



<b>CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY BOARD</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM No: 1.7</b>
<b>25 MARCH 2020</b>	<b>PUBLIC REPORT</b>

## **DESIGNATION OF SCRUTINY OFFICER**

### **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To request the Board to designate Robert Fox as the interim Scrutiny Officer until the return of the permanent Scrutiny Officer.

<b><u>DECISION REQUIRED</u></b>	
<b>Lead Member:</b>	<b>Mayor James Palmer</b>
<b>Lead Officer:</b>	<b>Dermot Pearson, Interim Monitoring Officer</b>
<b>Forward Plan Ref: n/a</b>	<b>Key Decision: No</b>
The Combined Authority Board is recommended to designate Robert Fox as the interim Scrutiny Officer until the return of the permanent Scrutiny Officer.	<b>Voting arrangements</b>  Simple majority of all Members

### **2.0 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2017 provides that a combined authority must designate one of its officers as the scrutiny officer of the overview and scrutiny committee to discharge specified scrutiny the functions in paragraph (2).
- 2.2 The functions are:
- (a) to promote the role of the overview and scrutiny committee;
  - (b) to provide support and guidance to the overview and scrutiny committee and its members;
  - (c) to provide support and guidance to members of the combined authority and to the Mayor in relation to the functions of the overview and scrutiny committee.

2.3 The previous interim Scrutiny officer was designated by the Combined Authority Board in October 2019. That postholder left the Combined Authority on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020. The permanent Scrutiny officer is not expected to be able to return to work for several months and cover for the scrutiny officer role is required.

2.4 It is recommended that Robert Fox be designated as interim Scrutiny Officer for the purposes of the 2017 Order until the return of the permanent post holder.

### **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 There are no additional financial implications arising from this report.

### **4.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There are no additional legal implications to those mentioned in the report.

### **5.0 SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no equalities or other implications arising from this report.

### **6.0 APPENDICES**

6.1 None

<b><u>Source Documents</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
None	Not applicable