



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

Part 6: Recommendations from Skills Committee – 7 November 2022

Agenda Item 6.1:	University of Peterborough, Delivery Update and Future CPCA Role (KD2022/029)
Recommendation(s):	<p>The Combined Authority Board is recommended to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Note the progress of the development of the University of Peterborough, the opening and operation of the phase 1 building to students by ARU Peterborough and its initial and potential performance against the original business plan objectives.b) Note the future role of the Combined Authority in the next few months in the further evolution and development of the University through the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Preparation and submission for approval of the Phase 3 full business case including a review of the University's original quantitative objectives set at the Phase 1 full business case, with further recommendations about how to reset these for effective monitoring of the new University.ii. Update and preparation of the University Programme Business Case including partners strategy for delivery.iii. Supporting and managing the preparation and submission of an outline planning application for a scheme to articulate the vision to potentially expand the University campus beyond the phase 3.iv. To review the business plan and approach to lettings for the phase 2 building to achieve the best outcome.
Voting arrangements:	<p>A simple majority of Members present and voting.</p> <p>To be carried, the vote must include the vote of the Mayor, or the Deputy Mayor when acting in place of the Mayor.</p>

<p>Purpose:</p>	<p>The University of Peterborough is a key Combined Authority project of the Combined Authority and since 2019 the University has progressed rapidly from being on a 'drawing board' to a now open and operating University.</p> <p>With ARU Peterborough now teaching its first students and with the delivery of the second teaching building in the pipeline, it is an appropriate time to update Members on progress to date. It is proposed that the Combined Authority should continue to have a key role in helping to shape the delivery of the University as part of a programme business case review process during 2023.</p> <p>Now that Phase 1 of the University is open and operational, a review of the business case and associated key performance indicators (KPI's) is required. The report to the Skills Committee on 7 November 2022 set out a strategy for reviewing the initial outputs of the University in line with the approval of the Phase 3 full business case, which is due to be considered by the Skills Committee, Business Board and Combined Authority Board in January 2023. It considers what the Combined Authority's role could be over the next two years and offers a proposed way forward in realising the opportunities available to ensure the success of the university and its Campus.</p>
<p>Strategic Objectives:</p>	<p>The University of Peterborough aligns with the CPCA Economic Growth Strategy and all 6 keys within the Sustainable Growth Ambition Statement. The objectives are to reduce inequalities through provision of a high-quality employment focused University. It aims to increase the skills levels of local people; and increase highly skilled employment opportunities in the surrounding area. These will support local people to gain access to long-term employment opportunities and support local businesses to grow by making it easier to hire skilled employees, invest in innovation and attract new high value firms to the city and surrounding area.</p> <p>ARU Peterborough and the Peterborough Innovation & Research Centre aim to work together to create opportunities for new thinking, new technology and new ideas that will improve quality of life, and to build on the reputation of our district as a global leader in innovative growth. This will in turn attract more businesses to our area, bringing greater job opportunities and further investment.</p> <p>ARU Peterborough and the Peterborough Research & Innovation Centre will, through local employment, training and education opportunities support local and environmentally sustainable choices regarding travel and transport. The design of the teaching buildings will meet BREEAM Very Good standards, and all planning applications will meet national and</p>

	<p>local standards regarding the preservation and further advancement of biodiversity in the local area.</p> <p>As the University Campus develops over time there are further strategies in place to work with the University Partners and the tenants of the Peterborough Research & Innovation Centre, for the site and buildings to have net carbon zero impact by 2030.</p>
Appendices:	n/a
Links:	n/a

Agenda Item 6.2:	Growth Works Performance Review
Recommendation(s):	<p>The Combined Authority is recommended to:</p> <p>Approve the implementation of proposed six recommendations from the programme review as outlined at section 8 of the report. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Increase the jobs to be created from the £3m European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) funded grant programme from 400 to 1240 ii. Reduce the Growth Coaching Service new jobs target to 1417 to provide capacity to continue to support existing clients. iii. Re-allocate 500k of the contracted funding and 454 jobs output target from the Growth Coaching budget line to the Inward Investment service line to give a new total jobs output of 1262 across the Inward Investment contract line. iv. Approve an overall reduction of 10% in the jobs created target to 4937 compared to an initial target of 5486. v. Revise the focus of the skills brokerage model from longer term culture change to medium term output deliverables to deliver required learning outcomes, apprenticeship starts and European Social Fund (ESF) key performance indicators. vi. Approve a more realistic alignment of Growth Works for Skills with the emergent needs of local businesses. <p>The Board should note Appendix 1 to this summary report in respect of the Business Board position on endorsing these recommendations from its meeting on 14th November 2022.</p>

Voting arrangements:	<p>A simple majority of Members present and voting.</p> <p>To be carried, the vote must include the vote of the Mayor, or the Deputy Mayor when acting in place of the Mayor.</p>
Purpose:	<p>A programme review of the overall performance to date of the Growth Works Programme has been undertaken by Gateley Economic Growth Service (GEG) and its private sector partners, as directed by the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA).</p> <p>The Board is asked to consider the recommendations proposed from the Programme review and to address performance concerns and to sustain successful delivery of the Growth Works Programme.</p>
Strategic Objectives:	<p>Project aligns with the CPCA Economic Growth Strategy and 3 of the 6 keys within the Sustainable Growth Ambition Statement. The proposed changes to delivery within this project will have a positive impact on inequalities, innovation, public health and skills regarding the sustained growth of business across all of the Combined Authority, skills and recruitment support to businesses and individuals leading to employment and skills outcome improvements across all of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.</p>
Appendices:	<p>Appendix 1: Business Board Endorsement of the Recommendations from Skills Committee – 14 November 2022</p> <p><u>Appendix 2 - Growth Works Programme Performance Report for Quarter 7</u></p> <p><u>Appendix 3 - Growth Works Net Promoter Score (NPS) for Quarter 7 Survey</u></p> <p><u>Appendix 4 - Growth Works Programme Breakdown of Performance by Service Line</u></p> <p><u>Appendix 5 – Growth Works Programme Summary of Review Recommendations</u></p>
Links:	n/a