



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

JAMES PALMER
CAMBRIDGESHIRE &
PETERBOROUGH MAYOR

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date: Monday, 23 November 2020

Democratic Services

Robert Parkin Dip. LG.
Chief Legal Officer and Monitoring Officer

11:00 AM

72 Market Street
Ely
Cambridgeshire
CB7 4LS

Virtual Meeting
[Venue Address]

AGENDA

Open to Public and Press

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Declarations of Interest

At this point Members must declare whether they have a disclosable pecuniary interest, or other interest, in any of the items on the agenda, unless it is already entered in the register of members' interests.

3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 26th October 2020.

OS Minutes 261020

4 Public Questions

Arrangements for public questions can be viewed in Chapter 5, Paragraphs 18 to 18.16 of the Constitution which can be viewed here - [Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority: Constitution](#)

5 The Chair of the Business Board

Austen Adams will be in attendance to provide an update on the Business Board.

6 CPCA Budget 2021/22 and Medium-Term Financial Plan

6 CPCA Draft Budget 2021/22 and MTFP

7 Ely Capacity Enhancements

OS EACE Update Report 231120 Final

8 CAM SPV Scrutiny Engagement

CAM SPV Scrutiny Report

9 Combined Authority Board Agenda

To consider the agenda for the meeting of the CA Board to be held on Wednesday, 25 November and raise questions from the Committee to the Board

10 Combined Authority Forward Plan

Members allocated to monitor the activities of the Combined Authority to provide a verbal update to the committee on any areas of interest.
Forward Plan - 13 November 2020

11 Committee Meetings – Lead Member Questions and Answers

Item 11 - Lead Members

12 Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme

- i) To receive work programme recommendations from the Lead Members
- ii) To comment on the status of the current Work Programme

Item 12 - Work Programme Report

13 Date of next meeting:

Monday, 14th December 2020 at 11.00 a.m. via the Zoom platform

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee comprises the following members:

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Councillor Grenville Chamberlain	
Councillor Andy Coles	
Councillor David Connor	
Councillor Stephen Corney	
Councillor Mike Davey	
Councillor Lorna Dupre	
Councillor Peter Fane	
Councillor Markus Gehring	
Councillor Anne Hay	
Councillor Patricia Ann Jordan	
Cllr David Mason	
Councillor Ed Murphy	
Councillor Jocelynne Scutt	
Councillor Alan Sharp	
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CAMBRIDGESHIRE & PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY – OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

DRAFT MINUTES

Date: Monday, 26 October 2020

Time: 11.00 a.m.

Location: Virtual Meeting via the Zoom Platform

Present:

Cllr S Corney	Huntingdonshire District Council
Cllr P Jordan	Huntingdonshire District Council
Cllr L Dupre (Chair)	East Cambridgeshire District Council
Cllr A Sharp	East Cambridgeshire District Council
Cllr M Gehring	Cambridge City Council
Cllr M Davey	Cambridge City Council
Cllr A Coles	Peterborough City Council
Cllr E Murphy	Peterborough City Council
Cllr A Miscandlon	Fenland District Council
Cllr A Hay	Fenland District Council
Cllr P Fane	South Cambridgeshire District Council
Cllr G Chamberlain	South Cambridgeshire District Council

Officers:

John T Hill	Director for Business and Skills
Emily Mulvaney	Community Housing Programme Manager.
Noelle Godfrey	Project Lead for Digital Connectivity Infrastructure
Rochelle Tapping	Deputy Legal and Monitoring Officer, Combined Authority
Anne Gardiner	Scrutiny Officer, Combined Authority (Minute Taker)
Robert Fox	Interim Scrutiny Officer, Combined Authority

1. Apologies for Absence

- 1.1 Apologies were received from: Cllr David Mason (Fenland District Council) substituted by Cllr Alex Miscandlon, Cllr David Connor (Cambridgeshire County Council)
Cllr Jocelynne Scutt (Cambridgeshire County Council) – joined the meeting at 12:30pm.

The Scrutiny Officer conducted the roll-call of Committee attendees.

2. Declarations of Interest

- 2.1 No declarations were received.

3. Election of Vice Chair

- 3.1 Due to the resignation of a member the Committee were required to elect a new Vice Chair.
- 3.2 Nominations were received for Cllr Ed Murphy and Cllr Andy Coles.
- 3.3 With 7 votes FOR Cllr Ed Murphy and 5 votes FOR Cllr Andy Coles the Committee elected Cllr Ed Murphy as the Vice Chair for the remainder of the municipal year.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- 4.1 The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday, 28 September were agreed as an accurate record.
- 4.2 The responses from the CA Board to the Committee's questions were reviewed with the following points raised:-
- 1) The Committee discussed the response received about representations the Combined Authority had made to central government on the long-standing issue of quoracy and were concerned that the CA Board were not aware of any representations being made to Government in relation to the quoracy of Combined Authority committees as this had been an issue raised on numerous occasions by this committee. The Chair would write to the Board members to express this concern and to ask that any response received from central government in response to the letter recently sent be shared with members.
- 2) The Committee discussed the response to whether there was a commitment for the Business Board to be more transparent and to hold meetings in public session and were concerned over the response received about the CA Business Board and its level of transparency and agreed that Cllr Mike Davey as a member of the Audit and Governance Committee should raise this concern there for that committee to consider.
- 3) The Committee discussed the response to the question raised about the CAM SPV and agreed that a report detailing the powers the committee had to scrutinise the SPV be brought to the November meeting.

5. Public Questions

- 5.1 There were no public questions.

6. The Director of Business and Skills

- 6.1 The Committee received the report and presentation from the Director for Business and Skills which provided an update on the strategic direction and activities of the Combined Authority around Business and Skills.
(A copy of the Business and Skills presentation received is at Appendix A)

The following points were raised during the discussion:-

- 6.2 The Business and Skills team were working to ensure there was a balance between creating a supply of appropriate skills and creating jobs that demanded these skills. There was a need to get a balance between investing in high end companies in the south of the region whilst also looking at the additionality when creating higher value jobs in areas such as Peterborough and Fenland; these have a greater impact on the local economies so the team would aim to create jobs in the harder areas of the county such as in the north and east as well as the easy wins in the south of the county.
- 6.3 In response to a question about apprenticeship uptake around the area, the Director advised that the uptake of apprenticeships was the same across the county and this had been helped by receiving additional funding from the Department for Education, however the general number of apprenticeships starting was low due to companies not wanting to take on apprentices during the pandemic.
- The government Kickstart scheme would help to create cohorts of 30 apprenticeships across groups of SMEs, by offering employers grouping together in such a manner, additional funding. The Combined Authority had registered as the main intermediary for DfE, to create these cohorts. The team hoped to increase apprenticeships by at least 180 over the next 6 months in this manner.
- 6.4 In response to a question about whether the Jones Brothers Company were taking on apprenticeships the officer agreed to check and respond to the member directly.
- 6.5 The Committee were advised that questions around whether a relief road would be built to the south of Whittlesey to help relieve the pressure of lorries through the village should be directed to the Director for Transport and Infrastructure.
- 6.6 The figures for project costs and the number of jobs created, that were included within the report, related to the full range of all Local Growth Fund (LGF) applications that had been funded. The job outcome figures were sourced from the information that applicants for the LGF provided within their applications. They provided detail on how they would develop their business, how many jobs it would create and how it would increase their sales. As part of the formal evaluation process for all applications, the forecasts were assessed by an expert panel who scrutinised the applications and deemed the offer for outcomes, credible to receive the funding. Following this there would be a monitoring phase that covered three years, where the team would go back to the applicants to check on what they had achieved against the figures that they provided around growth, sales and job numbers. This would help to create the facts on actual job creation outcomes, that the team would then work from and present going forward.
- 6.7 The Director confirmed that the Business Board at an extraordinary meeting held last Monday agreed to recommend to the CA Board that the funds for the Peterborough University Phase 2 Manufacturing and Materials Research & Development Centre to complete the design and business case from the Getting Building Funding from Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) be released and that this decision would be ratified by Mayoral Decision Notice and debated by Leaders on 28 October followed by a vote to support that Mayoral Decision.

The Director provided some clarification around the dates of completion for the University of Peterborough; part of a new funding pot from central government the 'Get Building Fund' had criteria that meant money had to be spent by the beginning of 2022; the project that the Combined Authority put forward to receive this funding was the University of Peterborough Phase 2 Research Centre. The criteria around this funding had now been relaxed and it looked like completion for the project would be June 2022.

- 6.8 The Director advised that the number of interventions being carried out were complicated and could include many companies but although it was complex it was a diverse portfolio of projects, and the benefit of that meant that there were fewer reliance's or catastrophic reliance's as there was a broad enough portfolio to tolerate single point failures (ie, individual projects not meeting their jobs growth outcome forecasts).

The Director advised that each intervention had a target which was measurable and that officers were accountable for; the team had recently been restructured and five Senior Responsible Officers had been appointed to specific areas with specific targets to achieve.

In response to a question on target setting for upskilling and retraining the Director advised that they monitor these areas using leading indicators. There were currently 1800 apprenticeships and 1700 other skill outcomes. The team would be meeting with the contracted skills brokerage providers every month and measure factors such as how many school children have been engaged, how many further education students have been engaged, what engagement there has been with Job Centre Plus and what pathways have been created for these groups into learning, and how many employers have been engaged. This is monitored monthly and the results are presented to Business Board and the Skills Committee on a bi-monthly basis. The Director recognised that the skills brokerage was the highest risk area at the moment largely due to Covid 19.

