



BUSINESS BOARD	AGENDA ITEM No: 3.5
15 SEPTEMBER 2020	PUBLIC REPORT

NOMINATION TO THE GREATER CAMBRIDGE PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE BOARD

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1. The former Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership had nomination rights to the Executive Board of the Greater Cambridge Partnership. The current representative for business on the Executive Board was appointed on an interim basis while the former LEP was being reconstituted as the Business Board. The Greater Cambridge Partnership have confirmed in correspondence with the Mayor that the Business Board may at any time ask the Executive Board to replace the current business representative, who is not a member of the Business Board, by way of further nomination.
- 1.2. This report proposes that the Business Board nominates its Chair to be a non-voting co-opted member of the Executive Board and Andy Neely as a substitute member.

<u>DECISION REQUIRED</u>	
Lead Member:	Mayor James Palmer
Lead Officer:	Rochelle White, Deputy Monitoring Officer
Forward Plan Ref: N/A	Key Decision: No
<p>The Business Board is recommended to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Nominate the Chairman of the Business Board to be a non-voting co-opted member of the Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board; and b) Nominate the Vice-Chairman of the Business Board as a substitute member. 	

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1. The Greater Cambridge Partnership is the local delivery body for the Greater Cambridge City Deal, an agreement made in 2014 between central Government, Cambridge City Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council, Cambridgeshire County Council, the University of Cambridge and the former Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership. The City Deal was agreed for the purpose of allowing Greater Cambridge to maintain and grow its status as a prosperous economic area. The City Deal created an infrastructure investment fund and the Greater Cambridge Partnership is supporting and accelerating the creation of 44,000 new jobs, 33,500 new homes and 420 additional apprenticeships.
- 2.2. The Greater Cambridge Partnership brings key partners together to work with communities, businesses and industry leaders to support the continued growth of one of the world's leading tourism and business destinations. The Greater Cambridge Partnership received £100m of government funding for the period up to 2020 and has recently passed its gateway review which will unlock a further £400m of funding. The three workstreams of the Greater Cambridge Partnership are Transport, Housing and Skills.
- 2.3. In 2014 the Executive Board of the Greater Cambridge Partnership was established as a joint committee of Cambridge City Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council. The terms of reference and standing orders of the Executive Board form **Appendix 1** to this report and confirm the membership of the Executive Board as being three elected members with voting rights (one from each of the three member councils) and two non-voting members, one from the Business Board and one from the University of Cambridge. The Chair of the Executive Board wrote to the Mayor on 31 July 2020 offering the Mayor a non-voting seat on the Executive Board. This is being done at the Chair's discretion but will require a formal change to the terms of reference of the Executive Board to be agreed by the three constituent authorities of the Greater Cambridge Partnership. The Mayor hopes to take up the offer and subsequently attend the next meeting of the Executive Board on 1 October 2020.
- 2.4. The legislation on voting rights for co-opted members of joint committees restricts voting rights to elected members of the constituent local authorities in this context. Accordingly it is not possible for either the Business Board's nominee or the Mayor to have voting rights on the Executive Board as it is currently constituted. The standing orders permit the Business Board and the University to nominate an alternate or substitute non-voting member to act in the absence of their principal co-opted member.
- 2.5. At its meeting on 8 February 2018 the Executive Board agreed to endorse the appointment of the CEO of Cambridge Network, as the representative of the business community on the Executive Board. This followed an agreement between the Chief Executive of the Combined Authority and the Chief Executive of the Greater Cambridge Partnership that this individual, who was previously the LEP's representative on the Greater Cambridge Partnership's

Joint Assembly should cover the interim period while the former LEP was reconstituted, subject to endorsement by the Executive Board. However when the LEP was reconstituted as the Combined Authority's Business Board the representative from the former LEP continued on the Executive Board although she was not a member of the Business Board.

2.6. The Executive Board's terms of reference include the following:

The Business Board and University of Cambridge may at any time ask the Executive Board to replace their nominated co-opted member and alternate or substitute member by way of further nomination.

And the Greater Cambridge Partnership has referred to this provision on the issue of membership of the Executive Board in correspondence with the Mayor.

2.7. It is recommended that the Business Board nominate its Chair as a non-voting member of the Executive Board and Andy Neely as a substitute member to act in the absence of the Chair. This will allow the Business Board to engage with the Executive Board's decision making and allow for better co-ordination between the two bodies.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1. There are no direct financial implications.

4.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1. There are no direct legal implications.

5.0 APPENDICES

5.1. Appendix 1 – GCP Executive Board Terms of Reference and Standing Orders

<u>Source Documents</u>	<u>Location</u>
GCP Executive Board minutes February 2018 [Minute 2 refers]	https://scambs.moderngov.co.uk/documents/g7208/Public%20minutes%20Thursday%2008-Feb-2018%2016.00%20Greater%20Cambridge%20Partnership%20Executive%20Board.pdf?T=11