

REPORT TITLE: Combined Authority Update

To:

Councillor Mike Davey, Leader of the Council

Strategy & Resources Committee – 30 September 2024

Report from:

Andrew Limb, Assistant Chief Executive.

Update to be provided in the meeting by Cambridge City Council representative on the Combined Authority Board

Wards affected:

(All)

1. Recommendations

1.1 It is recommended that the Leader:

1. Invite the Council's representative on the Combined Authority Board, Councillor Anna Smith, to provide an update on the Board and issues considered at the meeting of the Combined Authority Board AGM and Board meeting held on 24 July and 4 September 2024.

2. Purpose and reason for the report

2.1 This is a regular report to the Strategy & Resources Scrutiny Committee providing an update on the activities of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) Board.

3. Background and key issues

3.1 The decision sheets from the Combined Authority Board meetings on the 24 July and 4 September are appended.

- 3.2 The CPCA Chief Executive's update report to the CPCA Board at the 24 July and 4 September Board meetings are appended for information.
- 3.3 The CPCA Forward Plan, for September 2024 is attached at Appendix . Members of the Committee may wish to highlight any areas of particular interest coming to forthcoming meetings to the Council's representative on the Board.
- 3.4 Of particular note in the period since the July meeting of this committee are the decision of the Combined Authority Board (at its July meeting) to proceed with public consultation on the Bus Franchising Scheme and to approve the revised Bus Service Improvement Plan; and the Government's decision to lift the previous Best Value Notice, confirmed in a letter from Minister of State at MHCLG, Jim McMahon MP.
- 3.5 The Combined Authority has also been working on a set of strategic documents in recent months which will come to the Board for approval in the coming period, including the State of the Region report (analogous to Cambridge City Council's State of the City report); the Shared Ambition statement; and the Infrastructure Development Framework. City Council officers have been contributing to the development of these reports, and also to the emerging strategic priorities for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough's Local Growth Plan. These will be further developed in the coming months, with a current expectation that the Local Growth Plan will be completed in Summer 2025.

4. Implications

4.1 Relevant risks

There are none arising from the recommended decision

Financial Implications

4.2 There are none arising from the recommended decision

Legal Implications

4.3 There are none arising from the recommended decision

Equalities and socio-economic Implications

4.4 There are none arising from the recommended decision.

Net Zero Carbon, Climate Change and Environmental implications

4.5 There are none arising from the recommended decision.

Procurement Implications

4.6 There are none arising from the recommended decision

Community Safety Implications

4.7 There are none arising from the recommended decision

5. Background documents

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

5.1 Background papers used to prepare this report can be found in the appendices.

6. Appendices

6.1 Appendices are attached to the agenda and as links below apart from Appendix F which is link only.

Appendix A – [Decision Statement](#) of the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority Board meeting 24 July 2024

Appendix B – [Decision Statement](#) of the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority Board meeting 4 September 2024

Appendix C – [Chief Executive's Report](#) to the Combined Authority Board 24 July 2024
Appendix D – [Chief Executive's Report](#) to the Combined Authority Board 4 September 2024.

Appendix E – [Combined Authority Forward Plan](#) September 2024

Appendix F – Combined Authority [press notice regarding lifting of the Best Value Notice](#),
September 2024

To inspect the background papers or if you have a query on the report please contact
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