



Combined Authority Board Decision Summary

Meeting: Wednesday 24 March 2021 (reconvened Friday 26 March 2021)

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Decision Review deadline: Wednesday 7 April 2021

Each decision set out below will come into force, and may then be implemented at 5.00pm on the fifth full working day after the publication date, unless it is subject of a decision review. [see note on call in below].

Part 1 - Governance Items

1.1 Announcements, Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Fuller and B Smith and from co-opted member Councillor R Bisby, Acting Police and Crime Commissioner.

There were no declarations of interest.

1.2 Minutes of the Combined Authority Board meeting on 27 January 2021

The minutes of the meeting on 27 January 2021 were approved as an accurate record. A copy will be signed by the Mayor when it is practical to do so.

1.3 Petitions

No petitions were received.

1.4 Public Questions

No public questions were received.

1.5 Forward Plan- 16 March 2021

It was resolved to approve the Forward Plan.

1.6 Combined Authority Appointments March 2021

It was resolved to:

- a) Ratify the appointment by Fenland District Council of Councillor Alex Miscandlon as one of its members on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the municipal year 2020/2021.
- b) Ratify the appointment by Fenland District Council of Councillor Susan Wallwark as one of its substitute members on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the municipal year 2020/2021.
- c) Ratify the appointment by Cambridgeshire County Council of Councillor Mark Goldsack as its member on the Housing and Communities Committee for the remainder of the municipal year 2020/2021.

1.7 Local Assurance Framework Annual Review

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve the revised draft of the Assurance Framework and note that a draft has been sent to the Cities and Local Growth Unit (CLGU) for sign off.
- b) Delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Mayor, to make further amendments to the draft Assurance Framework following feedback from CLGU.
- c) Approve adoption of the revised draft of the Assurance Framework following sign off from CLGU.

- d) Agree to a Lead Member from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee carrying out the role of shadowing the Business Board and agree the role description for that Lead Member
- e) Subject to (d) above, note that Councillor Murphy will undertake the role of Lead Member for the Business Board on behalf of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- f) **Refer the recommendation of the Audit and Governance Committee, ‘that there should be a presumption that meetings of the Business Board are carried out in public (unless otherwise determined by the Chair)’, to the Business Board for comment and consideration.**

Part 2 – Finance

2.1. Budget Monitor Report: March 2021

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the financial position of the Combined Authority for the year to date.
- b) Approve the provisional carry forwards as set out in the paper.
- c) Note the Chief Finance Officer’s acceptance of four grants, and approval of associated spend for the two revenue grants.

2.2 Financial Strategies 2021-22

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve the following Financial Strategies:
 - i. The Capital Strategy 2021-22

- ii. The Investment Strategy 2021-22
- iii. The Treasury Management Strategy 2021-22

b) Approve the Minimum Revenue Provision Statement for 2021-22

2.3 Combined Authority Mayoral Elections 2021

It was resolved to:

Note the Combined Authority noted the cost estimates for the 2021 Mayoral Elections.

Part 3 – Combined Authority Decisions

3.1 CAM Progress Report March 2021

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the outcome of the conceptual design process with the three expert companies developing future public transport designs; Dromos Technologies, Egis Rail UK and Mott MacDonald.

b) Delegate authority to the Chief Executives to:

- i. award a framework agreement to the successful tenderers for Lot 2 (Engineering, Technology and Environment) and Lot 3 (Funding & Finance Advisors and Business Case Writing) following the completion of the procurement exercise and authorise the drawdown of budget for Lots 2 and 3 of up to £3.5 million.
- ii. to approve the call-off of the required task orders under these framework agreements in accordance with the confirmed budget and agreed scope of works/ programme timescales.
- iii. novate the Framework agreements and Task Orders to One CAM Ltd at the appropriate time.

c) Approve the appointments of:

- i. A Chief Executive Officer for One CAM Ltd.
- ii. **Timothy Keogh as** Chief Finance Officer for One CAM Ltd.
- iii. **Dr Joanna Dally** as Director of Strategy and Sponsorship for One CAM Ltd.

d) To approve the equity investment of £2m currently earmarked in the Medium Term Financial Plan to support the running costs of One CAM Ltd during the 2021/22 financial year.

3.2 Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Regional Transport Model

It was resolved to:

Approve the drawdown of £750,000 from the Medium Term Financial Plan for the development of a Regional Transport Model for the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough region.

3.3 A605 Stanground – Whittlesey Access Improvement

It was resolved to:

Approve additional funding of £220,000 for the A605 Stanground – Whittlesey Access Improvement

3.4 Market Towns Programme - Approval of Fourth Tranche of Project Proposals

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve project proposals received under the Market Towns Programme and in response to town centre Covid-19 recovery received from Fenland and Huntingdonshire to the sum of £778,679
- b) Authorise the Chief Legal Officer and Monitoring Officer to complete grant agreements with the grant recipients

3.5 Greater South East Energy Hub

It was resolved to:

- a) review the transfer of the Accountable Body for the Greater South East Energy Hub
- b) agree to retain the Accountable Body for the Greater South East Energy Hub as the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority
- c) approve the Greater South East Energy Hub Business Plan for the Combined Authority area and, subject to the grant being offered by BEIS, approve the creation of a budget line to deliver the services set out in the Memorandum of Understanding.
- d) Delegate Authority to the Chief Officer to enter into contracts for Managing Agent(s), works or other, as required, to spend the funding for the Green Home Grant Local Authority Delivery scheme.

