



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 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Chris Boden, with Councillor Jan French substituting.

**2 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting on 6 February 2025 were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Mayor. The action log was noted.

**3 Declaration of Interests**

There were no declaration of interests made at the start of the meeting, but the Mayor, Councillor Bridget Smith and Al Kingsley all declared a non-pecuniary interest at item 11 as board members for the Oxford-Cambridgeshire Pan Regional Partnership.

**4 Announcements**

The Mayor took some time to reflect on his tenure, thanking his family and friends for their support.

**5 Public Questions**

One public question was received for the meeting. The question and response are published here.

**6 Petitions**

No petitions were received.

**7 Forward Plan**

It was resolved to:

- A Approve the Forward Plan for March 2025

**8 Combined Authority Membership Update**

It was resolved to:

- A Note the change in substitute member from East Cambridgeshire District Council on the Combined Authority's Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee.
- B Note the change in member from Huntingdonshire District Council on the Combined Authority's Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- C Note the temporary change in substitute members on the Combined Authority's Human Resources Committee on 14 March 2025.
- D Note the temporary change in substitute member from the Liberal Democrat Group at East Cambridgeshire District Council on the Combined Authority's Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 12 March 2025.

## 9 Referral from Audit & Governance Sub-Committee

It was resolved to:

- A Note the decision to publish the decision notice of the Audit & Governance Sub-Committee Hearing Panel confirming a finding of a breach of the Combined Authority's Member Code of Conduct by Councillor Steve Tierney following a hearing on 28 January 2025.
- B Accept the recommendation to ask Fenland District Council to not consider Councillor Steve Tierney again as a nominee for any position within the Combined Authority before municipal year 2026/27
- C ~~Consider the further recommendation that "The Board consider how greater clarity can be provided on the respective roles of members of constituent authorities within the Authority, in particular when they are using social media", and decide whether to direct the Monitoring Officer to undertake further actions in this area of member conduct.~~

**Recommend to the Audit & Governance Committee to instruct the Monitoring Officer to:**

- **explore with the Monitoring Officers from the constituent authorities the potential for joined up/co-ordinated delivery of member training across constituent authorities particularly around the use of social media,**
- **explore the Combined Authority signing up to the Local Government Association's "debate not hate" campaign,**
- **explore issues of jurisdiction regarding Code of Conduct complaints for elected members who represent more than one local authority.**

## 10 Combined Authority Chief Executive Highlights Report

It was resolved to:

- A Note the contents of the report.

## 11 Delegations to Officers

It was resolved to:

- A Delegate authority to the Director of Policy and Engagement, in consultation with the Chief Executive, Monitoring Officer, ~~and the Executive Director Resources, and the Board to enter into negotiations concerning the potential conclude the~~ transfer of some, or all of the Oxford- Cambridge Pan Regional Partnership legacy work to the Combined Authority ~~including provisional agreement of the terms of any transfer subject to final ratification by the Combined Authority Board.~~
- B Delegate authority to the Executive Director for Place and Connectivity in consultation with the Monitoring Officer and Chief Financial Officer for the tendering of any bus routes which an operator gives notice that it will cease to provide (delegation to be in place until 4 June 2025) and enter into contracts following the conclusion of the procurement, with successful operators.

## 12 Local Growth Plan Update

It was resolved to:

- A Note progress with the preparation and development of the Local Growth Plan for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

## 13 English Devolution White Paper

It was resolved to:

- A Note the publication of the English Devolution White Paper and its implications for the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority.

- B Endorse the approach taken by the CPCA in responding to the White Paper, including workstreams that will deliver throughout 2025/2026.
- C Note that Local Authority Chief Executive Officers and other appropriate officers will be asked to join Combined Authority Devolution workstreams, with progress reported through Leaders Strategy meetings and formal reports to the Board.

