

CAMBRIDGESHIRE & PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Review Topic (Name of review):

- Combined Authority Devolution Deal Commitments

Relevant links/decisions/FP reference:

- The Devolution Deal

Terms of Reference of the Review:

- To review actions taken by the various parties to the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Devolution Deal to meet its 71 commitments, and plans to meet outstanding commitments.
- To consider the potential to refresh or update the Devolution Deal.

Lead Member:

- Cllr Lorna Dupré (Chair)

Task and Finish Group membership (where appropriate):

- None

Review type (Task & Finish, Full Committee etc.):

- Rapporteur investigation (periodic)

Key Officers:

- Paul Raynes, Director of Delivery & Strategy
- Head of Programme Management Office—to be appointed (from January 2022)

Combined Authority Portfolio Holder(s) (where appropriate):

- Mayor Nik Johnson

Timescales:

- Monday 22 November 2021: scoping document to Overview & Scrutiny Committee
- Monday 13 December 2021: initial report to Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Rationale for the Review:

- To support the Combined Authority in monitoring the implementation of the commitments made by the various parties to the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Devolution Deal; and to consider the need for future updates.

Scope of the Review (in scope, outside scope etc.):

In scope:

- The 71 commitments included in the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Devolution Deal

Outside scope:

- Commitments and projects not included in the original Devolution Deal

Key Lines of Enquiry (specify the key lines of enquiry that will underpin the initial planning of the review questions):

What primary/new evidence is needed for the scrutiny review? (identify what information is required to take the review forward, and what information is not already available):

- How have the '71 commitments' been derived from the Devolution Deal?
- Do HMG and the Combined Authority feel equal ownership of, and commitment to, them?
- To what extent do the commitments build a convincing strategic narrative about the vision for the Combined Authority and its contribution to the area it serves?
- How auditable are the commitments?
- How can the Combined Authority more effectively scrutinise its own performance in respect of the commitments?
- What are the consequences of failure to achieve commitments in the Deal?
 - For HMG?
 - For the Combined Authority and its constituent members?
- Which commitments will require additional resources over and above the £100M in the deal, and how will those resources be secured?
- What is the potential for a refresh of the Devolution Deal, and what might the Combined Authority want to see included in such a refresh?
- What are the priorities and intentions of the new Mayor in respect of the 71 commitments?

What secondary/existing information will be needed? (identify background information, performance indicators, complaints, existing reports, legislation, central government information and reports etc.):

- The Devolution Deal
- Subsequent update reports to the Board on the progress of the 71 commitments
- Gateway review documentation and other papers from relevant discussions between the Combined Authority and Government

What briefings and site visits will be relevant to the review?

- Meeting with Paul Raynes, Director of Delivery & Strategy (Thursday 11 November 2021)
- Further meeting with Paul Raynes (date and time TBA)

Who are the witnesses who should be invited to provide evidence for the review?

- To be invited to Overview & Scrutiny Committee January 2022
 - Mayor Nik Johnson and Chief Executive of the Combined Authority
 - Civil servants responsible for upholding commitments owned by Government TBA
 - Council officers responsible for upholding commitments owned by member authorities

Implications of reviewing the topic, have the following matters been taken into consideration in the planning of this review:

- Legal implications YES
- Financial implications YES
- Equality and diversity issues YES
- Environmental implications YES

What resources are required for this review

- None

What are the indicators of success?

What overview and scrutiny role is the committee performing in this case?

- Making recommendations to the Board on implementation of the 71 commitments
- Considering the potential for future refreshes of the Devolution Deal

What factors would tell you what a good review should look like in this case?

- Greater understanding of the role of the Devolution Deal in shaping the strategy of the Combined Authority
- Clearer reporting on progress against the 71 commitments

What are the potential outcomes of the review e.g. service improvements, policy change, etc

- Greater likelihood of achieving the 71 commitments
- Shared understanding of the intended outcomes from the 71 commitments and their contribution to the strategy of the Combined Authority

What value is being added by undertaking the review?

- Challenge
- Focus
- Fresh perspective