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## Decision Statement

Meeting: 27th September 2017

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Item	Topic	Decision
	<b>Part 1 – Governance Items</b>	
1.1	<b>Apologies and Declarations of Interest</b>	Apologies received from Councillor Count, substituted by Councillor Hickford, Councillor Roberts and Councillor Reynolds. There were no declarations of interest.
1.2	<b>Minutes – 26 July 2017 &amp; 4 September 2017</b>	It was resolved:  to approve the minutes of the meetings of 26th July and 4th September 2017 as a correct record subject to the following amendment to the minutes of 26th July 2017: Minute 66 – Officer and Support Structure: second bullet, third sentence – change “education” to skills.

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1.3	<b>Petitions</b>	None received.
1.4	<b>Public Questions</b>	None received.
1.5	<b>Membership of the Combined Authority - Amendments</b>	<p>The purpose of this report was to advise the Board of amendments to membership. It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) note that Huntingdon District Council appointed Councillor Graham Bull to replace Councillor Daryl Brown as Councillor Robin Howe's substitute to the Combined Authority for the remainder of the municipal year 2017/2018;</li> <li>b) approve the nomination of Councillor John Peach as the substitute member for the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority.</li> </ul>
1.6	<b>Appointment of the Interim Chief Finance Officer and Section 151 Officer</b>	<p>The purpose of the report was to confirm the appointment of the interim Chief Finance Officer and S151 Officer.</p> <p>It was resolved to confirm the appointment of Alex Colyer as interim statutory Chief Finance Officer and S151 Officer to the Combined Authority</p>
1.7	<b>Employment Committee and Appointment of Mayoral Adviser and Chief of Staff</b>	<p>The report asked the Board to agree the size and membership of the Employment Committee.</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) agree the Employment Committee consists of six members to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The Mayor as Chair</li> <li>(b) The Statutory Deputy Mayor as Vice-Chair</li> <li>(c) The Constitutional Deputy Mayor,</li> <li>(d) Councillor Lewis Herbert (to maintain political balance)</li> <li>(e) Two other Board members taken in rotation which must include the relevant Portfolio Holder when interviewing for to a particular Chief Officer post;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

		<p>Board members and their substitutes may also substitute for the core membership.</p> <p>b) note the appointment made by the Mayor of Tom Hunt as Mayoral Adviser and Chief of Staff on the terms and conditions set out in the report;</p> <p>c) review the Code of Conduct for political advisers working in central government with a view to adopting this into the Combined Authority's Constitution at a future meeting.</p>
1.8	<b>Forward Plan</b>	It was resolved to approve the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions dated 15 September 2017.
	<b>Part 2 –Decisions</b>	
2.1	Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) National Infrastructure Fund	<p>A key function of the Combined Authority is to attract additional investment into the area to support economic growth, provide essential infrastructure and deliver new homes.</p> <p>The Government's Housing Infrastructure Fund represents a major capital grant programme of £2.3 billion for new physical infrastructure which will help unlock sites in the areas of greatest housing demand and help to deliver 100,000 new homes in England. Funding will be awarded to local authorities on a highly competitive basis. Combined Authorities can bid for schemes up to £250m under the Forward Funding Pot.</p> <p>One exceptional bid has arisen as a result of rigorous and independent evaluation by one of the Country's leading property investment companies, CBRE, and the Board is asked to endorse the submission of the Cambridge Northern Fringe East bid to the Forward Funding Pot.</p> <p>The process identified two additional strong candidate schemes which could make a significant contribution to unlocking new homes and social and economic growth in the area. The Board is also asked to support further development of these schemes to target future investment proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Huntingdon Third River Crossing</li> <li>• Wisbech Garden Town</li> </ul>

		<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Submit the Cambridge Northern Fringe East bid to the Housing Infrastructure Fund Forward Funding Pot in the sum of £193m which will unlock the potential for 7,600 new homes which will in turn support new jobs in the Cambridge Science Park and in Greater Cambridge more generally;</li> <li>b) Note the endorsement of this bid by the Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough LEP (Appendix 1). This will be noted by Government as a strength;</li> <li>c) Commit to deliver the two additional schemes of strategic importance identified through this process by developing business cases to target future investment at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Huntingdon Third River Crossing</li> <li>• Wisbech Garden Town</li> </ul> </li> <li>d) Note and endorse the Marginal Viability Funding bids to be submitted by the District Councils.</li> </ul>
<b>Part 3 – Date of Next Meeting</b>		
3.1	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	It was resolved to note the date of the next meeting – Wednesday 25 October 2017 at 10.30am at East Cambridgeshire District Council, The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely, Cambs CB7 4EE