

Item

**Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined  
Authority - Update**



**To:**

Councillor Lewis Herbert, Leader and Executive Councillor for Strategy and External Partnerships

Strategy & Resources Scrutiny Committee 7 October 2019

**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 Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) since the 1 July 2019 meeting of Strategy & Resources Scrutiny Committee.

**2. Recommendations**

2.1 The Executive Councillor is recommended:

To provide an update on issues considered at the meetings of the Combined Authority held on 31 July and 25 September 2019.

### **3. Background**

- 3.1 Meetings of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority were held on 31 July and 25 September 2019. The decision sheets from the meetings are attached as appendices for the committee's consideration.

### **4. Local Industrial Strategy**

- 4.1 The Combined Authority has agreed its Local Industrial Strategy (LIS) with government. A link to the full document is [here](#). A summary of the key objectives is attached at Appendix C.
- 4.2 The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Local Industrial Strategy sets out the Combined Authority's economic objectives and details the actions that will contribute to delivering those objectives. Officers convened by the Greater Cambridge Partnership are working on a Greater Cambridge Economic Action Plan which will serve as an implementation plan for the LIS in Greater Cambridge (and an economic development strategy for South Cambridgeshire DC), going into further detail as to which body is contributing which actions to facilitating further economic growth in Greater Cambridge specifically. It will include actions drawn from the City Council's Corporate Plan. This Greater Cambridge Economic Action Plan document will be shared with members of this scrutiny committee once it is completed.

### **5. Combined Authority Review of governance**

- 5.1 Following a review of the Combined Authority's governance arrangements (see appendix D), the following changes are proposed:
- (a) To strengthen the role of the existing three executive committees by delegating more powers to them, with the Combined Authority Board retaining a strategic role.
- The three committees are
- Transport and Infrastructure Committee
  - Skills Committee
  - Housing and Communities Committee
- (b) The Board will retain control of the strategic framework, business plan and budget but will give authority to the committees to make all decisions within that agreed framework.

- (c) The executive committees will each have eight members to include the Mayor or his nominee, and one member from each of the seven constituent councils.
- (d) The Combined Authority Board Member for each council can nominate other members from their council to sit on the committees which will help alleviate workload pressures on the Board Member of constituent councils.
- (e) Co-opted Members of the Combined Authority Board will be given an open invitation to all three executive committees to enable them to attend for items of interest.

The Leader of the Council (as this Council's Combined Authority Board Member) will decide who he wishes to nominate to represent the council at each committee and notify the Combined Authority's Monitoring Officer. A substitute member for each nomination will also be required. The Leader can change these appointments in year by notifying the Combined Authority's Monitoring Officer. Members of this scrutiny committee will be notified of the appointments (when made) for information.

## **6. Implications**

- (a) **Financial Implications**
- (b) **Staffing Implications**
- (c) **Environmental Implications**
- (d) **Procurement**
- (e) **Community Safety**

There are no implications from this update report in relation to any of the categories listed above

- (f) **Equality and Poverty Implications**

An EqIA has not been produced as there are no direct equality and poverty implications from this update report.

- (g) **Consultation and communication**

The Combined Authority will continue to issue communications about its activities and consult on its work.

## **6. Background papers**

6.1 The background papers used in the preparation of this report are listed in the appendices below.

Local Industrial Strategy:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/818886/Cambridge\\_SINGLE\\_PAGE.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/818886/Cambridge_SINGLE_PAGE.pdf)

## **7. Appendices**

Appendix A Decision sheet for CPCA meeting 31.07.19

Appendix B Decision sheet for CPCA meeting 25.09.19 (to follow)

Appendix C Summary of Local Industrial Strategy objectives

Appendix D Extract from the Constitution (Report on Governance to Combined Authority Board 25.09.19 ) Full report is at agenda item 1.7 and can be accessed here

<https://cambridgeshirepeterboroughcagov.cmis.uk.com/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/847/Committee/63/SelectedTab/Documents/Default.aspx>

## **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](mailto:antoinette.jackson@cambridge.gov.uk).