- 6.9 In response to a question around working with the local authorities the Director gave as an example the work being done with South Cambridgeshire Council. The business support provided was one brand and customers receive the same service whether they approach the Combined Authority or the district council; officers work with Local Authority partners to target companies and always work together.

Officers used a Customer Relationship Management system that would be shared with local authority partners to ensure the same level of service is provided. In regards to future LGF funding for Local authorities, the Director advised that he meets with the Chief Operating Officer every couple of months to help build the project pipeline so that when funding becomes available the strategy for future projects and their need for funding, for South Cambridgeshire District Council would be fully developed and could be processed as soon as funds were received from government.

- 6.10 In response to a question on how the Covid 19 pandemic had impacted on the work the Director advised that the Combined Authority had a Local Industrial Strategy which had now had a revamp to become the Local Economic Recovery Strategy - this had taken all the interventions which were created in 2019 and had redesigned them to better respond to the economic impacts of Covid 19.

- 6.11 In response to a question on Brexit the Director advised that if there was no deal that officers would talk with the Dept for Business Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS) around further funding to give companies specific advice around the deal and the required paperwork.
- 6.12 In response to a question on funding streams the Director advised that the Combined Authority had received £150m to spend from the Local Growth Fund, which had been used; another tranche of Local Growth Fund should be received in 2021. Although the funding that was received via the Get Building Fund was in fact the forecast allocation for 2021 of the Local Growth Fund, the Director believed that there would still be a further top up from government in 2021, despite having already been allocated the 2021 tranche – and having committed it to projects.

In April 2022 the Combined Authority should receive the LGF replacement – the Shared Prosperity Fund, this would combine the old Local Growth Fund, the European Social Fund and the European Regional Development Funds which should be between £200-250m but this would depend on how effective the lobbying of the Combined Authority would be.

- 6.13 The Committee thanked the Director for Business and Skills for attending the meeting and answering the members' questions.

7. Community Land Trusts

- 7.1 The Committee received the presentation from the Community Housing Programme Manager which outlined what Community Land Trusts were, how they worked and how the Combined Authority was supporting them in the region. (The Community Land Trust presentation is at Appendix B)
- 7.2 The Programme Manager advised that one of the benefits of Community Land Trusts was that they generally worked with smaller business and used local builders to complete projects which supported job growth in the area.
- 7.3 Community Land Trusts were community led and could reflect what the local community felt it required from a development. However, there did need to be more work done to get larger developers involved in Community Land Trust projects.
- 7.4 In response to a question about how Community Land Trusts could generate income especially in consideration of the loans that were required to support the projects; the officer advised that any loans would be paid back through the rental incomes and it was predicted that within 10-15 years the loans would be repaid and the income would then become a reliable income stream to be reinvested into the community. There would also be an element of open market housing within each development which would also contribute to the income streams.
- 7.5 In response to a question about neighbourhood plans the officer advised that while the Combined Authority do not get involved with neighbourhood plans that there have been examples where a neighbourhood plan could be a catalyst for new housing groups to come forward.
- 7.6 The Chair raised the point that although Community Land Trust should reflect the local communities needs that not all examples of the projects had had entirely positive responses from local people.

7.7 The Committee thanked the Programme Manager for her informative presentation.

8. Digital Connectivity Update

8.1 The Committee received the report on Digital Connectivity Infrastructure which provided an update to members on the Digital Connectivity Programme run by Cambridgeshire County Council.

8.2 In response to a question around Public Access WIFI in Fenland the officer advised that the public access wifi had been determined to be the optimum solution as it utilised the CCTV network and brought in connectivity to the internet through the county council. Roll out of this solution had to be signed off by the relevant district council and there were ongoing discussions with Fenland District Council.

8.3 WIFI in homes was delivered through Broadband providers and one of the key workstreams was to ensure that people have a choice around their provider. The Rural Gigabit Voucher Scheme enables people in rural areas to get better access. There is also the roll out of the Superfast Broadband programme which focuses on the infrastructure elements.

There was a roll out of public access wifi to 40 rural village halls and the team were seeking further funding from government to expand on this.

There is further advice on the Connecting Cambridge website to help people upgrade and also advises on when updated infrastructure may be available and what the options are available.

8.4 In response to a question around wifi in schools and the impact that Covid 19 has had in this area the officer advised that what Covid 19 had highlighted was that having a good internet connection at the schools was not enough; families and children needed it in their homes. Laptops with 4G routers were distributed but not nearly enough for those who needed it. There was ongoing work with social housing providers to ensure that digital infrastructure was made available to everyone. Covid 19 had highlighted how many people are excluded from a good internet connection.

8.5 In response to a question around an individual's ability to solve their own connectivity if they do not fall within an area due to get an upgrade the officer advised there were websites which would advise on best broadband connectivity, however it was a complex matter that was reliant on how the market was responding and was also impacted by an individual's home set up.

The officer agreed that they would liaise with DCMS and research other areas to understand if there was a way that people could be supported to opt for alternative solutions if the mainstream commercial roll out was not available to them.

8.6 In response to a question about the full fibre coverage and the targets due to be revised; the officer advised that the teams original target was 30% by 2030 and they were already at 23% coverage so a more stretched target was required. The team were waiting to hear from government with the national revised targets but as this wasn't likely to happen soon they would create their own revised target.

- 8.7 In response to a question about rogue Openreach teams which were installing without properly notifying the District Council as planning authority the officer advised that they were aware of the issue and it was being investigated.
- 8.8 The Committee thanked the officer for attending the meeting and answering the members' questions.

9. CAM Metro Task and Finish Group Update

- 9.1 The Committee received the report which provided an update from the Cam Task and Finish group's last meeting.
- 9.2 Due to the resignation of one the members the committee were asked to volunteer new members to join the working group.
- 9.3 Cllr Grenville Chamberlain and Cllr Mike Davey volunteered to join the group and the committee AGREED their membership.
- 9.4 The terms of reference for the Task and Finish group states that the Task and Finish group can elect its own Chair; the members agreed they would hold a meeting of the Task and Finish group as soon as possible to elect a new Chair to lead the group and would update the committee of the outcome at the next meeting.

10. Combined Authority Forward Plan

- 10.1 The Chair advised that there was a meeting due to be held next week between herself and the Lead Members for the Executive Committees and Business Board to discuss questions to be put forward.
- 10.2 The Committee noted the forward Plan.

11. Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

- 11.1 The Work Programme was received and noted.

It was **agreed** that:

- i) To move the Director for Delivery and Strategy to February 2021.
- ii) To have a report on the CAM SPV Scrutiny options brought to November's meeting.
- iii) The Bus Review Task and Finish Group should have a meeting prior to their report coming to the Committee in February and that this should align with the report going to the CA Board.

The Committee wanted to put on record their sincere thanks to Cllr Kevin Price and his hard work done whilst a member of the Committee and in particular for his work involving the CAM Task and Finish Group.

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting

- 12.1 The next meeting of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee is Monday, 23 November 2020 at 11.00 a.m. This will be a virtual meeting via the Zoom platform.

The meeting closed at 13.07pm.



OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No: 6
Date: 23 November 2020	PUBLIC REPORT

2021/22 DRAFT BUDGET AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2021 TO 2025

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1. This paper presents the principles and approach behind the development of the Combined Authority's draft Budget for 2021/22 and Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) for the period 2021/22 to 2024/25. The paper also sets out the proposed timetable for the consultation and approval for the budget and MTFP.

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>	
Lead Officer:	Jon Alsop – Head of Finance (S73)
The Overview and Scrutiny Committee are recommended to: (a) Note the principles and approach behind the development of the draft budget for 2021/22 and the Medium-Term Financial Plan for the period 2021/22 to 2024/25	

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1. According to the Constitution, functions reserved to the Combined Authority Board include the adoption of the non-mayoral Combined Authority budgets, the Medium-Term Financial Plan and the Capital Programme.
- 2.2. The process of the approval of the Mayoral budget is set out in the 'The Combined Authorities (Finance) Order 2017'

Budget Preparation Principles

- 2.3. The overarching objective is to set an affordable and balanced budget that supports delivery of the ambitions and priorities of the Mayor and the Combined Authority.

2.4. Other objectives and principles adopted in the development of the proposed draft budget and MTFP are as follows:

- The 2021/22 Budget preparation builds on the 2020/21 Budget and MTFP 'refresh' as approved by the Board in June 2020, incorporating any subsequent budget decisions taken up to the end of October 2020.
- To engage with Committees at an early stage to ensure their feedback is incorporated into the draft budget ahead of it being brought to the Board
- Budget preparation has been managed as an inclusive process, involving engagement with Directors, Project teams and the Finance team to promote accuracy, ownership and accountability.
- Budget preparation has taken account of the level of reserves brought forward from previous financial years, and of expected annual funding streams from 2021/22 onwards to ensure that spending plans continue to be affordable.
- The 2021/22 Budget and MTFP will provide a clear presentation of capital and revenue budgets on a Directorate basis, strengthening the link between spending plans and funding sources.
- The CA staffing structure and budgets will continue to be managed at a corporate level by the Chief Executive(s) as Head(s) of Paid Service.
- The Budget and MTFP will provide a clear presentation of those projects where budget lines have already been approved by the Board, and of those projects which are 'Subject to Approval'. In accordance with the Constitution, all expenditure lines which are indicated 'subject to approval' will need to be approved by the Board before any expenditure can be incurred against them.
- The Budget and MTFP will identify staffing costs and other contributions to 'overheads' associated with grant funded programmes.

