Local Industrial Strategy by the beginning of 2019.
		The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Economic Review (CPIER) provides world-class economic analysis and modelling to provide the foundation for our Local Industrial Strategy, the CPIER is the most in-depth economic study ever undertaken of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough region.
		The findings of the Interim CPIER Report were reported to, and welcomed by the Board in May. This report provided an update on activity since May towards the final CPIER

		report due to be published in September, including a summary of the key points made by the Combined Authority in response to the Interim Report.
		The Combined Authority Board noted that the progress update was considered by the Business Board at its meeting on 23 July and their views and recommendations were reported orally at the meeting.
		It was resolved to:
		(a) Note recent progress towards the completion of the Review;
		(b) Note the response made by the Combined Authority to inform the final Review, alongside those responses made directly by constituent partners;
		(c) Note the views and recommendations of the Business Board (to be reported orally at the meeting);
		(d) Note the final tranche of funding provided to complete the Review, in preparation for the development of the Local Industrial Strategy.
3.2	£70m Cambridge City Devolution Housing Programme	The Combined Authority successfully secured £70million from the Government as part of the devolution deal to deliver 500 council homes. This report provided an update on the Cambridge City Devolution Housing Programme.
		It was resolved to:
		(a) Note the progress in the past 3 months of the programme.
		(b) Note the forward pipeline
		(c) Note the need to approve additional 2018/19 budget provision to fund the projected pipeline.

3.3	£100m Affordable Housing Programme Update	The Combined Authority successfully secured £100million from the Government as part of the devolution deal to deliver 2,000 affordable homes across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. This report provided an update on the programme. It was resolved to: (a) Note the progress of the quick wins and housing scheme approvals agreed by the Board in March 2018. (b) Note the forward pipeline of affordable housing schemes, including emerging strategic sites. (c) Agree to receive further progress reports on a quarterly basis.
3.4	Skills Strategy: Work Readiness and Careers Promotion Pilot (referral from the Business Board)	This report updated member on progress on the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Skills Strategy, and outlines an innovative programme designed to prepare school pupils for the workplace promote vocational and STEM related career pathways. This project forms the first suggested strand of the Skills Strategy which will be coming to the Board for approval in September 2018. Board Members were asked to consider the proposal, and to approve grant funding in principle for a three-year period, subject to the preparation of an appropriate business case and the passing of value for money tests. The Combined Authority Board noted that the Initiative was considered by the Business Board at its meeting on 23 July and its recommendations were noted. It was resolved to: a) Note the proposal for the creation of a work readiness and careers promotion pilot; b) Approve in principle the allocation of grant funding to a limit of £350,000 over three years to fund the pilot;

		 c) Authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with Chief Finance Officer, Director of Skills and the Portfolio Holder Fiscal to request the development of a full business case by the scheme promoters. The draw-down of funds to be dependent on passing appropriate value for money tests; d) Delegate to the Director of Skills to agree and approve a relevant funding agreement and programme reporting and delivery arrangements.
3.5	Devolution of the Adult Education Budget Readiness Conditions and Next Steps to Implementation (referral from Business Board)	The report updated members on the progress of the devolution of the Adult Education Budget (AEB), and follows the report to the Combined Authority Board on 30th May 2018 approving the transfer of function to the Combined Authority and to the draft Order giving effect to the transfer.
		The report updated Members on the next steps to the devolution process for implementation in April 2019 and seeks approval to the draft Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority AEB Skills Plan and to the interim Governance arrangements proposed to engage industry into the delivery of AEB. It also included the functions required to provide resource and capacity to manage the programme post 2019.
		The Combined Authority Board noted that this report was considered by the Business Board at its meeting on 23 July and their recommendations were reported orally.
		It was resolved:
		(a) Note the Readiness Conditions for the Adult Education Budget (AEB) submitted to the Department for Education on the 18th May 2018 as set out in Appendix 1 and the next steps for the devolution process;
		(b) Comment on and approve the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority AEB Skills Plan, including the policies and actions set out in the plan (Appendix 2);

		 (c) Agree that the Business Board take on the role of the Skills Board reporting into the Combined Authority's proposed Skills Committee, and the terms of reference set out in 4.2 of the plan be included in the Business Board's terms of reference; (d) Agree in principle that it is the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority's intention to fund ongoing system costs (including staffing) of AEB devolution from 2019 by allocating up to 4.9% of programme money for this purpose. (e) Note the amount of funding allocation and the mechanisms are yet to be determined until a full costing business case is developed and agreed by the Board at a future meeting.
	Part 4 – Date of Next Meeting	
4.1	Date of Next Meeting	It was resolved to note the date of the next meeting – Wednesday, 26 September 2018 Kreis Viersen, Shire Hall, Cambridge CB3 0AP