



THE BUSINESS BOARD

BUSINESS BOARD	AGENDA ITEM NO: 1.2
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NOMINATION TO THE GREATER CAMBRIDGE PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE BOARD

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1. The former Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership had nomination rights to the Executive Board of the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP). The current representative for business on the Executive Board was appointed on an interim basis while the former LEP was being reconstituted as the Business Board. The GCP have confirmed in correspondence with the Mayor that the Business Board may at any time ask the Executive Board to replace the current business representative, who is not a member of the Business Board, by way of further nomination.
- 1.2. This report proposes that the Business Board nominates its Chair to be a non-voting co-opted member of the Executive Board.

<u>DECISION REQUIRED</u>	
Lead Member:	Mayor James Palmer
Lead Officer:	Rochelle White, Deputy Monitoring Officer
Forward Plan Ref: N/A	Key Decision: No
<p>The Business Board is recommended to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Nominate the Chair of the Business Board to be a non-voting co-opted member of the Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board;(b) Note that the Chair of the Business Board will be co-opting Dr Andy Williams of AstraZeneca as a non-voting member of the Business Board; and(c) Propose to the Greater Cambridge Partnership that it invite Dr Andy Williams to join the Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board as a second non-voting member from the Business Board.	

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1. The GCP is the local delivery body for the Greater Cambridge City Deal, an agreement made in 2014 between central Government, Cambridge City Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council, Cambridgeshire County Council, the University of Cambridge and the former Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership. The City Deal was agreed for the purpose of allowing Greater Cambridge to maintain and grow its status as a prosperous economic area. The City Deal created an infrastructure investment fund and the GCP is supporting and accelerating the creation of 44,000 new jobs, 33,500 new homes and 420 additional apprenticeships.
- 2.2. The GCP brings key partners together to work with communities, businesses and industry leaders to support the continued growth of one of the world's leading tourism and business destinations. The GCP received £100m of government funding for the period up to 2020 and has recently passed its gateway review which will unlock a further £400m of funding. The three workstreams of the GCP are Transport, Housing and Skills.
- 2.3. In 2014 the Executive Board of the GCP was established as a joint committee of Cambridge City Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council. The terms of reference and standing orders of the Executive Board form **Appendix A** to this report and confirm the membership of the Executive Board as being three elected members with voting rights (one from each of the three member councils) and two non-voting members, one from the Business Board and one from the University of Cambridge. The Chair of the Executive Board wrote to the Mayor on 31 July 2020 offering the Mayor a non-voting seat on the Executive Board. This is being done at the Chair's discretion but will require a formal change to the terms of reference of the Executive Board to be agreed by the three constituent authorities of the GCP. The Mayor attended the last meeting of the GCP Executive Board held on 1 October 2020.
- 2.4. The legislation on voting rights for co-opted members of joint committees restricts voting rights to elected members of the constituent local authorities in this context. Accordingly it is not possible for either the Business Board's nominee or the Mayor to have voting rights on the Executive Board as it is currently constituted. The standing orders permit the Business Board and the University to nominate an alternate or substitute non-voting member to act in the absence of their principal co-opted member.
- 2.5. At its meeting on 8 February 2018, the Executive Board agreed to endorse the appointment of the CEO of Cambridge Network as the representative of the business community on the Executive Board. This followed an agreement between the Chief Executive of the Combined Authority and the Chief Executive of the GCP that this individual, who was previously the LEP's representative on the GCP Joint Assembly should cover the interim period while the former LEP was reconstituted, subject to endorsement by the Executive Board. However, when the LEP was reconstituted as the Combined Authority's Business Board the representative from the former LEP continued the Executive Board although she was not a member of the Business Board.

2.6. The Executive Board's terms of reference include the following:

The Business Board and University of Cambridge may at any time ask the Executive Board to replace their nominated co-opted member and alternate or substitute member by way of further nomination.

And the GCP has referred to this provision on the issue of membership of the Executive Board in correspondence with the Mayor. It is recommended that the Business Board nominate its Chair as a non-voting member of the GCP Executive Board. This will allow the Business Board to engage with the Executive Board's decision making and allow for better co-ordination between the two bodies. The City Deal sets out the purpose of including the Local Enterprise Partnership / Business Board on the GCP Executive Board as being to ensure close alignment between the objectives and plans of the City Deal and the Business Board.

- 2.7. The Business Board is committed to improving local partnership working and considering the needs of the Business Community. To that end, the Chair of the Business Board will co-opt Dr Andy Williams of AstraZeneca to the Business Board. Dr Williams will be able to bring both his experience as a member of the Greater Cambridge business community as well as the specialist knowledge of transport issues in Greater Cambridge he has acquired as a member of the GCP Joint Assembly.
- 2.8. To ensure that the GCP Executive Board has a business representative who both lives and works in the area, it is proposed to suggest to the GCP that it invite Dr Andy Williams to join the GCP Executive Board. Further, the need for a substitute member would logically fall away as there would be two Business Board members on the GCP Executive Board.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1. There are no direct financial implications.

4.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. There are no direct legal implications of the nomination. The Business Board should be aware of the following:
- 4.2. It is matter for the Business Board itself as to who it nominates.
- 4.3. The City Deal states:

It is envisaged that the membership of the Executive Board will comprise the leaders or the nominated representative of Cambridge City Council, Cambridgeshire County Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council, one the Pro-Vice Chancellors of the University of Cambridge, and the Chair of the Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership or their nominated representatives.

Including the Local Enterprise Partnership as a member of the Executive Board, will ensure close alignment between the objectives and plans of the City Deal and the Enterprise Partnership. Officers and members of the authorities will also maintain close liaison with the Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Enterprise Partnership to encourage that alignment.

- 4.4. Nominating the Business Board Chair would accord with what was envisaged by Government, as set out in the City Deal and will ensure close alignment between the objectives and plans of the City Deal and the Enterprise Partnership.

- 4.5. The Terms of Reference and Standing Orders of the GCP Executive state:

Terms of Reference - Membership

Three elected members with full voting rights (one from each of the three member Councils).

Two non-voting members (one from the Business Board and one from the University of Cambridge).

Standing Orders – Membership

The Executive Board will also have two non-voting members, to be co-opted by the Committee on a nomination by each of the Business Board and the University of Cambridge.

Standing Orders - Alternate or Substitute Members

The Business Board and the University of Cambridge will each be entitled to nominate an alternate or substitute non-voting member to act in the absence of their principal co-opted member.

Standing Orders – Term of Office

The Business Board and University of Cambridge may at any time ask the Executive Board to replace their nominated co-opted member and alternate or substitute member by way of further nomination.

- 4.5 The Standing Orders and Terms of Reference for the GCP Executive Board do not impose any requirements as to who the Business Board should nominate as a member of the GCP Executive Board. The Terms of Reference and Standing Orders allow for a Business Board non-voting member as well as an alternate or substitute member. The proposal set out at 2.8 above, would be entirely at the GCP's discretion.

5.0 APPENDICES

- 5.1. Appendix A – GCP Executive Board Terms of Reference and Standing Orders

<u>Source Documents</u>	<u>Location</u>
<p>Minutes of the GCP Executive Board meeting on 8th February 2018</p> <p>GCP member page for Dr Andy Williams</p>	<p>https://bit.ly/2I5cNRo <i>[Minute 2 refers]</i></p> <p>https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/about-city-deal/governance/gcp-joint-assembly-dr-andy-williams</p>