Budget Development Timetable

- 2.5. According to the Constitution, "The draft Budget shall be submitted to the Combined Authority Board for consideration and approval for consultation purposes only, before the end of December each year. The Combined Authority Board will also agree the timetable for consultation and those to be consulted. The consultation period shall not be less than four weeks, and the consultees shall include Constituent Authorities, the Business Board (as the Local Enterprise Partnership) and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee."
- 2.6. The proposed budget setting timetable for the draft budget and MTFP is as follows:

Key Dates and Statutory Deadlines

Proposed Budget Setting Timetable Draft 2021/22 Budget and MTFP	Day	Date
Leaders Strategy Meeting – 2021/22 Budget and MTFP Draft Paper	Wed	11/11/20
Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meeting	Mon	23/11/20
CPCA Board Meeting (to review and approve Draft 2021/22 Budget and MTFP)	Wed	25/11/20
Budget Consultation Period Starts (period must be minimum 4 weeks, we are planning for 5)	Thu	26/11/20
Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meeting (Consultation)	Mon	14/12/20
Budget Consultation Ends	Thu	31/12/20
Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meeting	Mon	25/01/21
CPCA Board Meeting to Approve 2021/22 Budget and MTFP	Wed	27/01/21

Date	Activity
Thursday 31 st December 2020	Deadline for Draft CA budget to the CA for consideration and approval for consultation (Budget Framework).
Not less than 4 weeks Duration	Consultation period (Budget Framework)
Friday 29 th January 2021	Deadline for the Mayor to notify the CA of the Mayor's draft budget for 2020/21 (Finance Order)
Friday 29 th January 2021	Deadline for proposed CA budget to be submitted to the CA Board, including consultation responses and the Mayor's budget (Budget Framework)
Within five working days of above	CA Board shall meet to consider the budget and may agree a report (Budget Framework)
At least five working days of report published if amendments to the Mayor's Budget are proposed	CA Board shall meet to re-consider the budget (Budget Framework)
Friday 5 th February 2021	Deadline for CA to report on the Mayor's draft budget (Finance Order)
At least five days from receipt of report	Deadline for the Mayor to respond to the CA report (Finance Order)
5 Days after end of deadline period above	Deadline for CA to veto or approve Mayor's draft budget (Finance Order)
Friday 12 th February 2021	Deadline for issuing the Transport Levy to Peterborough City Council and Cambridgeshire County Council

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1. There are no financial implications other than those referred to in the main body of the paper

4.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1. The Budget Framework Procedure Rules are set out within the CPCA Constitution.

5.0 APPENDICES

5.1. There are no appendices

<u>Source Documents</u>	<u>Location</u>
CPCA Constitution	CPCA Constitution



OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No: 7
23 November 2020	PUBLIC REPORT

ELY AREA CAPACITY ENHANCEMENTS (EACE)

1.0 PURPOSE

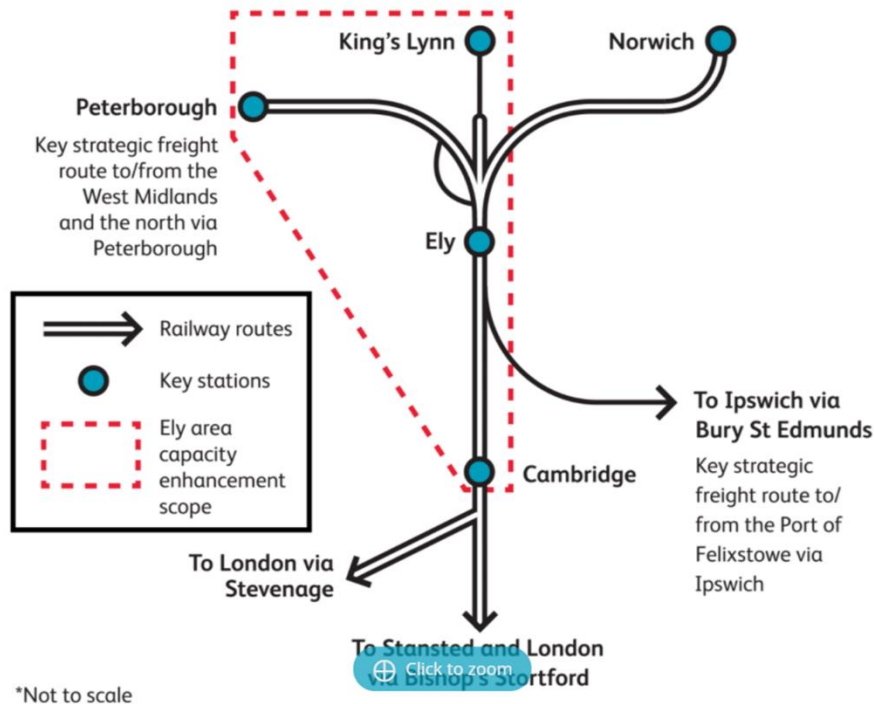
- 1.1 To provide the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with an update on progress in the development of the Outline Business Case (OBC) by the Department for Transport (DfT) and Network Rail (NR).

<u>DECISION REQUIRED</u>	
FROM:	
Lead Officer:	Paul Raynes, Director of Delivery and Strategy
Author:	Rowland Potter Head of Transport
The Committee is recommended to: a) Note developments on the EACE project	

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The rail network within the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority region is considerably constrained due to the complex issues at Ely north and Ely Station.
- 2.2 Network Rail (NR) on behalf of Department for Transport (DfT) have produced a Strategic Outline Business Case considering options for improvements to the network at Ely to enable between 11 train paths per Hour in each direction and 14 Train paths per hour in each direction compared with the current maximum of 8 train paths per hour in each direction.
- 2.3 The diagram below shows the Ely Area Capacity Enhancements Study Area as per the Network Rail consultation pages conducted between 21 September 2020 and 1 November 2020. (<https://elyareacapacity.com/>)

Source NR EACE Consultation pages



A letter of support for the consultation proposals is being sent to Network Rail, expressing our support for extending the study to maximise the capacity through Ely to enable the growth agenda and Combined Authority objectives for additional stopping services at the Fen stations, the introduction of a Wisbech to Cambridge service, connectivity to Cambridge South Station plus the aspirations of freight and our Suffolk and Norfolk neighbours.

- 2.4 Further consultation is proposed in early 2021, to consider the challenges in what is termed the Ely South area which include the Ely station layout, structures and Kiln Lane crossing.

Source NR EACE Consultation pages



- 2.4 Governance of the delivery of this project is undertaken in the form of:

- A Task Force comprising funding members including Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership and Strategic Freight Management (DfT representing the freight industry) plus non

- A Programme Board comprising the funding partners, the programme Board instructs the DfT as Sponsor on the funders wishes in relation to the production of the business case.

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Peterborough, March, Ely, Cambridge.

(c) An additional 1tph Norwich to Nottingham service, serving Ely, March, Peterborough

(d) An additional 1 tph Norwich to Cambridge service, serving Ely, Cambridge.

(e) An additional 1 tph Kings Cross to Kings Lynn service, serving Ely, Cambridge.

(f) Potential for up to 2 train paths per hour on the March (Wisbech) to Cambridge service.

3.0 Next Steps

- 3.1 DfT have confirmed funding of £13.1m in addition to the historic £9.3m from the Combined Authority, New Anglia LEP and Strategic Freight Network, this funding progresses the study into the Outline Business Case Stage (OBC), for the development of the 11 Train paths per hour. Network rail also refer to this as 10 Trains per hour and to clarify this is because the current Liverpool to Norwich (East Midlands Trains) service utilises two train paths, one as it goes through Ely North junction into Ely station and one more as it exits Ely Station and travels back through Ely North Junction to Norwich.
- 3.2 We continue to lobby DfT and the rail Minister Chris Heaton – Harris MP, whom the Mayor met with to discuss both Ely and Wisbech and the need to progress both for the economic and housing growth of the northern part of our region.
- 3.3 It was agreed that a further meeting between Mayor Palmer and the rail minister will take place and dates are currently being negotiated.
- 3.4 Mr Chris Heaton – Harris MP acting in his capacity as Rail Minister recently attended the Railway Industry Association (RIA) Annual Conference in early November where he reportedly expressed his commitment to this project. The minister has also expressed his desire for acceleration of projects such as this through the government's new project speed agenda.
- 3.5 Officers remain members of the Project Board and Task Force committee and will continue to lobby for the maximum capacity as the study develops. Supporting accelerated delivery at every opportunity.
- 3.6 Future updates will be made to the Combined Authority Transport and Infrastructure Committee where relevant and appropriate.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no financial implications other than those referred to in the main body of the paper

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no legal implications.

Supporting Documents

Location

Link to EACE webpage for recent NR Consultation

<https://elyareacapacity.com/>



OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No: 9
23 November 2020	PUBLIC REPORT

One CAM Ltd – Scrutiny Arrangements

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with an overview of the current scrutiny arrangements available to members in regard to the One CAM Ltd.

<u>DECISION REQUIRED</u>	
FROM:	
Lead Officer and Author:	Rochelle White, Deputy Monitoring Officer
The Committee is recommended to: Note the content of this report.	

