



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY BOARD	AGENDA ITEM No: 4.4
25 SEPTEMBER 2019	PUBLIC REPORT

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1. Prompted by Government's Strengthened Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) Review, which called for local areas to reach solutions to remove the overlap between LEPs, the CA Board proposed in September 2018, that the Business Board become coterminous with the CPCA geography.
- 1.2. Government's formal approval of new geographies across the country is awaited, but it is anticipated that the proposals from the Business Board will be approved. We have worked on that basis for key documents such as the Local Industrial Strategy (LIS), which have been agreed by Government.
- 1.3. Government's formal approval of new geographies across the country is awaited, but LEP overlaps are being removed to align strategically with key documents like the Local Industrial Strategy.
- 1.4. This paper brings forward proposals to enter into formal agreements with neighbouring Local Authorities that will no longer be part of the Business Board and the LEPs to which they will be transferred.
- 1.5. This report makes recommendations as to the approval of the first five Strategic Partnership Agreements [which are included in full in the Appendix to the report].

<u>DECISION REQUIRED</u>	
Lead Member:	Chair of Business Board
Lead Officer:	John T Hill, Director, Business and Skills
Forward Plan Ref: Not applicable Key Decision: No	
<p>It is recommended that the Combined Authority Board:</p> <p>(a) Approve the first five Strategic Partnership Agreements for Rutland County Council, West Suffolk Council, Kings Lynn and West Norfolk Council, New Anglia LEP and South East LEP; and</p> <p>(b) Approve the development of a LEP partnering strategy (to cover other contiguous and strategically important LEPs) once the remaining Strategic Partnership Agreements have been completed.</p>	<p>Voting arrangements</p> <p>Simple majority of all Members</p>

2.0 APPENDICES

2.1 Appendix 1: Report to the Business Board and Appendix - 23 September 2019

<u>Background Papers</u>	<u>Location</u>
Government's Strengthened Local Enterprise Partnerships Review	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/728058/Strengthened_Local_Enterprise_Partnerships.pdf
Combined Authority Board September 2018	https://cambridgeshirepeterboroughc.gov.uk/cmismis.uk.com/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/913/Committee/63/Default.aspx