Transport and Infrastructure Committee: Decision Summary

Meeting: Wednesday 15 November 2023 Published: Thursday 16 November 2023

Decision Review deadline: 23 November 2023



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, 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, Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from Cllr Wakeford who was substituted by Cllr Davenport-Ray

Cllr Seaton declared an interest as he was a trustee of FACT Community Transport and also Chairman of Hereward Community Rail Partnership. These were deemed non-pecuniary interests and therefore would not affect his participation in items on the agenda.

2 Minutes and Action Log

The minutes of the meeting on 13 September 2023 were approved as an accurate record. The action log was noted by the Committee.

3 Public Questions

Four public questions had been received. The questions are published on the CPCA website <u>here</u>, under additional meeting documents.

4 Combined Authority Forward Plan

RESOLVED

a) To note the Combined Authority Forward Plan

5 Directors Highlights Report

RESOLVED

a) To note the contents of the report

6 Local Transport and Connectivity Plan

RESOLVED

On being proposed by the Chair and seconded by Cllr Elsey, it was resolved:

(6 in favour, 2 against)

- a) To note the contents of the revised Local Transport and Connectivity Plan.
- b) To recommend to the Combined Authority Board to approve the Local Transport and Connectivity Plan.

7 Bus Strategy Update

RESOLVED (UNANIMOUS):

- a) To receive and consider the findings of the Bus Network Review.
- b) To note the positive and constructive engagement with communities and bus operators.
- c) To recommend to the CPCA board the proposals for the 19 tendered bus services which were placed under review.
- d) To recommend to the CPCA board a preferred way forward for the allocation of the BSIP+ funding.
- e) To note the proposed focus for short-term investment if further funding was available.
- f) To note the intension of CPCA to submit a submission to the Zebra round 2.
- g) To note the work of CPCA to audit the on-street bus service infrastructure and information.
- h) To note the update on the national £2 fare scheme.

8 BP Roundabout Non-Motorised User (NMU) Crossing Study

RESOLVED (UNANIMOUS):

- a) To note progress on BP Roundabout non-Motorised User (NMU) Crossing Study.
- b) To recommend to the CPCA Board to approve the funding of £550,000 for the next stage of this project, from within the MTFP. The funding will be from £1.8m subject to approval unallocated active travel funding for 2024/25 to fund further appraisal work (Stage 2 in para 3.5)

9 March Area Transport Study

RESOLVED (UNANIMOUS):

- a) To note progress on March Area Transport Study (MATS)
- b) Approve the reallocation of £85,000 underspend from Full Business Case 1 to Full Business Case 2
- c) To approve the underspend of £124,913 from the previously approved March Walking and Cycling budget to complete additional activities for Walking and Cycling in March.

10 Wisbech Rail

RESOLVED

a) To note the development in relation to the Wisbech Rail project

11 Budget and Performance Report – Nov 23

RESOLVED

- a) To note the financial position of the Transport division for the financial year 23/24 to November 2023
- b) To review and comment on the current Transport budgets within the Combined Authority's Medium-Term Financial Plan and Capital Programme.

12 Transport and Infrastructure Committee Agenda Plan

RESOLVED

a) To note the agenda plan

13 Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED

a) To remain in public session

14 DEFERA's Air Quality Bid

RESOLVED (UNANIMOUS):

- a) To note the contents of the Defra Air Quality Grant Bid.
- b) To recommend to the Combined Authority Board to approve the drawdown of Air quality Grant funding subject to Defra approving the bid.
- c) Subject to Defra approving the bid, recommend to the Combined Authority Board to approve the delegation of authority to the Assistant Director - Transport to enter into a contract with sub-contractors named in the bid, subject to procurement, and in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer and Monitoring Officer.

15 Date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 17 January 2024