



Combined Authority Board Decision Summary

Meeting: Wednesday 24 November 2021

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Each decision set out below will come into force and may be implemented after 5.00pm on the fifth clear working day after the publication of the decision, unless it is called-in [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 Darryl Preston, Police and Crime Commissioner (substituted by John Peach, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner) and Councillor Edna Murphy, Chair of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority.

There were no declarations of interest.

1.2 Minutes of the Combined Authority Board meeting on 27 October 2021 and Action Log

The minutes of the meeting on 27 October 2021 were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Mayor. The action log was noted.

1.3 Petitions

No petitions were received.

1.4 Public Questions

One public question was received. The question and written response (once published) can be viewed here - [Public Question and Written Response](#)

Part 2 – Finance

2.1 Budget Monitor Report November 2021

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the financial position of the Combined Authority for the year to date.
- b) Approve the reinstatement of the £750k budget for Cambridge South Station.

2.2 Draft Sustainable Growth Ambition Statement and 2022-23 draft budget and medium-term financial plan 2022 to 2026

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve the Draft Sustainable Growth Ambition Statement for consultation.

- b) Approve the Draft Budget for 2022/23 and the Medium-Term Financial Plan 2022/23 to 2025/26 for consultation.
- c) Approve the timetable for consultation and those to be consulted.

Part 3 – Combined Authority Decisions

3.1 Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Commission on Climate Full Report

It was resolved to:

- a) Thank the Commissioners for their work in developing the climate recommendations.
- b) Support the Commission's call for more devolved funding to implement the recommendations.
- c) Agree the development of actions to implement the CPCA recommendations in Appendix 2, subject to appropriate funding and business case assessments.
- d) Request the Climate Working Group consider the additional recommendations for other stakeholders in Appendix 3 as part of its work on the action plan due in February 2022.
- e) Note the recommendation on the future of the Commission and invite officers to develop revised terms of reference with the Chair of the Commission.

3.2 Capability Fund 2021-22 Grant Award

It was resolved to:

Approve the release of the Capability Fund grant from Department for Transport (DfT) to Peterborough City Council and Cambridgeshire County Council, as set out in Paragraph 3.1, to deliver against the bid the Combined Authority submitted in April 2021.

3.3 St Neots Future High Streets Fund Scheme - Combined Authority Co-Funding Business Case

It was resolved to:

- a) Accept the Business Case produced for Combined Authority match funding towards the St Neots Future High Streets Fund Scheme.
- b) Authorise the Chief Legal Officer and Monitoring Officer to complete the funding agreement with the grant recipient.

3.4 Market Towns Programme Investment Prospectus – Approval of recommended projects - November 2021

It was resolved to:

Approve project proposals received under the Market Towns Programme received from East Cambridgeshire District Council for the town of Ely to the sum of £344,000.

3.5 Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Business Growth Company Limited - Appointment of new Director

It was resolved to:

Consent to the appointment of Alan Downton, Deputy Chief Officer of the Business Board at the Cambridgeshire Peterborough Combined Authority, as a director of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Business Growth Company Limited (Growth Co)

3.6 Community Renewal Fund Award

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the award of £3,393,851 from Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) jointly with Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) in relation to the Community Renewal Fund
- b) Following acceptance of the grant, delegate authority to the Director of Business and Skills in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer to enter into grant funding agreements on behalf of the Combined Authority with the two approved providers.

By recommendation to the Combined Authority Board

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

4.1 March Area Transport Study Outline Business Case

It was resolved to:

Approve the drawdown of **£1.51** million for production of the Full Business Case and detailed design.

4.2 A1260 Nene Parkway Junction 15

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve the Full Business Case.
- b) Approve an allocation of £3.014m from its capital reserves to increase the current subject to approval budget from £5m to the forecast construction cost of £8.014m.
- c) Approve the total £8.014m for the construction phase of the project including the re-profiling of the project budget.

Part 5 – Skills Committee recommendations to the Combined Authority Board

5.1 Adult Education Budget Commissioning Approach and Statement for 2022-23 onwards

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve the proposed commissioning approach for the devolved Adult Education Budget from 2022-23 academic year onwards, to procure Independent Training Providers under contracts for services for up to £3m per year, subject to Department for Education (DfE) awarding the funding.
- b) Approve the implementation of three-year Plan-Led Funding, for the commissioning of Further Education Colleges and Local Authorities, operating under grant funding, from 2022-23 academic year onwards, subject to DfE funding awards.
- c) Delegate authority to the Director of Business and Skills in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer, to enter into multi-year grant funding agreements with providers on behalf of the Combined Authority, following approval of three-year Plans
- d) Delegate authority to the Director of Business and Skills in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer, to enter into contracts for services with Independent Training Providers on behalf of the Combined Authority, following conclusion of the commissioning process outlined in this report.

Part 6 – Business Board recommendations to the Combined Authority Board

6.1 Strategic Funding Management Review November 2021 and Project Change Request

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve the project change request for the University of Peterborough Phase 2 Car Park infrastructure project.

- b) Approve the proposed strategy for investing Business Board recycled funds, and for **the Monitoring Officer** to make any relevant changes to the Local Assurance Framework.

6.2 Agri-Tech Sector Strategy

It was resolved to:

Approve the adoption of the Agri-Tech Sector Strategy/ Action Plan.

6.3 Business Board Annual Report 2020-21

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the Business Board Annual Report 2020-2021.
- b) Note the need for further funding beyond the current allocation for the Annual Report to develop the Business Board microsite, and the intention to request a virement from the forecast underspend on the Business Board Effectiveness Review to meet this need.

Part 7 – Governance Reports

7.1 Combined Authority Committee Membership Changes and Business Board Substitutes November 2021

It was resolved to:

- a) Ratify the appointment by Fenland District Council of Councillor Samantha Hoy as its substitute member on the Housing Committee for the remainder of the municipal year 2021/2022.
- b) Ratify the appointment by East Cambs District Council of Councillor Ian Bovingdon as its member on the Transport and Infrastructure Committee for the remainder of the municipal year 2021/2022.

- c) Approve the reappointment of the nominated substitute member for the Mayor and Lead Member for Economic Growth for the Business Board (**Councillor Anna Bailey**).
- d) Note the appointment by Peterborough City Council of Councillor Amjad Iqbal as one of its members on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the municipal year 2021/2022.

7.2 Annotated Forward Plan

It was resolved to approve the Forward Plan.

7.3 Performance Report

It was resolved to:

Note the latest Performance Dashboard

Notes:

- a) Statements in **bold type** indicate additional resolutions or changes to published recommendations 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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