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting on the 5th August 2020 the Combined Authority Board approved the incorporation of the ONE CAM Ltd. Further recommendations were approved by the Combined Authority Board at its meeting on the 30 September, including agreement to enter into a Shareholder and SPV Agreement based on the Heads of Terms presented.

3.0 SCRUTINY OF THE TRADING COMPANIES

- 3.1 The Head of Terms require Combined Authority consent for some decisions of the company. To date, decisions of the company have been approved by the Combined Authority Board as per the Heads of Terms. Given this

process of decision making and as decisions relating to ONE CAM Ltd go to the Combined Authority Board, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee can scrutinise those decisions (exercising powers listed below in 3.0) as the Committee would scrutinise any other decision.

4.0 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

4.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has the power to:

- Review and scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken on connection with the discharge of any function which are the responsibility of the Combined Authority.
- Review and scrutinise a key decision made but not implemented and to:
 - (a) direct that a decision is not to be implemented while it is under review by the Committee, and
 - (b) recommend that the decision be reconsidered.
- Review and scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken on connection with the discharge of any function which are the responsibility of the Combined Authority.
- make reports or recommendations to the Combined Authority Board:
 - (a) with respect to the discharge of any functions that are the responsibility of the authority;
 - (b) on matters that affect the authority's area or the inhabitants of the area.

5.0 AUDIT, RISK, AND HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

5.1 The governance structure for the CAM SPV proposes to have four Board Committees; one of which would be the Audit, Risk and Health & Safety Committee. The remit of this committee would be to oversee the statutory obligations and oversight of risk.

5.2 The Committee would support the SPV Board and shareholder by reviewing the comprehensiveness and reliability of assurances on governance, risk management, health and safety, the control environment and the integrity of financial statements and the annual report.

5.3 The Committee would be authorised to seek any information it requires from any member of staff and the committee would be authorised to obtain outside legal or other independent professional advice if it so required and could request the attendance of individuals and authorities from outside the SPV with relevant experience and expertise if it considered this necessary or expedient to the carrying out of its functions.

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The regulation of Overview and Scrutiny for the Combined Authority is outlined in the Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2017.

7.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

Appendices

None

<u>Source Documents</u>	<u>Location</u>
Combined Authority Board Report – 5th August 2020	CA Board Report – Item 3.2
Combined Authority Board Report 30th September 2020	CA Board Report – Item 3.1



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

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Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Forward Plan of Executive Decisions

Published Friday 13 November 2020

Purpose

The Forward Plan sets out all of the decisions which the Combined Authority Board and Executive Committees will be taking in the coming months. This makes sure that local residents and organisations know what decisions are due to be taken and when.

The Forward Plan is a live document which is updated regularly and published on the [Combined Authority website](#) (click the Forward Plan' button to view). At least 28 clear days' notice will be given of any key decisions to be taken.

What is a key decision?

A key decision is one which, in the view of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, is likely to:

- i. result in the Combined Authority spending or saving a significant amount, compared with the budget for the service or function the decision relates to (usually £500,000 or more); or
- ii. have a significant effect on communities living or working in an area made up of two or more wards or electoral divisions in the area.

Non-key decisions and update reports

For transparency, the Forward Plan also includes all non-key decisions and update reports to be considered by the Combined Authority Board and Executive Committees.

Access to reports

A report will be available to view online one week before a decision is taken. You are entitled to view any documents listed on the Forward Plan after publication, or obtain extracts from any documents listed, subject to any restrictions on disclosure. There is no charge for viewing the documents, although charges may be made for photocopying or postage. Documents listed on this notice can be requested from Robert Parkin, Chief Legal Officer and Monitoring Officer for the Combined Authority at Robert.Parkin@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk.

The Forward Plan will state if any reports or appendices are likely to be exempt from publication or confidential and may be discussed in private. If you want to make representations that a decision which it is proposed will be taken in private should instead be taken in public please contact Robert Parkin, Chief Legal Officer and Monitoring Officer at Robert.Parkin@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk at least five working days before the decision is due to be made.

Notice of decisions

Notice of the Combined Authority Board's decisions and Executive Committee decisions will be published online within three days of a public meeting taking place.

Standing items at Executive Committee meetings

The following reports are standing items and will be considered by at each meeting of the relevant committee. The most recently published Forward Plan will also be included on the agenda for each Executive Committee meeting:

Housing and Communities Committee

1. £100m Affordable Housing Programme Update
2. £70m Cambridge City Council Affordable Housing Programme: Update
3. £100k Homes and Community Land Trusts Update

Skills Committee

1. Budget and Performance Report
2. Employment and Skills Board Update

Transport and Infrastructure Committee

1. Budget Monitor Update
2. Performance Report

Combined Authority Board – 25 November 2020

Governance Items

	Title of report	Decision maker	Date of decision	Decision required	Purpose of report	Consultation	Lead officer	Lead Member	Documents relevant to the decision submitted to the decision maker
1.	Minutes of the meeting on 30 September 2020	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board	25 November 2020	Decision	To approve the minutes of the previous meeting.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	Richenda Greenhill Democratic Services Officer	Mayor James Palmer	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices.
2.	Forward Plan	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board	25 November 2020	Decision	To approve the latest version of the forward plan.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	Robert Parkin Chief Legal Officer and Monitoring Officer	Mayor James Palmer	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices.

	Title of report	Decision maker	Date of decision	Decision required	Purpose of report	Consultation	Lead officer	Lead Member	Documents relevant to the decision submitted to the decision maker
3.	Combined Authority Appointments: November 2020	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board	25 November 2020	Decision	To make appointments to the Employment Committee and note changes to the Combined Authority Board (substitute member) and Overview and Scrutiny Committee.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	Robert Parkin Chief Legal Officer and Monitoring Officer	Mayor James Palmer	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices.
4.	Appointment of Chief Executive of OneCAM Ltd	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board	25 November 2020	Decision	To appoint the Chief Executive of OneCAM Ltd	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	John Hill Chief Executive	Mayor James Palmer	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices.

	Title of report	Decision maker	Date of decision	Decision required	Purpose of report	Consultation	Lead officer	Lead Member	Documents relevant to the decision submitted to the decision maker
5.	Budget Monitor Update	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board	25 November 2020	Decision	To provide an update on the revenue and capital budgets for the year to date	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	Jon Alsop Section 73 Chief Finance Officer	Councillor Steve Count Lead Member for Investment and Finance	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.
6.	Draft 2021-22 Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan to 2024-25 for public consultation	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board	25 November 2020	Decision	To approve the Draft Budget for 2021/22 and the Medium Term Financial Plan to 2024/25 for consultation purposes and approve the timetable for consultation and those to be consulted.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	Jon Alsop Section 73 Chief Finance Officer	Councillor Steve Count Lead Member for Investment and Finance	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.

Mayoral decisions

	Title of report	Decision maker	Date of decision	Decision required	Purpose of report	Consultation	Lead officer	Lead Member	Documents relevant to the decision submitted to the decision maker
7.	Allocation of Additional funds to Highways Agencies	Mayor James Palmer	25 November 2020	Key decision 2020/080	To consult the Board and allocate pothole grants, Challenge Fund and Home to School Transport funds to Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council to meet expenditure incurred by them as Highways Authorities.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	Jon Alsop Section 73 Chief Finance Officer	Mayor James Palmer	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.
8.	Allocation of Getting Building Fund	Mayor James Palmer	25 November 2020	For noting	To advise the Board of Key Decision 2020/081 made by the Mayor on 5 November 2020 under General Exception Arrangements.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	John T Hill Director of Business and Skills	Mayor James Palmer	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant

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									appendices to be published.

Combined Authority Decisions

	Title of report	Decision maker	Date of decision	Decision required	Purpose of report	Consultation	Lead officer	Lead Member	Documents relevant to the decision submitted to the decision maker
9.	Devolution Deal, Gainshare Gateway Review and Combined Authority Prospectus	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board	25 November 2020	Decision	To provide a review of the Devolution Deal Agreement	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	Paul Raynes Director of Delivery and Strategy	Mayor James Palmer	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.
10.	CAM Special Purpose Vehicle – Budget Update and Award of the CAM	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board	25 November 2020	Key Decision 2020/068	To provide an update on the progress of the project (including the procurement)	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	Kim Sawyer Chief Executive	Mayor James Palmer	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the

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	Conceptual Design Contract				and budget, and seek approval to award the CAM Conceptual Design Contract.				report and relevant appendices to be published.
11.	Fenland Regeneration: Stations	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board	25 November 2020	Key Decision 2020/063	To consider the outcomes of the business case and proposals to approve the drawdown of budget to proceed to the next stage.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	Paul Raynes Director of Delivery and Strategy	Mayor James Palmer	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.
12.	Fengate Phase 1	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board	25 November 2020	Key Decision 2020/079	To summarise the outcome of the Strategic Outline Business Case and seek approval for funding to commence the	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	Paul Raynes Director of Delivery and Strategy	Mayor James Palmer	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant

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					Full Business Case and detailed design.				appendices to be published.
13.	Market Towns Programme Investment Prospectus – Approval of Second Tranche of Recommended Projects [May contain exempt appendices]	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board	25 November 2020	Key Decision 2020/042	To approve the second tranche of recommended projects under the Market Towns Programme Investment Prospectus.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	John T Hill Director of Business and Skills	Mayor James Palmer	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.
14.	Oxford to Cambridge Arc	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board	25 November 2020	Decision	To provide an update on the Combined Authority's work with the OxCam Arc.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	Paul Raynes Director of Delivery and Strategy	Mayor James Palmer	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant

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									appendices to be published.

