



Any key decision/s set below will come into force and may be implemented after 5.00pm on the fifth clear working day after publication of the decision, unless they are called-in, with the exception of any key decision on a matter dealt with under the special urgency provisions set out in the Constitution which may be implemented immediately.

1 Announcements, Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Cllr Smith, Chair of the Committee was unable to attend the meeting so the Vice-Chair, Cllr Davenport-Ray took up the Chair.

Apologies were received from Cllr Smith, who was substituted by Cllr Sandford, Cllr Elsey who was substituted by Cllr Day, and Cllr Laws.

No declarations of interest were made.

2 Minutes and Action Log

The minutes of the meeting on 13 November 2023 were approved as an accurate record, subject to the following amendments:

- That Cllr Goodearl be removed from the list of attendees, as work commitments meant he had been unable to attend the November meeting.
- That an addition be made to minute 6.2 (j) as follows: “The LNRS steering group had representation from each of the constituent authorities, except for ~~one~~ **East Cambridgeshire District Council** which had decided to not get involved in the development of the strategy but to comment on its proposals later.”

The action log was noted by the Committee.

3 Public Questions

No public questions were received.

4 Combined Authority Forward Plan

RESOLVED

- a) To note the Combined Authority Forward Plan

5 Director’s Highlight Report

RESOLVED

- a) To note the Director’s Highlight Report

6 Affordable Housing Report

RESOLVED

- a) To note the update in the report

7 Climate Action Plan

RESOLVED

- a) To note progress on the refresh of Climate Action Plan

- b) To note the climate mitigation targets and monitoring

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATION:

RESOLVED (UNANIMOUS)

On being proposed by the Chair, Cllr Davenport-Ray, and seconded by Cllr Goodearl, it was unanimously resolved to:

- c) Recommend to the CA Board that that the Climate Commission be reconvened as soon as possible to review the CPCA's progress on their recommendations.

8 Joint Chalk Streams Programme

RESOLVED

- a) To note the verbal update on the joint Chalk Streams Programme

9 £100k homes – Conditional release of resale price restrictions

RESOLVED (UNANIMOUS)

The recommendations, as set out in the report, were set aside and instead, on being proposed by the Chair, Cllr Davenport-Ray, and seconded by Cllr Dupre, it was unanimously resolved to:

- a) Ask officers to explore the options available including; more conventional types of affordable housing units, social rents, retention by the CPCA or replacement agreements with the Local Housing Authority East Cambridgeshire District Council (ECDC). The paper to examine the pros and cons of each option and as part of the exercise to speak to current homeowners and officers at ECDC.

10 Budget and Performance Report – January 2024

RESOLVED

- a) To note the financial position of the Environment and Sustainable Communities Division for the financial year 23/24 to November 2023

11 Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee Agenda Plan

RESOLVED

- a) To note the Committee Agenda Plan and additional items discussed during the meeting.

March meeting:

- Discussion and proposed recommendations to Board on declaring a Climate Emergency
- Update on Care Home Retrofit Programme
- Update on Net Zero Villages Project
- Revisions to the Climate Action Plan

June meeting

- Outcomes from the MTFP

For future Consideration – yet to be allocated:

- Locally Determined Contributions
- £100k Homes
- Drought affected Roads
- Local Area Energy Plan
- Update on the Waterbeach Solar Panels and Charging Project

12 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 11 March 2024