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**TITLE: COUNCIL RESPONSE TO CPCA CONSULTATION ON THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN**

Committee: Finance & Assets Committee

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**1.0 ISSUE**

- 1.1 To agree the Council's submission to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) consultation on the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Local Transport Plan.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 Members are requested to agree the submission to the CPCA attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

**3.0 BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 In July the CPCA published its Local Transport Plan for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough for consultation. The LTP sets out the long-term vision and strategy for transport in the combined authority area. It identifies priority schemes; provides a framework for assessing and prioritising future projects; and describes how smaller more local transport schemes will be delivered by local authorities.
- 3.2 The CPCA vision is to deliver a world-class transport network for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough that supports the sustainable growth and health and wellbeing of our communities, providing opportunities for all. Its long-term strategy is to deliver a LTP that supports growth and distribution of prosperity, focusses on people and public transport-centred planning and development and will help reduce congestion.

**4.0 ARGUMENTS/CONCLUSIONS**

- 4.1 The LTP document also has district specific sections which set out the transport challenges for each area and the CPCA approach to addressing these.
- 4.2 The key aspects of the strategy relating to East Cambridgeshire include:
- Better connectivity into Greater Cambridge via a CAM route extending to Mildenhall.
  - Improvements to Ely Station and adjacent rail junctions, enabling more frequent services to Cambridge, Peterborough, Norfolk and Suffolk.

- Construction of a new railway station at Soham, helping to draw jobs and investment into the area and connect local residents to the wider rail network.
  - Providing better walking and cycling infrastructure to make it easier and safer for residents to travel on foot or by bike.
  - Dualling of the A10 from Ely to Cambridge, providing more capacity to help relieve congestion on a section of road which currently sees regular, significant disruption.
- 4.3 Appendix 1 sets out the Council's response to the LTP. It states that the Council supports the draft aims and objectives of the LTP and suggests additions and amendments to the draft text.
- 4.4 All Councillors have had the opportunity to input into the development of this consultation response and two Member Seminars to discuss the LTP have been held.
- 5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT
- 5.1 There are no additional financial implications arising from this report.
- 5.2 Equality Impact Assessment (INRA) not required.
- 6.0 APPENDICES
- 6.1 Appendix 1 – Draft East Cambridgeshire District Council response to the CPCA consultation on the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Local Transport Plan.

<u>Background Documents</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact Officer</u>
The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Local Transport Plan <a href="https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/about-us/programmes/transport/ltip">https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/about-us/programmes/transport/ltip</a>	Room 13, The Grange, Ely	Sally Bonnett Infrastructure and Strategy Manager (01353) 616451 E-mail: <a href="mailto:sally.bonnett@eastcambs.gov.uk">sally.bonnett@eastcambs.gov.uk</a>