

Item

## Combined Authority Update



**To:**

Councillor Lewis Herbert, Leader and Executive Councillor for Strategy and Transformation

**Report by:**

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**Wards affected:**

Abbey, Arbury, Castle, Cherry Hinton, Coleridge, East Chesterton, King's Hedges, Market, Newnham, Petersfield, Queen Edith's, Romsey, Trumpington, West Chesterton

### Not a Key Decision

#### 1. Executive Summary

1.1 This report provides an update on the activities of the Combined Authority since the last meeting of Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee.

#### 2. Recommendations

The Executive Councillor is recommended to:

- (a) report the contents of this report to the scrutiny committee
- (b) provide a verbal update at the meeting on issues considered at the September meeting of the Combined Authority

#### 3. Background

A meeting of the Combined Authority Board took place on 26 July 2017 and the minutes are attached at appendix A.

Item 66 of the minutes – “Proposals for the staffing structure of the CA” was subsequently called in by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the CA. They met on 16 August and agreed:

*“That the Combined Authority Board reconsider their decision to approve the proposals in respect of the officer structure as set out in the report that went to the July Board meeting until:-*

*a) A higher level of detail is provided around the roles set out in the report and it is clearly defined how these roles will differ to those already carried out by similar officers at the constituent councils and how these officers will work together.*

*b) A report of the process that has been undertaken to create these roles to be provided to ensure that there has been a thorough consultation with constituent councils and that there will be no duplication of existing roles”.*

Under the process agreed by the Executive Councillor at the scrutiny committee on 3 July (17/30/SR), an informal briefing was arranged to consider the called-in decision prior to the Combined Authority meeting to re-consider the decision. This informal briefing was held on 30<sup>th</sup> August and attended by Cllrs Herbert, Baigent, Bick and Cantrill (the latter by phone conference).

A meeting of the CA was held on 4 September to consider the overview and scrutiny committee’s views. The minutes of that meeting are attached at Appendix B.

- 4.2 The agenda for the next meeting of the Combined Authority on the 27 September is attached at Appendix C. This includes the Forward Plan for the Combined Authority which is attached at Appendix D.

This report will be published before that meeting takes place and an update on decisions made at that meeting will be provided at committee.

- 4.3 All Members are sent links to the agendas for Combined Authority meetings.

#### **4. Implications**

##### **Financial Implications**

There are no direct financial implications arising from this update report.

- (b) **Staffing Implications**  
There are no direct staffing implications for the City Council from this update report.
- (c) **Equality and Poverty Implications**  
There are no equality and poverty implications from this update report. An EqlA has not, therefore, been produced for this report.
- (d) **Environmental Implications**  
There are no environmental implications from this update report.
- (e) **Procurement**  
There are no procurement implications from this update report.
- (f) **Consultation and communication**  
The Combined Authority will continue to issue communications around progress with the devolution deal as appropriate and consults on its work at appropriate points.
- (g) **Community Safety**  
There are no community safety implications from this update report.

## **9. Background papers**

9.1 These background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

Agenda for Combined Authority meetings: 26 July and 27 September 2017

## **10. Appendices**

Appendix A Minutes of Combined Authority meeting 27 July 2017

Appendix B Minutes of special Combined Authority meeting 4 September 2017

Appendix C Agenda for Combined Authority meeting 27 September 2017

Appendix D Combined Authority Forward Meetings plan

## **8. Inspection of papers**

To inspect the background papers or if you have a query on the report please contact Antoinette Jackson, Chief Executive, tel: 01223 - 457001, email: antoinette.jackson@cambridge.gov.uk.