**Combined Authority Board: Decision Summary** 

Meeting: Wednesday, 4 September 2024 Published: Monday, 9 September 2024

Decision Review Deadline: Tuesday, 17 September 2024



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 Announcements

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the first meeting back after the summer break.

# 2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Bridget Smith (Councillor John Williams substituting) and Councillor Sarah Conboy (Councillor Sam Wakeford substituting).

#### 3 Declaration of Interests

There were no declaration of interests made.

## 4 Combined Authority Membership Update

It was resolved to:

A Note the changes in membership from Peterborough City Council on the following:

- · Combined Authority Board
- Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- Audit and Governance Committee.
- Skills and Employment Committee.
- · Transport and Infrastructure Committee.
- · Investment Committee

### 5 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 24 July 2024 were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Mayor. The minutes action log was noted.

#### 6 Petitions

No petitions were received.

# 7 Public Questions

No public questions were received.

#### 8 Forward Plan

It was resolved to:

A Approve the Forward Plan for September 2024.

#### 9 Combined Authority Chief Executive Highlights Report

It was resolved to:

A Note the content of the report

## 10 Improvement Plan Update

It was resolved to:

- A Note the Best Value Notice issued in January 2024 for six months has lapsed
- B Note the progress made across the Improvement Plan throughout June and July 2024
- C Note the outcome of the Internal Audit review on the 'Embedding Continuous Change'

# 11 Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2023-24

It was resolved to:

A Note the Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

# 12 Budget Monitoring Update

It was resolved to:

- A Note the financial performance of the Combined Authority with actuals as at the 30th June 2024.
- B Note the decisions taken by the Chief Executive under powers delegated by the Board in section 7.

# 13 25/26 Medium Term Financial Plan and Corporate Plan Process - KD2024/015

It was resolved to:

- A Approve the proposed arrangements and timeline for the setting of the refreshed Corporate Strategy and the budget and noting that this may be subject to change in accordance with Government announcements or other factors.
- B Note the revised scrutiny arrangements including the feedback from Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the proposed process for the 2025/26 budget and Medium Term Financial Plan as set out in this report.

### 14 Appointment of a Combined Authority Returning Officer - KD2024/047

It was resolved to:

A re-appoint John Hill, East Cambridgeshire District Council Chief Executive, as the Combined Area Returning Officer for the purposes of Article 6 of the Combined Authorities (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017 for the Mayoral election to be held on 1 May 2025.

### 15 Review of Investment Concept Papers

It was resolved to:

- A approve the concept paper for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Impact to be developed as a formal business case.
- B approve the concept paper for Delivery of Digital Connectivity Strategy 2025-2029 to be developed as a formal business case.

# 16 Recommendations from the Skills and Employment Committee

It was resolved to approve the recommendations as set out below:

Further Education Cold Spots: Feasibility Report [KD2024/039]

 Accept the proposal to create an Investment and Implementation Plan including a call for skills capital projects, with investment into skills capital in existing FE providers

- around Cambridgeshire and Peterborough funded from the remaining FE cold-spots budget
- Delegate authority to the Assistant Director of Skills and Employment to develop the criteria within the proposed Investment and Implementation Plan

#### 17 Recommendations from the Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee

It was resolved to approve the recommendations as set out below:

£100k Homes, Fordham [KD2024/053]

• In accordance with point 2 of the Options Appraisal, to release resale price restrictions affecting eight £100k Homes in Fordham. Each restriction is to be released at the next point of sale of each dwelling and purchasers shall immediately enter into replacement resale price agreements with the Local Housing Authority: East Cambridgeshire District Council (ECDC).

Climate Programme [KD2024/026]

- To approve the allocation of funding for the Net Zero Villages programme to our constituent councils to enable local delivery
- To approve the remaining capital funding from the Care Homes Retrofit Programme to be redeployed as part of the Climate Programme.

#### 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.