

Present: Barnett (Vice-Chair in Chair), Baigent, Bick, Cantrill, Sinnott and Sarris

<p style="text-align: center;">RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL (EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR FOR STRATEGY & TRANSFORMATION / LEADER COUNCILLOR HERBERT)</p>

AMENDMENTS TO GREATER CAMBRIDGE CITY DEAL JOINT ASSEMBLY & EXECUTIVE BOARD STANDING ORDERS

The proposal to modify Standing Orders aimed to improve the way public questions worked at the Greater Cambridge City Deal Executive Board and Joint Assembly. The changes increased the amount of notice required to submit a public question before the meeting, whilst aiming to maintain the amount of time between publication of agenda and deadline for questions. The changes also ensured questions related to agenda items (whilst retaining Chair's discretion on this), and limited the number of words in a question.

The proposals reflected learning from the first year and a half of the Executive Board and Joint Assembly, member feedback and suggestions from several key stakeholders who had exercised their public speaking rights at the Board and Assembly. These included Cambridge Past, Present and Future, Federation of Cambridge Residents' Associations, Cambridge Cycling Campaign, Smarter Cambridge Transport, Coton Parish Council and Madingley Parish Council.

Greater notice given for public questions and making public questions more focused should improve transparency in decision-making and public information, as well as the efficient discharge of City Deal business.

A tracked changed version of the changes to the standing orders was tabled at the meeting following inconsistencies being highlighted in the version contained in the agenda pack.

An additional recommendation was proposed by Councillor Bick to ask the Executive Councillor to seek further agreement for provision for supplementary questions. This amendment was lost by 2 votes in favour to 4 against.

The Strategy and Resources Committee considered and approved the recommendations by 4 votes to 0 with 2 abstentions.

Accordingly, Council is recommended to:

- i. Endorse the proposed modified standing orders for the Greater Cambridge City Deal Joint Assembly and Executive Board.