By recommendation to the Combined Authority Board

Recommendations from the Transport and Infrastructure Committee

	Title of report	Decision maker	Date of decision	Decision required	Purpose of report	Consultation	Lead officer	Lead Member	Documents relevant to the decision submitted to the decision maker
15.	Local Transport Plan CAM Sub Strategy	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board	25 November 2020	Key Decision 2020/074	To consider the outcomes of the consultation and recommendations regarding the adoption of the Local Transport Plan CAM Sub Strategy.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	Paul Raynes Director of Delivery and Strategy	Mayor James Palmer	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.

	Title of report	Decision maker	Date of decision	Decision required	Purpose of report	Consultation	Lead officer	Lead Member	Documents relevant to the decision submitted to the decision maker
16.	March Area Transport Study	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board	25 November 2020	Key Decision 2020/075	To consider a recommendation to approve a budget to construct the programme of Quick Wins as part of the March Area Transport Strategy.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	Paul Raynes Director of Delivery and Strategy	Mayor James Palmer	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.
17.	A47 Dualling	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board	25 November 2020	Decision	To provide and update on the A47 Dualling project and next steps.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	Paul Raynes Director of Delivery and Strategy	Mayor James Palmer	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.
18.	Cambridge South East Transport Better Public Transport and	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	25 November 2020	Decision	To approve delegated authority to	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	Paul Raynes Director of Delivery	Mayor James Palmer	It is not anticipated that there will be any

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	Active Travel Consultation	Combined Authority Board			respond to the consultation.		and Strategy		documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.

Recommendations from the Business Board

	Title of report	Decision maker	Date of decision	Decision required	Purpose of report	Consultation	Lead officer	Lead Member	Documents relevant to the decision submitted to the decision maker
19.	Local Growth Fund Programme Management November 2020	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board	25 November 2020	Key Decision 2020/060	To approve allocation of the remaining Local Growth Fund and funding to the Eastern Agri-tech Growth Initiative scheme plus note the programme review.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	John T Hill, Director of Business & Skills	Austen Adams, Chair of the Business Board Councillor John Holdich Lead Member for	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices

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								Economic Growth	to be published
20.	Growth Deal Project Proposals November 2020 [May contain exempt appendices]	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board	25 November 2020	Key Decision 2020/069	To review and approve the recommendations from the Business Board for individual project funding.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	John T Hill, Director of Business & Skills	Austen Adams, Chair of the Business Board Councillor John Holdich Lead Member for Economic Growth	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published
21.	Local Economic Recovery Strategy Update	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board	25 November 2020	Decision	To update members on the latest version of the Local Economic Recovery Strategy following further evidence-based insight.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders including Skills Committee	John T Hill, Director of Business & Skills	Austen Adams, Chair of the Business Board Councillor John Holdich Lead Member for	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published

	Title of report	Decision maker	Date of decision	Decision required	Purpose of report	Consultation	Lead officer	Lead Member	Documents relevant to the decision submitted to the decision maker
								Economic Growth	
22.	Business Board Annual Report 2019/20 and Annual Delivery Plan 2020/21	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board	25 November 2020	To note	To note the Business and Skills Annual Report and Delivery Plan.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	John T Hill, Director of Business & Skills	Austen Adams, Chair of the Business Board Councillor John Holdich Lead Member for Economic Growth	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published
23.	iMET Project Local Growth Fund Recovery [May contain exempt appendices]	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board	25 November 2020	Key Decision 2020/078	To approve recommendations for the recovery of Local Growth Funding from the iMET project.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	John T Hill, Director of Business & Skills	Austen Adams, Chair of the Business Board Councillor John Holdich Lead Member for	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published

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								Economic Growth	
24.	Kickstart Scheme	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board	25 November 2020	Key Decision 2020/066	To approve mobilisation plans for the Scheme to enhance job creation in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders including the Skills Committee	John T Hill Director of Business and Skills	Austen Adams Chair of the Business Board Councillor John Holdich Lead Member for Economic Growth	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.

Transport and Infrastructure Committee 6 January 2021

	Title of report	Decision maker	Date of decision	Decision required	Purpose of report	Consultation	Lead officer	Lead Member	Documents relevant to the decision submitted to the decision maker
25.	A16 Norwood Improvements	Transport and Infrastructure Committee	6 January 2021	Decision	To provide a summary of the outcomes of the Strategic Outline Business Case and seek the approval of the Combined Authority Board to proceed to Outline Business Case.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	Paul Raynes Director of Delivery and Strategy	Mayor James Palmer	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.

Housing and Communities Committee 11 January 2021

	Title of report	Decision maker	Date of decision	Decision required	Purpose of report	Consultation	Lead officer	Lead Member	Documents relevant to the decision submitted to the decision maker
26.	£100M Affordable Housing Programme Scheme Approvals January 2021	Housing and Communities Committee	11 January 2021	Key Decision 2020/083	To consider and approve allocations to new schemes within the £100m Affordable House Programme	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	Roger Thompson, Director of Housing and Development	Councillor Chris Boden Lead Member for Housing	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published
27.	The role of the Housing & Communities Committee in relation to tourism	Housing and Communities Committee	11 January 2021	Decision	To clarify the role of the Committee in relation to tourism.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	Roger Thompson Director of Housing and Development	Councillor Chris Boden Lead Member for Housing	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.
28.	Cambridge Northern Fringe East – Progress Report	Housing and Communities Committee	11 January 2021	Decision	To note progress on the Cambridge Northern Fringe East development.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	Roger Thompson Director of Housing and Development	Councillor Chris Boden Lead Member	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant

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								for Housing	appendices to be published.
29.	Community Land Trust Business Case	Housing and Communities Committee	11 January 2021	Decision	To consider the business plan which sets out the benefit, process and interventions that enable Community Led Development across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough as per the commitment in the Devolution Deal, and make recommendations to the Combined Authority Board.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	Kim Sawyer Chief Executive	Councillor Chris Boden Lead Member for Housing	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.

Skills Committee 11 January 2021

	Title of report	Decision maker	Date of decision	Decision required	Purpose of report	Consultation	Lead officer	Lead Member	Documents relevant to the decision submitted to the decision maker
30.	Adult Education Budget Annual Review (Academic Year 2019/20) Update	Skills Committee	11 January 2021	Decision	To update Members following the first year of local delivery of the Adult Education Budget.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	John T Hill Director of Business and Skills	Councillor John Holdich Lead Member for Skills	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.
31.	Local Economic Recovery Strategy: Updated refresh	Skills Committee	11 January 2021	Decision	To update Members on the latest version of the Local Economic Recovery Strategy following further evidence-based insight.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	John T Hill, Director of Business & Skills	Austen Adams, Chair of the Business Board Councillor John Holdich Lead Member for Economic Growth	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published
32.	University of Peterborough Phase 2: Incorporation of PropCo2	Skills Committee	11 January 2021	Decision	To consider proposals for the incorporation of PropCo2 for the University of Peterborough	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	John T Hill Director of Business and Skills	Councillor John Holdich Lead Member for Economic Growth &	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant

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	[May contain exempt appendices]				and make recommendations to the Combined Authority Board.			Lead Member for Skills	appendices to be published.
33.	Adult Education Budget Innovation Fund Update	Skills Committee	11 January 2021	Decision	To update members on the Adult Education Budget Innovation Fund.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	John T Hill Director of Business and Skills	Councillor John Holdich Lead Member for Skills	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.

Combined Authority Board – 27 January 2021

Governance items

	Title of report	Decision maker	Date of decision	Decision required	Purpose of report	Consultation	Lead officer	Lead Member	Documents relevant to the decision submitted to the decision maker
34.	Minutes of the meeting on 27 November 2020	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board	27 January 2021	Decision	To approve the minutes of the previous meeting.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	Richenda Greenhill, Democratic Services Officer	Mayor James Palmer	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices.
35.	Forward Plan	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board	27 January 2021	Decision	To approve the latest version of the forward plan.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	Robert Parkin Chief Legal Officer and Monitoring Officer	Mayor James Palmer	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices.
36.	Budget Monitor Update	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board	27 January 2021	Decision	To provide an update on the revenue and capital budgets for	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	Jon Alsop Section 73 Chief Finance Officer	Councillor Steve Count Lead Member for	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and

	Title of report	Decision maker	Date of decision	Decision required	Purpose of report	Consultation	Lead officer	Lead Member	Documents relevant to the decision submitted to the decision maker
					the year to date			Investment and Finance	relevant appendices to be published.
37.	Performance Report	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board	27 January 2021	Decision	To provide performance reporting updates.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	Paul Raynes Director of Delivery and Strategy	Mayor James Palmer	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.
38.	Mayor's Budget 2021/22	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board	27 January 2021	Key Decision 2020/070	To request the Combined Authority approve the Mayor's draft budget for 2021-22.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	Jon Alsop Section 73 Chief Finance Officer	Mayor James Palmer	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.