3.6 Independent Commission on Climate Change - Interim report

It was resolved to:

- a) welcome the initial report of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Commission on Climate (CPICC) and formally thank the Chair and members of the Commission for their work so far;
- b) develop a response to the Commission recommendations, with the engagement of member councils and the Business Board, to consider at an early future meeting of the Board.
- c) without prejudice to that full response, to:
 - i. immediately release £50,000 of revenue funding to provide support to the CPICC Fenland Peat Committee in the coming financial year; and
 - ii. Commission officers to commence preparatory work for the formation of the Climate Cabinet (as described in the CPICC report), as part of Overarching Recommendation 1, **although in recognition of the non-executive role of the body, references to a 'climate cabinet' should be changed to 'climate working group'**.

By recommendation to the Combined Authority Board

Part 4 – Transport and Infrastructure Committee recommendations to the Combined Authority Board

4.1 Local Transport Plan and Low Emission Vehicles Strategy

It was resolved to:

Approve and allocate £200,000 from the Medium Term Financial Plan revenue budget for Local Transport Plan development work, in line with the proposals in the report to the Transport and Infrastructure Committee on 10 March 2021.

4.2 Fengate Phase 2 University Access

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve the drawdown of £160,000 from the Medium-Term Financial Plan to produce Phase One of the Outline Business Case and to carry forward £120,000 of subject to approval funding into 2021-22 financial year.
- b) Authorise the Director of Delivery and Strategy to conclude a Grant Funding Agreement with Peterborough City Council on terms approved by the Chief Legal Officer.

4.3 A47 Dualling

It was resolved to:

Note the content of the report to the Transport and Infrastructure Committee on 10 March 2021.

4.4 Wisbech Rail

It was resolved to:

Approve the drawdown of £300,000 capital funding from the Medium-Term Financial Plan to enable the next steps to progress and be spent in 2021/22.

4.5 St Ives

It was resolved to:

Approve the reallocation of revenue budget savings of £137,000, made through the efficient tendering of the A141 Strategic Outline Business Case project, to fund the Strategic Outline Business Case associated with St Ives.

4.6 March Area Transport Study March 2021

It was resolved to:

Approve the drawdown of £60,000 from the Medium-Term Financial Plan to undertake additional work to establish a list of walking and cycling interventions.

4.7 England's Economic Heartland Transport Strategy

It was resolved to:

Provide advice to the Mayor on the Combined Authority's position in relation to the revised Transport Strategy prepared by England's Economic Heartland (EEH), for him to take into account in attending EEH governance meetings.

Part 5 – Housing and Communities Committee recommendations to the Combined Authority Board

5.1 £100M Affordable Housing Programme

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve the revised proposals for the future delivery and completion of the £100m Affordable Housing Programme as outlined in paragraph 3.3 of the revised report to the Housing and Communities Committee on 15 March 2021.
- b) Note the revised arrangements for the operation and completion of the £70m Cambridge City Housing Programme.
- c) Instruct the Chief Executives to inform the MHCLG of the recommendation as agreed and bring forward a report to the Board on the arrangements for the implementation of the revised scheme.

Part 6 – Skills Committee recommendations to the Combined Authority Board

6.1 Lifetime Skills Guarantee

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the additional funding from the Department for Education (DfE), delegated to Mayoral Combined Authorities as part of the Government's Lifetime Skills Guarantee, to deliver free Level 3 courses for adults aged 24+.
- b) Approve the approach to spending this additional ring-fenced funding through the Adult Education Board (AEB) Commissioning Principles set out in the report to the Skills Committee on 15 March 2021, including the creation of a 'Level 3 courses' budget line as shown in Table 2, and applying a 3.4% top slice.

Part 7 – Business Board recommendations to the Combined Authority Board

7.1 Local Growth Fund Programme Management Review January 2021

It was resolved to:

Note the programme updates set out in the report to the Business Board on 16 March 2021.

7.2 Local Economic Recovery Strategy Updated Refresh

It was resolved to:

Approve the updated version of the Local Economic Recovery Strategy (LERS) for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

7.3 Resolution of Local Enterprise Partnership Overlaps

It was resolved to:

- a) Note and approve the revised geographical local enterprise partnership (LEP) boundary and resolution of delivery overlaps with neighbouring LEPs.
- b) Approve the Strategic Partnership Agreements (SPAs) with the remaining two neighbouring LEPs.

7.4 Business Growth Service

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve in principle raising the maximum grant limit from £150,000 to £500,000 on the Business Growth Service Capital Grant scheme, for the applicant as set out in the exempt Appendix 4, subject to the investment case of that company being approved by the Business Board;
- b) Note the Business Board Urgency Procedure Decision.
- c) Note the Mayoral Decision Notice.
- d) Note the Business Growth Service contractual and financial position.

Part 8 – Motions on notice submitted under Proceedings of Meetings Rule 14

8.1 Motion on Notice from Councillor Bridget Smith

On being put to the vote the motion was lost.

8.2 Motion on Notice from Councillor Lewis Herbert

On being put to the vote the motion was lost.

Addition to the published agenda

Review of Overview and Scrutiny Arrangements – Centre for Governance and Scrutiny's Proposal

It was resolved to:

Agree that the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny carry out a review of the scrutiny arrangements for the CPCA.

Notes:

- a) Statements in **bold type** indicate additional resolutions made at the meeting.
- b) Five Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee may call-in a key decision of the Mayor, the Combined Authority Board or an Officer for scrutiny by notifying the Monitoring Officer.

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