

**CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION FOR CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND
PETERBOROUGH**

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Climate Change Commission for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is established to

- Provide independent advice to business and the public sector in the area on setting and meeting carbon reduction targets for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and preparing for climate change, and to make recommendations;
- Monitor progress in reducing emissions and achieving carbon budgets and targets
- Conduct independent analysis into climate change science, economics and policy and
- Engage with a wide range of organisations and individuals to share evidence and analysis.

The Commission will consider both risks and opportunities, including opportunities for economic sectors with a strength in the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough area.

It is established in the first instance for a year, during which it will produce at least an interim report by Spring 2020 and a full report with recommendations by Autumn 2020. Its full report will include recommendations about future arrangements for advice and analysis on climate change for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

The Commission is independent. It will address its reports to the Mayor and Combined Authority for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, although it will make recommendations addressed to all organisations and sectors with a role to play in addressing climate change. Its core funding for the first year will be provided by the Combined Authority and will seek in-kind and other contributions. It will maintain safeguards to ensure that funding and in-kind contributions are not perceived to compromise its independence.

The Commission consists of a chair, a deputy chair, and ten other members. It will include a broad spread of expertise and should include at least four members each from business and the voluntary/community sector. It will not include political members. It meets at least monthly. The Commission will not be remunerated.

The Commission's reports will be public, and the Commission may engage in public discussions involving stakeholders. The Commission's working papers and meetings are not published.

The Commission is supported by a Management Group and a Technical Group. The Management Group includes senior officers from local authorities in Cambridgeshire

and Peterborough. These groups will meet monthly. The Management Group will ensure that the Commission is supported to deliver to time and on budget and will act as liaison, especially with the Technical group, to ensure requests from the Commission are actioned.