



Officer Decision/Mayoral Decision No.:	MDN24-2020
DECISION TITLE: X3 Bus Service between Huntingdon and Addenbrookes	
NAME OF OFFICER/MAYOR EXERCISING DELEGATED POWERS: Mayor James Palmer	
DATE OF OFFICER/MAYORAL DECISION: 8.7.2020	

Responsible Director/Mayor:	<i>Mayor James Palmer</i>
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Decision taken	The Mayor <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Agrees to pay Cambridgeshire County Council £186,981 (by way of a grant) to enable a bus service to be funded to operate between Huntingdon, Cambourne and the Cambridge Biomedical Campus.2. This is an urgent action because putting the contract details in the public domain before the contract has been signed with the bus company would be commercially imprudent; and so that the bus service can commence at the start of the new school year.
Authorisation (<i>delete as appropriate</i>)	This decision has been taken under: General Functions of the Mayor <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Chapter 3, paragraph 1.4.1 – Payment of a grant to Cambridgeshire

	County Council to meet expenditure incurred by them as the Highways Authority (pg 12)				
Background Information	<p>It is an objective of the Combined Authority, reflected in the Local Transport Plan, that there should be better public transport links between Cambourne and major employment areas in Cambridge. In the longer term this will be achieved by the Cambridge Autonomous Metro. The Mayor wishes, in the short term, to provide a bus service to meet this need. This bus link will reduce congestion, address emissions targets and promote economic growth at the sites served.</p> <p>https://cambridgeshirepeterboroughcagov.cmis.uk.com/Document.ashx?czJKcaeAi5tUFL1DTL2UE4zNRBcoShgo=EiGhhWUSTulk51SUwLeNLsXKYmrboV%2boq%2fV6lnNV2QBSnmtCrTsA%3d%3d&rUzwRPf%2bZ3zd4E7lkn8Lyw%3d%3d=pwRE6AGJFLDNIh225F5QMaQWCtPHwdhUfCZ%2fLUQzgA2uL5jNRG4jdQ%3d%3d&mCTlbCubSFfXsDGW9lXnlq%3d%3d=hFflUdN3100%3d&kCx1AnS9%2fpWZQ40DXFvdEw%3d%3d=hFflUdN3100%3d&uJovDxwdjMPoYv%2bAJvYtyA%3d%3d=ctNJFf55vVA%3d&FgPIIEJYlotS%2bYGoBi5oIA%3d%3d=NHdURQburHA%3d&d9Qjj0ag1Pd993jsyOJqFvmyB7X0CSQK=ctNJFf55vVA%3d&WGewmoAfeNR9xqBux0r1Q8Za60lavYmz=ctNJFf55vVA%3d&WGewmoAfeNQ16B2MHuCpMRKZMwaG1PaO=ctNJFf55vVA%3d</p> <p>The Cambridgeshire County Council, on the CPCA's behalf, has conducted a tendering exercise to create an enhanced bus link which meets these objectives, commencing in August 2020, at a cost to the Combined Authority of £186,981 over twelve months.</p> <p>The DfT, under its BetterDeal4Buses has granted CPCA funding of £383,877 to create new bus links or enhance existing bus routes; such services need to start in 2020/21 and this strategic bus route will be funded out of this grant.</p>				
Alternative options considered.	<p>The options considered were:</p> <p>Do Nothing – which would fail to support our environmental, congestion or economic growth agendas;</p> <p>Wait for the C2C scheme to be delivered - which would not be soon enough to meet the congestion, environmental or growth agendas either;</p> <p>Tendering for a new, directly appointed service by CPCA;</p> <p>The provision of funding to CCC to adjust and enhance an existing service to meet these needs rapidly.</p> <p>The last course was chosen as most financially efficient and most rapidly achievable during Covid-19 lockdown..</p>				
Financial Implications	<p><i>Please include the total costs and how the project will be funded. Please include budget codes for your directorate</i></p> <p>Costing</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Split</td> <td>GCP £35,000</td> <td>CPCA £186,981</td> </tr> </table> <p>Value for Money consideration</p> <p>£ 17.96 per bus journey</p> <p>£ 3.23 per passenger – which places it in the second quintile of CCC bus contracts on the basis of lowest support revenue per passenger, and therefore meets the Value For Money criteria.</p> <p>This is to be funded from the DfT BetterDeal4Buses grant of £383,877</p>		Split	GCP £35,000	CPCA £186,981
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Consultation	Discussions have been held with CCC and PCC officers as well as with the CPCA Transport Strategy Manager.	Agreed through the regular Bus Officers Meetings			
	Portfolio Holder	Mayor James Palmer as Chair of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee			



	<i>Responsible Director/Chief Officer</i>	<i>Paul Raynes</i>
	<i>Monitoring Officer</i>	<i>Robert Parkin</i>
	<i>S73</i>	<i>Jon Alsop</i>
	<i>Portfolio Holder</i>	<i>James Palmer</i>
	<i>Other</i>	
Declarations / Conflicts of Interests (only if the decision falls under the 'Express Authorisation' category)	<i>List the names of any member who has been consulted on and declared an interest in relation to the decision.</i> <i>none</i>	
Supporting documentation	<i>BetterDeal4Buses letter from DfT</i>	

Officer/Mayor signature	Mayor James Palmer [SIGNATURE REDACTED]	Date 16.07.2020