	Title of report	Decision maker	Date of decision	Decision required	Purpose of report	Consultation	Lead officer	Lead Member	Documents relevant to the decision submitted to the decision maker
39.	2021-22 Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan to 2024-25	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board	27 January 2021	Key Decision 2020/071	To approve the revenue budget for 2021/22 and the Medium-Term Financial Plan to 2024/25 and approve the capital programme 2021/22 to 2024/25	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	Jon Alsop Section 73 Chief Finance Officer	Councillor Steve Count Lead Member for Investment and Finance	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.
40.	Combined Authority Business Plan 2021/22	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board	27 January 2021	Decision	To secure Board agreement to the 2021/22 Combined Authority Business Plan.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	Paul Raynes Director of Delivery and Strategy	Mayor James Palmer	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.

Combined Authority Decisions

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41.	£100m Affordable Housing Programme (Non-grant) January 2020	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board	27 January 2021	Key Decision 2020/073	To request Board approval of scheme/s that form a part of and will require an investment from the £40m revolving fund.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	Roger Thompson Director of Housing and Delivery	Councillor Chris Boden Lead Member for Housing	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.
42.	Proposed Loan	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board	27 January 2021	Key Decision 2020/072	To consider granting a loan of up to £10m.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	Roger Thompson Director of Housing and Delivery	Councillor Chris Boden Lead Member for Housing	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.

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43.	Wisbech Rail	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board	27 January 2021	Decision	To provide an update on the progress of Wisbech Rail and next steps.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	Paul Raynes Director of Delivery and Strategy	Mayor James Palmer	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.

By recommendation to the Combined Authority

Recommendations from the Transport and Infrastructure Committee

	Title of report	Decision maker	Date of decision	Decision required	Purpose of report	Consultation	Lead officer	Lead Member	Documents relevant to the decision submitted to the decision maker
44.	A16 Norwood Improvements	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board	27 January 2021	Decision	To provide a summary of the outcomes of the Strategic Outline Business Case and seek approval to proceed to Outline Business Case.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	Paul Raynes Director of Delivery and Strategy	Mayor James Palmer	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.
45.	Market Towns Programme Investment Prospectus – Approval of Third Tranche of Recommended Projects	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board	27 January 2021	Key Decision 2020/084	To approve the second tranche of recommended projects under the Market Towns Programme Investment Prospectus.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	John T Hill Director of Business and Skills	Mayor James Palmer	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.

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	[May contain exempt appendices]								

Recommendations from the Skills Committee

	Title of report	Decision maker	Date of decision	Decision required	Purpose of report	Consultation	Lead officer	Lead Member	Documents relevant to the decision submitted to the decision maker
46.	University of Peterborough Phase 2: Incorporation of PropCo2 [May contain exempt appendices]	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board	27 January 2021	Key Decision 2020/076	To approve the incorporation of PropCo2 for the University of Peterborough.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	John T Hill Director of Business and Skills	Councillor John Holdich Lead Member for Economic Growth & Lead Member for Skills	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.

Recommendations from the Housing and Communities Committee

	Title of report	Decision maker	Date of decision	Decision required	Purpose of report	Consultation	Lead officer	Lead Member	Documents relevant to the decision submitted to the decision maker
47.	Community Land Trust Business Case	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board	27 January 2021	Decision	To approve the business plan which sets out the benefit, process and interventions that enable Community Led Development across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough as per the commitment in the Devolution Deal.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	Kim Sawyer Chief Executive	Councillor Chris Boden Lead Member for Housing	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.

Recommendations from the Business Board

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48.	Local Growth Fund Programme Management Review January 2020	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board	27 January 2021	Key Decision 2020/077	To review the Local Growth Fund budget and amend as required.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders including Skills Committee	John T Hill, Director of Business & Skills	Austen Adams, Chair of the Business Board Councillor John Holdich Lead Member for Economic Growth	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published
49.	Local Economic Recovery Strategy: Updated refresh	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board	27 January 2021	Decision	To approve the updated refresh of the Local Economic Recovery Strategy for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders including Skills Committee	John T Hill, Director of Business & Skills	Austen Adams, Chair of the Business Board Councillor John Holdich Lead Member for Economic Growth	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published

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50.	Local Assurance Framework Annual Review	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board	27 January 2021	Decision	To approve updates to the Local Assurance Framework.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders including Skills Committee and Audit and Governance Committee	John T Hill, Director of Business & Skills	Austen Adams, Chair of the Business Board Councillor John Holdich Lead Member for Economic Growth	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published
51.	Local Enterprise Partnership Partnering Strategy – 2021 Update	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board	27 January 2021	Decision	To approve the Local Enterprise Partnership Partnering Strategy	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	John T Hill, Director of Business & Skills	Austen Adams, Chair of the Business Board Councillor John Holdich Lead Member for Economic Growth	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published

Skills Committee – 15 March 2021

	Title of report	Decision maker	Date of decision	Decision required	Purpose of report	Consultation	Lead officer	Lead Member	Documents relevant to the decision submitted to the decision maker
52.	Sector-Based Work Academies and High Value Courses Update	Skills Committee	15 March 2021	Decision	To update Members on Sector-Based Work Academies and High Value Courses.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	John T Hill Director of Business and Skills	Councillor John Holdich Lead Member for Skills	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.
53.	National Retraining Scheme Pilot	Skills Committee	15 March 2021	Decision	To update Members on progress with the National Retraining Scheme Pilot.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	John T Hill Director of Business and Skills	Councillor John Holdich Lead Member for Skills	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.

	Title of report	Decision maker	Date of decision	Decision required	Purpose of report	Consultation	Lead officer	Lead Member	Documents relevant to the decision submitted to the decision maker
54.	University of Peterborough Update	Skills Committee	15 March 2021	Decision	To provide an update on progress on the University of Peterborough.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	John T Hill Director of Business and Skills	Councillor John Holdich Lead Member for Skills	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.
55.	Business Growth Service - Skills Brokerage Mobilisation Update	Skills Committee	15 March 2021	Decision	To update Members on progress made with mobilising the Business Growth Service.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	John T Hill Director of Business and Skills	Councillor John Holdich Lead Member for Skills	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.

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Governance items

	Title of report	Decision maker	Date of decision	Decision required	Purpose of report	Consultation	Lead officer	Lead Member	Documents relevant to the decision submitted to the decision maker
56.	Minutes of the meeting on 27 January 2020	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board	31 March 2021	Decision	To approve the minutes of the previous meeting.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	Richenda Greenhill, Democratic Services Officer	Mayor James Palmer	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices.
57.	Forward Plan	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board	31 March 2021	Decision	To approve the latest version of the forward plan.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	Robert Parkin Chief Legal Officer and Monitoring Officer	Mayor James Palmer	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices.

	Title of report	Decision maker	Date of decision	Decision required	Purpose of report	Consultation	Lead officer	Lead Member	Documents relevant to the decision submitted to the decision maker
58.	Budget Monitor Update	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board	31 March 2031	Decision	To provide an update on the revenue and capital budgets for the year to date	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	Jon Alsop Section 73 Chief Finance Officer	Councillor Steve Count Lead Member for Investment and Finance	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.

Recommendations from the Skills Committee

	Title of report	Decision maker	Date of decision	Decision required	Purpose of report	Consultation	Lead officer	Lead Member	Documents relevant to the decision submitted to the decision maker
59.	University of Peterborough Update	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	31 March 2021	Decision	To provide an update on progress on the	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	John T Hill Director of Business and Skills	Councillor John Holdich	It is not anticipated that there will be any

	Title of report	Decision maker	Date of decision	Decision required	Purpose of report	Consultation	Lead officer	Lead Member	Documents relevant to the decision submitted to the decision maker
		Combined Authority Board			University of Peterborough.			Lead Member for Skills	documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.
60.	Sector-Based Work Academies and High Value Courses Update	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board	31 March 2021	Decision	To update Members on Sector-Based Work Academies and High Value Courses.	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	John T Hill Director of Business and Skills	Councillor John Holdich Lead Member for Skills	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.
61.	National Retraining Scheme Pilot	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	31 March 2021	Decision	To update Members on progress with the National	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	John T Hill Director of Business and Skills	Councillor John Holdich	It is not anticipated that there will be any

	Title of report	Decision maker	Date of decision	Decision required	Purpose of report	Consultation	Lead officer	Lead Member	Documents relevant to the decision submitted to the decision maker
		Combined Authority Board			Retraining Scheme Pilot.			Lead Member for Skills	documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.

Recommendations from the Business Board

	Title of report	Decision maker	Date of decision	Decision required	Purpose of report	Consultation	Lead officer	Lead Member	Documents relevant to the decision submitted to the decision maker
62.	Coterminous and Strategic Partnership Agreements Update	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board	31 March 2021	Decision	To approve Memorandums of Understanding with the remaining seven neighbouring	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	John T Hill, Director of Business & Skills	Austen Adams, Chair of the Business Board	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report

	Title of report	Decision maker	Date of decision	Decision required	Purpose of report	Consultation	Lead officer	Lead Member	Documents relevant to the decision submitted to the decision maker
					Local Enterprise Partnerships.			Councillor John Holdich Lead Member for Economic Growth	and relevant appendices to be published
63.	Annual Performance Review Update	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board	31 March 2021	Decision	To update the Board on the end of year Annual Performance Review (2020/21) with the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS)	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	John T Hill, Director of Business & Skills	Austen Adams, Chair of the Business Board Councillor John Holdich Lead Member for Economic Growth	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published

Comments or queries about the Forward Plan to Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority

Please send your comments or queries to Robert Parkin, Chief Legal Officer and Monitoring Officer, at Robert.Parkin@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk . We need to know:

1. Your comment or query:
2. How can we contact you with a response (please include your name, a telephone number and your email address).
3. Who you would like to respond to your query.



OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No: 11
23 November 2020	PUBLIC REPORT

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY LEAD MEMBER QUESTIONS

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with a copy of the questions that the Lead members submitted to the Combined Authority Executive Committees and the responses provided.

RECOMMENDATION

Lead Officer: Robert Parkin, Chief Legal Officer and Monitoring Officer

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

- (a) Note the questions and responses received from the Executive Committees.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Under the new governance arrangements, effective from 1 November 2019, decision making is now distributed between the Combined Authority Board and the Executive Committees.
There are three Executive Committees, Skills, Housing & Communities and Transport & Infrastructure. The single Forward Plan sets out both key and non key decisions and allocates the decision making between the Combined Authority Board and the Executive Committees.
- 2.2 With significant decisions being taken by the Executive Committees, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (O&S) has a role in scrutinising the work of those Committees. In order to do so, appointed members of O&S lead in respect of the work of each Executive Committee.
- 2.3 The current Lead Member's from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee are:-
Skills Committee - Cllr Andy Coles
Housing Committee – Cllr Jocelynne Scutt
Transport and Infrastructure Committee – Cllr Alan Sharp

2.4 This month the Executive Committees met on the:

4th November – Transport and Infrastructure Committee

9th November – Skills Committee

9th November – Housing and Communities Committee

2.5 In agreement with the Chair for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee the Lead Members submitted questions to Skills Committee and Housing Committee.

The questions asked and the responses provided can be found at Appendix A and Appendix B.

3.0 APPENDICES

3.1 Appendix A – Questions and responses – Skills Committee

Appendix B – Questions and responses – Housing and Communities Committee

HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 9 NOVEMBER 2020**PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

No.	Question from:	Question to:	Question
1.	Cllr Scutt– Overview and Scrutiny Lead for Housing and Communities	Housing and Communities Committee	Item 2.1 £100 million Affordable Housing Programme Update Para 3.1 – Is the Committee able to advise as to the reason for the hold-up referred to, and can the Committee advise on the impact this is having and will have on the progress of the Programme?
	Response from:	Response to:	Response
	Cllr Chris Boden – Chairman of Housing and Communities Committee	Cllr Scutt – Overview and Scrutiny Lead for Housing and Communities	BEIS have advised that the reason for the delay following the review meeting held on 8 th September 2020 is that ministers and officials are heavily focussed on the covid situation and more recently local and national lockdown arrangements. They acknowledge that this is frustrating.
No.	Question from:	Question to:	Question
2.	Cllr Scutt– Overview and Scrutiny Lead for Housing and Communities	Housing and Communities Committee	Item 2.1 £100 million Affordable Housing Programme Update Para 3.2 – Is the Committee able to advise on the reason for deferral of the £15m from 2019 and the hold up in the £30m for this year 2020 and the impact this is having and will have on the progress of the Programme In relation to both matters, the lack of £45m for progressing the Programme would appear to be not insubstantial and a question arising is whether this will result in fewer than the planned 2000 houses being built within the planned period that is to 31 March 2022?
	Response from:	Response to:	Response
	Cllr Chris Boden – Chairman of Housing and Communities Committee	Cllr Scutt – Overview and Scrutiny Lead for Housing and Communities	The deferral of £15m from financial year 2019/20 has not been specifically reasoned to us, but our interpretation is that BEIS wanted to see more progress of starts on site in order to recommend the release of monies to the minister. The £30m of monies for financial year 2020/21 is pending the outcome of the review held on 8th September 20. The amount of money outstanding is substantial and grant papers being recommended to the committee on 9 th November are being

			requested for approval subject to sufficient funding being received from BEIS. We have received no indication from MHCLG that we will not receive the outstanding £45m of funding for the remainder of our housing programme.
No.	Question from:	Question to:	Question
3.	Cllr Scutt– Overview and Scrutiny Lead for Housing and Communities	Housing and Communities Committee	Item 2.1 £100 million Affordable Housing Programme Update Para 5.1 – of 668 housing units begun, only 237 have been completed. What assurances have been given, reliably, as to the completion date of the remaining units of the 668?
	Response from:	Response to:	Response
	Cllr Chris Boden – Chairman of Housing and Communities Committee	Cllr Scutt – Overview and Scrutiny Lead for Housing and Communities	Of the units started on site the grant money is generally paid in phased payments as the houses are progressed, including a final payment only upon practical completion. Projected completion dates are shown in Appendix 1 to the report.
No.	Question from:	Question to:	Question
4.	Cllr Scutt– Overview and Scrutiny Lead for Housing and Communities	Housing and Communities Committee	Item 2.1 £100 million Affordable Housing Programme Update When it is said that the Combined Authority is ‘chasing those schemes and providers to deal with preconstruction issues as quickly as possible, to commence starts on site’ what response has been received to date, if any, and has any assurance been given by those providers as to their start and projected finish date/s?
	Response from:	Response to:	Response
	Cllr Chris Boden – Chairman of Housing and Communities Committee	Cllr Scutt – Overview and Scrutiny Lead for Housing and Communities	Responses have been received, most are updating us on approvals or technical issues. We are going to continue to communicate with providers to monitor and assess the position of when starts on site will take place. If there is a position where a start on site is delayed and will not be anticipated to take place before 31 st March 2022, the scheme will be withdrawn from the programme.
No.	Question from:	Question to:	Question
5.	Cllr Scutt– Overview and Scrutiny Lead for Housing and	Housing and Communities Committee	Item 2.1 £100 million Affordable Housing Programme Update Para 5.8 – what is meant by completion ‘in some form’? That is, it is difficult to comprehend the nature of completion that is simply ‘in some form’. It is understood

	Communities		that 'completion' would indicate completion as in 'finished'.
	Response from:	Response to:	Response
	Cllr Chris Boden – Chairman of Housing and Communities Committee	Cllr Scutt – Overview and Scrutiny Lead for Housing and Communities	This is where some units in a scheme may have completed, but not all. Scheme delivery and construction programmes are normally phased, or in some cases approved schemes involve multiple sites.
No.	Question from:	Question to:	Question
6.	Cllr Scutt– Overview and Scrutiny Lead for Housing and Communities	Housing and Communities Committee	Item 2.1 £100 million Affordable Housing Programme Update Para 5.11 – reference is made to the possibility of a further lockdown period under Covid 19 – a lockdown was able to be anticipated taking into account the history of Covid 19. What steps have been taken to factor in this lockdown and what impact will it have on the programme as a whole, including the matters referred to in relation to paras 5.1, 5.8?
	Response from:	Response to:	Response
	Cllr Chris Boden – Chairman of Housing and Communities Committee	Cllr Scutt – Overview and Scrutiny Lead for Housing and Communities	Current lockdowns are not meant to be affecting the construction industry, although there maybe some risk to supply chains, especially if the nature of any future lockdowns becomes more comprehensive.
No.	Question from:	Question to:	Question
7.	Cllr Scutt– Overview and Scrutiny Lead for Housing and Communities	Housing and Communities Committee	Item 2.1 £100 million Affordable Housing Programme Update Para 5.21 - What concrete steps are being taken to resolve the outstanding release of the £45m of funding? and How realistic is it to assume that the £45m will be provided: (a)To enable completion of the programme by the expiry date whether that date is 31 March 2022 or if this is not the expiry date, the set expiry date; (b)At all?
	Response from:	Response to:	Response
	Cllr Chris Boden – Chairman of Housing	Cllr Scutt – Overview and Scrutiny Lead for	As advised in responses to earlier questions we have been in regular communication with BEIS, both at Officer level, Chief Executive level and the

	and Communities Committee	Housing and Communities	Mayor is now raising this at Ministerial level. We have received no indication from MHCLG that we will not receive the outstanding £45m of funding for the remainder of our housing programme. If the expiry date is determined to be 31 st March 2021 rather than 2022, then we will not achieve 2,000 units started on site.
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SKILLS COMMITTEE – 9 NOVEMBER 2020

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

No.	Question from:	Question to:	Question
1.	Cllr Coles – Overview and Scrutiny Lead for Skills	Skills Committee	<p>Item 2.1: Kickstart Scheme</p> <p>The report at 3.5 suggests 700 placements are achievable in the 6 authority areas. How are these placements distributed across the authorities? Has the appetite for the initiative changed following on from the latest coronavirus lockdown and the potential impact on participating businesses? Payment profiles for the recruits to the scheme are potentially a sticking point. Wages are described at 3.2 as being refunded in arrears to potential employers by the gateway organisation. Is this realistic considering the impact of the coronavirus lockdowns on the business sector and the ability of companies to fund 30 placements in arrears (>£150K)? Which sectors are most likely to provide these opportunities and are they of sufficient size and liquidity?</p>
	Response from:	Response to:	Response
	Cllr John Holdich – Chairman of Skills the Committee	Cllr Coles – Overview and Scrutiny Lead for Skills	<p>We have looked at businesses in the region to identify where the likely demand can be expected from. We have used Small and Mid-Size Enterprise (SME) data when assessing the demand, due to the promotion of the scheme and linkages to Growth Hub. As a region we have 36,045 active SMEs which is broken down by LA as follows:</p> <p>Cambridge: 4,905 East Cambridge: 4,160 Fenland: 3,515 Huntingdonshire: 7,895 Peterborough: 7,095 South Cambridgeshire: 8,475</p> <p>We have had over 200 businesses express an interest in the scheme, offering between 1 and 6 placements each. We believe a conservative approach of engaging with 400 businesses will offer us the 700 placements targeted, which is</p>