#### **14 Budget Monitoring Update Report 2024/25 - end of Quarter 3 and 2025/26 Financial Strategies**

It was resolved to:

- A Note the financial performance of the Combined Authority using actual expenditure as at 31 December 2024.
- B Approve the provisional carry-forward requests from 2024/25 into 2025/26 as set out in paragraphs 3.7 and 4.11.
- C Approve the additional funding announcements into the budget from 2025/26 as set out in paragraph 5.4
- D Note the decisions taken by the Chief Executive and Investment Committee under powers delegated by the Board as set out in section 6 of this report.
- E Approve the financial strategies for 2025/26 following review by the Audit and Governance Committee as summarised in section 7 and attached as Appendix 4.

#### **15 Corporate Performance Report Q3 2024/25**

It was resolved to:

- A Note performance information relating to the Combined Authority's Corporate Key Performance Indicators.
- B Note performance information relating to the Combined Authority's Most Complex Programmes and Projects.
- C Note performance information relating to the Combined Authority's Headline Priority Activities.
- D Note progress to evaluate the impact of the Devolution Deal Investment Fund in a Gateway Review.
- E Note progress to implement the Combined Authority's Performance Management Framework.

#### **16 Monitoring and Evaluation Framework**

It was resolved to:

- A Approve the refreshed Monitoring and Evaluation Framework.

#### **17 Corporate Risk Report**

It was resolved to:

- A Note the Corporate Risk Register, Dashboard and Heat Map
- B Note progress of Audit & Governance Deep Dives

#### **18 Review of Investment Concept Papers and Business Cases [KD2024/003/009/063/065]**

It was resolved to:

- A Agree the Full Business Case (FBC) for the Peterborough Station Quarter which is being submitted to Department for Transport. With their approval, this would then enable the drawdown of funding from the £47.85m capital investment from HM Government's Levelling Up Fund.
- B Note that subject to the Department for Transport's approval of the Final Business Case

(FBC), a Grant Funding Agreement will be executed with Peterborough City Council, in accordance with the delegations granted by the Combined Authority Board in March 2023.

- C Approve the Connect to Work Outline Business case to develop the Connect to Work programme into Full Business Case.
- D Approve the concept paper for Cambridge Civic Quarter.
- E Note the Chief Executive Approval Decisions from February 2025.
- F Note the decisions from Investment Committee held on 13 January 2025 and 10 March 2025.

## 19 Region of Culture Programme Update

It was resolved to:

- A Note progress made on the Region of Culture Programme.
- B Note progress made in developing a Local Visitor Economy Partnership for Cambridgeshire & Peterborough and approve the submission of an Expression of Interest for a Local Visitor Economy Partnership for Cambridgeshire & Peterborough to Visit England.
- C Note that the Full Application for a Local Visitor Economy Partnership will be presented to Combined Authority Board ahead of submission in July 2025.

## 20a Skills Bootcamp 2025-26 FY (Wave 6 ) Plan

Subject to confirmation of grant funding of £3,511,946 from Department for Education (DfE), it was resolved to:

- A accept the grant funding to deliver Wave 6 Skills Bootcamp for FY 2025/2026 and to enter into a grant funding agreement for delivery of this funding.
- B delegate authority to the Assistant Director for Skills and Employment, in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer to:
  - i. Extend Wave 5 contracts with existing providers where appropriate;
  - ii. Vary Provider contracts and apply 'Flex' to Wave 5 providers that will allow them to enroll Learners into Wave 6 and utilise the Wave 6 grant to fund Learner Completion and Progression outcomes
  - iii. Enter into, sign and award grant agreements
  - iv. Carry out a relevant procurement exercise for the delivery of Wave 6 Skills Bootcamps funding and award and sign contracts with successful providers.

## 21a Active Travel Update

Subject to approval of the business case for the £200k p.a. capital which is currently being progressed through the Single Assurance Framework, it was resolved to:

- A delegate authority to the Assistant Director for Transport in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer to;
  - i. Commence a procurement exercise to appoint a consultant to manage the Active Travel Community Grant and to enter into contract upon successful appointment;
  - ii. Following an appraisal process of the applications and review by the Investment Committee to enter into grant funding agreements with successful grant applicants.

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.

