



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE  
& PETERBOROUGH**  
COMBINED AUTHORITY

Agenda Item No: 2.2

**A MDN 24-2020: X3 Bus Service between Huntingdon and Addenbrookes  
and MDN 32-2021: Change to the Officer Delegated Authority under  
Mayoral Decision Notice 28-2020**

To:	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board
Meeting Date:	8 June 2022
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 Mayoral Decision Notice MDN 24-2020: X3 Bus Service between Huntingdon and Addenbrookes.</li><li>b) Note Mayoral Decision Notice MDN 32-2021: Change to the Officer Delegated Authority under MDN 28-2020</li></ul>
Voting arrangements:	To note only. No vote required.

## 1. Purpose

- 1.1 To provide the Board with an update on Mayoral Decision Notices (MDNs) as per the request made by the Board at its meeting of 30 March 2022.

## 2. Background

- 2.1 The Combined Authority's Monitoring Officer undertook to check that all Mayoral Decision Notices (MDNs) had been reported to the Combined Authority Board.
- 2.2 More generally, as part of the governance review the interim Head of Governance has devised and implemented a new approach to the registering, publication, and notification to the CA Board of MDNs, and specifically commissioned a retrospective review to identify any MDNs which had not been reported to the CA Board. The omissions in these instances arose as a result of misunderstanding and miscommunication among officers.
- 2.2 The Combined Authority Governance team have reviewed all MDNs and identified two which had not been reported to the Combined Authority Board. These were MDN 24-2020: X3 Bus Service between Huntingdon and Addenbrookes; and MDN 32-2021: Change to the Officer Delegated Authority under MDN 28-2020. Both decisions were taken under the general power of competence of the Mayor.
- 2.3 A Mayoral Decision (MDN 24-2020) was taken to agree to pay Cambridgeshire County Council £186,981, by way of a grant. This was taken as an urgent action the detail for which can be found at Appendix 1. The X3 is a strategically important bus route which runs seven days a week providing direct links to Addenbrookes Hospital from Huntingdon, Hinchingsbrooke, Godmanchester, Papworth and Cambourne. The service is operated by Whippet Coaches.
- 2.4 A Mayoral Decision (MDN 32-2021) to change the officer delegated authority was made under MDN28-2020. A revision was sought to change the delegation to: The Mayor, in consultation with the Combined Authority Board, delegate authority to the Interim Programme Manager, in consultation with the Lead Member for Finance, the CPCA's Section 73 Officer and Monitoring Officer, authorise the release of the balance of the £14,295,833 Getting Building Funds subject to the project producing the documents listed as terms and conditions in the external appraiser's report. The delegated authority would consequently sit with the Interim Programme Manager. Appendix 2 includes the detail of the MDN.

## Significant Implications

## 3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 This item is for noting only so there are no direct financial implications.
- 3.2 Of the two MDNs reported here only 24-2020 has any financial implications and, as noted in the decision notice itself, the spend approved was fully funded by the BetterDeal4Buses revenue grant from the Department for Transport and so created no additional pressure on wider Combined Authority resources.

## 4. Legal Implications

4.1 No Legal comments.

## 5. Public Health Implications

5.1 There are neutral public health implications related to the recommendations in this report.

## 6. Environmental and Climate Change Implications

6.1 There are no environmental and climate change implications arising from this report, and the MDNs reference

## 7. Appendices

7.1 Appendix 1 – MDN 24-2020

7.2 Appendix 2 – MDN 32-2021

## 8. Background Papers

8.1 MDN 24-2020, and MDN 32-2021