			<p>just 1.1% of the registered SMEs in the region. Once the Skills brokerage team is operational and businesses are engaged at volume, the split over the LA areas will become clearer.</p> <p>Whilst a second lockdown is no doubt having a profound effect on many businesses, there is still an appetite for the Kickstart Scheme. Many businesses have been expecting interruption to their operation due to Covid and have been planning for how they can mitigate the impact. There have been numerous discussions within a variety of sectors of how remote placements could be offered or flexibilities in working patterns applied to ensure social distancing is adhered to whilst businesses are operating. The initial payment offered to companies allows for them to factor in additional costs that offering a placement incurs. The scheme is set to run for 12 months, with placements lasting 6 months, timescales mean businesses are planning on accessing the scheme at different times in the year and see the scheme as a way of supporting their economic recovery. Our LMI shows that the sectors in the area that are continuing to recruit and offer green shoots of hope are Health and Social Care, Manufacturing and Construction. SMEs registered in those sectors across the area are:</p> <p>Construction: 4,585 Manufacturing: 2,240 Health and social work: 1,270</p> <p>We are looking to seek funding for organisations offering less than 30 placements and will bid for the funding by coordinating 30 opportunities via multiple organisations. Payment in arrears was raised as an issue in conversations with Department for Work and Pensions, but this has been agreed by central government for a national approach.</p>
	Question from:	Question to:	Question
2.	Cllr Coles – Overview and Scrutiny Lead for Skills	Skills Committee	<p>Item 3.1: Local Economic Recovery Strategy Update (LERS)</p> <p>Para 4.6 of the report recognises the potential impact of behaviour change as a result of social distancing, particularly in a change from working in business premises to home working. How well placed are CPCA to support this more</p>

			<p>common and growing way of working with skills training for young people entering the world of work for the first time and for workers seeking new employment? How is this likely to be distributed across the CPCA area?</p> <p>P 25- 26 of Local Economic Recovery Strategy. Paragraph 2.4 gives three cases defining scenarios around the shape of recovery. With the second lockdown are we now looking at a worst case scenario in the modelling? Are preparations fit for purpose and in place for the phases of recovery should the worst case scenario come to pass?</p>
	Response From:	Response to:	Response
	Cllr John Holdich – Chairman of Skills the Committee	Cllr Coles – Overview and Scrutiny Lead for Skills	<p>The Local Growth Fund (LGF) Capital Growth Fund, available via the Business Growth Service, will enable Businesses to make physical adaptations to their workplaces. These grants could also be applied to fully embrace the technologies to digitise processes which is already an emerging theme across manufacturing sector. The Growth Coaching Service will also fund specialist coaches/experts to help businesses plan and implement these types of fundamental changes to increase their resilience and accelerate their return to previous productivity levels.</p> <p>The Combined Authority are very well placed to support the shift in our resident's ability to access learning that will result in employment opportunities or on to further training. With our funding, our Adult Education providers have been able to help socially disadvantaged learners access laptops/tablets and the internet. Underspend from the first years Adult Education delivery is also now being utilised in levelling up the digital access agenda.</p> <p>The second lockdown will reduce the pace recovery, but the three possible scenarios of recovery should be largely unaffected on a macro-scale if the lockdown ends promptly in early December. This is based on evidence that a large proportion of businesses will be better prepared for this lockdown and already accustomed to working remotely and efficiently. However, businesses in sectors such as Hospitality, Leisure, Retail (especially Independent Retail) and Entertainment - along with their respective supply chains will take the greatest impact.</p>
3.	Question from:	Question to:	Question

	Cllr Coles – Overview and Scrutiny Lead for Skills	Skills Committee	Item 3.2: Lifetime Skills Guarantee (LSG) and Post-16 Education Historically Further Education (FE) provision has been the Cinderella of education. The announced additional infrastructure funding of £1.5 Billion to upgrade the national FE estate is good news. Moving £2.5 Billion of funding for FE training access through local arrangements and away from central government is also very much to be welcomed. What level of additional funding capable of local distribution do the committee feel would enable a localised lifetime skills programme to adequately support the region's learners under the three scenarios posited by the Local Economic Recovery Strategy in para 2.4? What proportion of the available funding will we need to enable the Lifetime Skills Guarantee to work for our residents?
	Response From:	Response to:	Response
	Cllr John Holdich – Chairman of Skills the Committee	Cllr Coles – Overview and Scrutiny Lead for Skills	This is the subject of evidence gathering and negotiation with the Department for Education and Officers will report back when the evidence can support a specific bid for funding, and we have received a reaction from Department for Education on the potential devolution of it.



OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No: 12
23 November 2020	PUBLIC REPORT

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with the draft work programme for the Overview & Scrutiny Committee for 2020/21 municipal year and to ask the committee to comment and make suggestions

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>	
Lead Officer:	Robert Parkin, Chief Legal Officer and Monitoring Officer
The Overview & Scrutiny Committee is recommended to: (a) Discuss and agree items that they would like to be added to the work programme for the Overview & Scrutiny Committee for the 2020/21 municipal year.	

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In accordance with the Constitution, the Overview & Scrutiny Committee is responsible for setting its own work programme.
- 2.2 A draft work programme which shows the items to be considered over the forthcoming year is attached at Appendix 1.
- 2.3 Members of the Committee are asked to discuss and agree the items for the work programme for the next municipal year, and their prioritisation, and to comment as appropriate on what resources may be required.

3.0 APPENDICES

- 3.1 Appendix 1 – Work Programme.

Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2020/2021

Meeting Date	Item	Comments
29 May 2020, Remote Meeting	Minutes Committee to approve the minutes for accuracy from the last meeting.	
	Public Questions Committee to receive any questions received from members of the public in line with the public question scheme set out in the Combined Authority constitution.	
	Project Register	
	CAM Metro T&F Group Final Report To receive the final report and recommendations of the T&F Group	
	Horizon Scanning - Strategic Forward View Request made at December 2019 Chair's briefing meeting for this to be a standing item twice a year on O & S Committee Agenda (in June and December).	Brought forward to first meeting of the Municipal year
	Combined Authority Board Agenda	
Meeting Date	Item	Comments
22 June 2020, Remote Meeting	Minutes Committee to approve the minutes for accuracy from the last meeting.	
	Public Questions Committee to receive any questions received from members of the public in line with the public question scheme set out in the Combined Authority constitution.	
	Work Programming	
	Co-option of an Independent Member	
	Lead Member to Shadow the Business Board	

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	CPCA Project Register Update	
Meeting Date	Item	Comments
29 July 2020, Remote Meeting	Minutes Committee to approve the minutes for accuracy from the last meeting.	
	Responses to O & S Questions to CA Board Committee to receive responses by the Combined Authority Board.	
	Public Questions Committee to receive any questions received from members of the public in line with the public question scheme set out in the Combined Authority constitution.	
	Mayor of the Combined Authority	
	University of Peterborough and the Full Business Case At O&S meeting in January 2020 it was agreed that this item is put on the work programme.	
	Lead Member to Shadow the Business Board	
	Combined Authority Board Agenda	
Meeting Date	Item	Comments
28 September 2020, Remote Meeting	Chair of the Independent Commission on Climate Change	Baroness Brown will be in attendance
	CAM Metro T&F Group Quarterly Update	
	Wisbech Rail Project Update	
	Combined Authority Board Agenda	
	CPCA Project Register Update	
	Work Programming	

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Meeting Date	Item	Comments
26 October 2020, Virtual Meeting		
FALLOW MONTH	Digital Connectivity Report	
	Combined Authority Director of Business & Skills	
	Community Land Trusts Presentation	
	CAM Task & Finish Group Update	
Meeting Date	Item	Comments
23 November 2020, Virtual Meeting		
	Draft 2021-22 Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan	Standing item for November, December and January Committee meetings.
	Chair of the Business Board	
	A10 Dualling	
	Ely Capacity Enhancements	
	CAM SPV Scrutiny Engagement	
Meeting Date	Item	Comments
14 December 2020, Virtual Meeting	Horizon Scanning - Strategic Forward View Request made at December 2019 Chair's briefing meeting for this to be a standing item twice a year on O & S Committee Agenda (in June and December).	
	Draft 2021-22 Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan consultation	Standing item for November, December and January Committee meetings.
	CAM Metro T&F Group Quarterly Update	

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	Mayor of the Combined Authority	
	Chair of the Transport & Infrastructure Executive Committee	
	CPCA Project Register Update	
Meeting Date	Item	Comments
25 January 2021, Venue TBA	2021-22 Budget and Medium term Financial Plan Update	Standing item for November, December and January Committee meetings.
	Combined Authority Director of Housing	
	Chair of the Housing and Communities Executive Committee	
	Covid 19 – Skills Update	
Meeting Date	Item	Comments
22 February 2021, Venue TBA	Bus Review Task & Finish Group (2019/20) Response to the FBC of the Bus Review for the CA; and six-month review of recommendations	
	Chair of the Independent Commission on Climate Change	
	Combined Authority Director Delivery and Strategy	
Meeting Date	Item	Comments
29 March 2021 Venue TBA	CAM Metro T&F Group Quarterly Update	
	CPCA Project Register Update	
Meeting Date	Item	Comments

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26 April 2021 Venue TBA FALLOW MONTH		
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