



HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No: 1.4
27 APRIL 2020	PUBLIC REPORT

REMIT AND IDENTITY OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. At its meeting on 11 November 2019 the Committee received a report on its terms of reference following amendments to the Combined Authority's Constitution made by the Combined Authority Board at its meeting on 25 September 2019. The Committee requested a further report on the communities element of the Committee's remit, for its meeting on 13 January 2020. At its meeting on 19 March 2020 the Committee requested a further report on the communities element of its remit.
- 1.2. This report seeks to clarify the position on the communities remit of the Committee.

<u>DECISION REQUIRED</u>	
Lead Member:	Cllr Chris Boden, Lead Member for Housing and Chair of Housing and Communities Committee
Lead Officer:	Roger Thompson, Director of Housing and Development
Forward Plan Ref: N/A	Key Decision: No
The Housing and Communities Committee is invited to note the extent of the Communities remit for the Housing and Communities Committee as being; 1. Strategic oversight of any new community programmes not reserved to the Combined Authority Board, including culture and	Voting arrangements: Simple majority of all Members

<p>tourism and the Connecting Cambridgeshire project.</p> <p>2. Development of community programmes where there is a housing scheme being delivered by the Combined Authority of sufficient scale that it warrants the development of a community programme.</p>	
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2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. Article 10 of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Order 2017 provides that the functions of the constituent councils in relation to the power to “*encourage visitors and provide conference and other facilities*” under section 144 of the Local Government Act 1972 are exercisable by the Combined Authority.
- 2.2. Previous decisions of the Combined Authority Board at its meetings on 25 July 2018 and 26 September 2018 allocated responsibility for culture and tourism, open space and amenities, consultation and engagement with social action and the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector to this Committee.
- 2.3. The Combined Authority’s Constitution as approved at the meeting of the Combined Authority Board at its meeting on 25 September 2019 included the following in the terms of reference of the Committee:

3.2 The committee shall exercise the Combined Authority’s functions for the following

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3.2.9 Oversee the development and approve all other housing and community programmes and projects not reserved to the Combined Authority Board including but not limited to those relating to :

- (a) Culture and Tourism,*
- (b) Oversee delivery of the Connecting Cambridgeshire Project by Cambridgeshire County Council*

- 2.4. The Non-Housing functions within the Committee’s remit have not formed part of routine business of the Committee up to this time.
- 2.5. The Culture and tourism functions are delivered by constituent Councils and we suggest the committee’s role should be one of Strategic oversight.

- 2.6. The Connecting Cambridgeshire project is led by Cambridgeshire Cambridgeshire County Council. The superfast broadband rollout has already brought high speed internet access to thousands of homes and businesses that would not be able to get it otherwise and is aiming to extend its coverage significantly. We suggest the committee's role should be one of Strategic oversight.
- 2.7. A further suggested role is that of developing community programmes where there is a housing scheme of sufficient scale being delivered by the Combined Authority that it is creating a community in its own right, such as a garden village.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1. No significant financial implications have been identified.

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no direct legal implications.

5. OTHER SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 No other significant implications have been identified.

6. APPENDICES

- 6.1 None.

<u>Background Papers</u>	<u>Location</u>
Constitution	https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/assets/Uploads/Constitution-2019-10-24.pdf