



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE  
& PETERBOROUGH**  
COMBINED AUTHORITY

Agenda Item No: 1.6

## Lead Member Responsibilities

To:	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board
Meeting Date:	28 July 2021
Public report:	Yes
Lead Member:	Mayor Dr Nik Johnson
From:	Robert Parkin, Chief Legal Officer and Monitoring Officer
Key decision:	No
Forward Plan ref:	n/a
Recommendations:	<p>The Combined Authority Board is recommended to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Note and agree the responsibilities for the Environment and Climate Change lead member portfolio;</li><li>b) Note and agree the responsibilities for the Public Health lead member portfolio;</li><li>c) Note and agree the Mayor's nominations to the new lead member portfolios</li></ul>
Voting arrangements:	<p>Recommendations a) and b) A vote in favour by at least two thirds of all Members (or their Substitute Members) present and voting.</p> <p>Recommendation c) a simple majority of Members present and voting.</p>

## 1. Purpose

- 1.1 At the Combined Authority Board meeting of 2 June 2021 the Mayor outlined his wish to create two new areas of responsibility. The proposed new areas of responsibility proposed are Environment and Climate Change and Public Health.
- 1.2 This report requests the Board agree to the lead member responsibilities and agree to the Mayor's nominations for these two new portfolios.

## 2. Background

- 2.1 The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority's Constitution provides that the Mayor may propose, for the Board to agree:
- a) Lead Member responsibilities; and
  - b) Appointees to Lead Member roles

- 2.2 As described in the Constitution the roles:

*"Act in a supporting and advisory capacity to the Mayor and the Combined Authority"*

- 2.3 The suggested portfolios and allied key responsibilities for Board approval are highlighted in Table 1, below:

*Table 1: Lead Member Portfolio and Key Responsibilities*

Lead Member Portfolio	Key Responsibilities
Environment and Climate Change	Climate Change; Leading on the recommendations of the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Independent Commission on Climate Change; Zero Carbon and carbon reduction; Renewable energy; Strategic relationships with public bodies, the private sector and voluntary groups on environmental issues
Public Health	Co-ordinate the work of the Combined Authority in preventative health; Embed public health across the work of the Combined Authority; Mental wellbeing, including promoting mental health and tackling stigma; Healthy life expectancy; Healthy active ageing; Lead on Covid-related public health infrastructure and related community support for the Combined Authority; Strategic relationships with Cambridgeshire & Peterborough CCG and health providers in the Combined Authority area

2.4 The Mayor has proposed that Councillor Bridget Smith be appointed to the Environment and Climate Change portfolio. The Public Health portfolio nominee is to be confirmed.

2.5 The lead member role for Spatial Strategy is still vacant and expressions of interest for this role will be invited. The Lead member role for Finance is still under consideration as part of the governance review being undertaken.

### 3. Financial Implications

3.1 In accordance with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Order 2017 no remuneration is to be payable by the Combined Authority to its members.

3.2 There are no further financial implications.

### 4. Legal Implications

4.1 The responsibilities of Lead Members are recorded (once agreed) in Chapter 4 of the Constitution.

### 5. Other Significant Implications

5.1 There are no additional implications in this report.