Combined Authority Board: Decision Summary Meeting: Wednesday 31 May 2023 (Ordinary)

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Decision Review deadline: Monday 12 June 2023



Any key decision/s set below will come into force and may be implemented after 5.00pm on the fifth clear working day after publication of the decision, unless they are called-in [see note on call in below], with the exception of any key decision on a matter dealt with under the special urgency provisions set out in the Constitution which may be implemented immediately.

1 Combined Authority Monthly Highlights Report

It was resolved unanimously to:

A Note the content of the report.

2 Budget Outturn Report [KD2023/018]

It was resolved unanimously to:

- A Note the outturn position of the Combined Authority for the 2022-23 financial year
- B Approve the updated requested slippage of unspent project budgets on the approved capital programme of £56.8m and on the revenue budget of £13.7m
- C Approve the ringfencing of £2.4m on treasury management income into an inflationary reserve as set out in paragraph 4.8

3 Improvement Plan Update

It was resolved unanimously:

- A To note the progress on the key areas of concern identified by the External Auditor in June 2022 and in the Best Value Notice received in January 2023
- B To agree a 5th strategic objective of "Achieving Best Value and High Performance" for the Combined Authority to support and reflect the work being undertaken within the Improvement Programme
- C To note the observations from the recent stocktake exercise with partners on positive changes and progress on improvement
- D To agree the outline reframed Improvement Plan to address the key areas of concern by the External Auditor and Best Value Notice
- E To note the proposed RAG rating methodology to measure progress of improvement activity against the agreed reframed Improvement Plan
- F To note the progress made on the appointment of Chair, Independent Improvement Board

4 Constitution Changes

It was resolved unanimously:

A To approve and adopt the revisions to the Constitution as detailed in the report

5 Forward Plan

It was resolved unanimously:

A To approve the Forward Plan for May 2023

6 Local Transport and Connectivity Plan

It was resolved unanimously to defer this item to a future meeting of the Combined Authority Board.

7 Variation to Loan to Support Residential Development at Histon Road, Cambridge

It was resolved unanimously to:

- A Note that the Final Repayment date of the loan has been extended from 7 May 2023 to 30 September 2023 or earlier
- B Note that a second loan and a second charge is to be registered against the property that serves as CPCA's security
- C Note that authority has been delegated to the Monitoring Officer or the Head of Legal Services to finalise terms in consultation with the Interim Executive Director for Place and Connectivity and complete the necessary documentation to implement the Deed of Priority with the second Lender.
- 8 Local Skills Improvement Plan Update [2023/024]

It was resolved unanimously to:

- A Receive an update regarding the publication of the Local Skills Improvement Plan
- B Note the publication of the LSIP
- C Approve the statement of the Combined Authority
- D Note further devolved powers over LSIPs in the Trailblazer Devolution Deals secured by Greater Manchester and West Midlands Combined Authorities
- 9 Employment Matters

It was resolved unanimously to:

A Note recommendation A.

Additional CPCA equity investment into Peterborough HE Property Company Ltd [KD2023/015]

It was resolved unanimously to:

- A Approve recommendation A
- B Approve recommendation B.

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, except for any key decision on a matter dealt with under the special urgency provisions set out in the Constitution which may be implemented immediately.

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