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Decision Statement

Meeting: 20th March 2017

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Item	Topic	Decision
	Part 1 – Business Items	
1.1	Membership of the Combined Authority	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Note the Members and substitute Members appointed by the Constituent Councils to the Combined Authority.• Confirm the appointment of the Member and substitute Member nominated by the Greater Cambridge/Greater Peterborough Enterprise Partnership (GCGP LEP) to the Combined Authority.

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1.2	Appointment of Chair and Chair's Opening Remarks	It was resolved to: Appoint Councillor Robin Howe as Chair of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board until 8 May 2017.
1.3	Appointment of Vice-Chair	It was resolved to: Appoint Councillor Holdich as Vice-Chair of the Combined Authority Board until 8 May 2017.
1.4	Approval of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Authority Order 2017	It was resolved to: Adopt the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Order 2017 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.
1.5	Apologies for Absence	Apologies received from Jason Ablewhite and Councillor P Brown (observers).
1.6	Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations of interest.
1.7	Forward Plan	It was resolved to: approve the revised Forward Plan of Executive Decisions dated 16 March 2017 .

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	Part 2 – Governance Items	
2.1	Approval and Adoption of the Constitution	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve phase one of constitution set out in Appendix 1, subject to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) consultation with the shadow Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the scrutiny arrangements set out in chapter 6 of the constitution, and the financial limits set for a key decision. (b) The deletion of “public sector” from para 3.1. (Chapter 4 Part 2) to enable non public sector organisations to be considered for “observer” status 2. Agree the Monitoring Officer be requested to report to the next meeting on the Shadow Overview and Scrutiny Committees’ comments. 3. Agree the following general delegations until approval of the scheme of delegation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The Chief Executive, Monitoring Officer and Section 151 be authorised to progress any matters within the budget allocations approved to ensure the smooth and effective running of the Combined Authority; (b) This would be subject to the delegation not being <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) in respect of a matter reserved to the Board (ii) relevant officer consulting the Chair and any relevant portfolio holder. (c) That the Chief Executive be delegated authority to exercise the general power of competence in consultation with the Chair on any matters within the remit of the Combined Authority functions until the next meeting of the Combined Authority subject to any exercise of this power being reported to that Combined Authority meeting. 4. Note that Phase 2 of the constitution will be presented for approval at the next meeting in April.

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2.2	Voting Rights for the Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">agree that the Greater Cambridge/Greater Peterborough Enterprise Partnership (GCGP LEP) shall have one vote on the Combined Authority Board, subject to certain voting qualifications in the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Order 2016.</p>
2.3	Appointment of Portfolios	<p>It was resolved to appoint the following members to specific portfolios until the election of the Mayor:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Councillor Steve Count Public Service Reform (including responsibility for future devolution deals)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Councillor John Clark Economic Growth (including Business Support)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Councillor Lewis Herbert Communities</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Councillor John Holdich Skills and Training</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Councillor Robin Howe Fiscal</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Councillor James Palmer Transport and Infrastructure</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Councillor Peter Topping Housing</p>
2.4	Appointment of Working Groups	<p>It was resolved to approve:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the terms of reference of the working groups, and 2. the appointment to those groups

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2.5	Observers to the Combined Authority	<p>It was resolved to agree that the following bodies be given Observer status for 2016/17:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire; (b) Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority representative; (c) Clinical Commissioning Group representative.
2.6	Appointment of Shadow Scrutiny Committee Members	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appoint the members nominated by the Constituent Authorities to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as detailed in Appendix A. 2. Agree the Monitoring Officer request Constituent Councils to appoint at least one substitute member onto the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The substitute member must be from the same political party as the appointed member.
2.7	Recruitment of the Chief Executive	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the revised recruitment process and associated timescales for the appointment of the Combined Authority's permanent Chief Executive. 2. Note that the current part-time interim Chief Executive will cease on the 2nd April 2017. 3. Approve the current Delivery Director, Martin Whiteley, is appointed to the full-time interim Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service role on a fixed-term contract from 3rd April 2017 to 30th September 2017, with an opportunity to review this in light of the appointment to the permanent role.

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2.8	Appointment of Statutory Officers	<p>It was resolved to appoint the following Officers act as the statutory officers to the Combined Authority until May 2017 or the appointment of a permanent appointment to those roles:</p> <p>(a) Kim Sawyer, Director of Governance at Peterborough City Council as Monitoring Officer; and</p> <p>(b) John Harrison Corporate Director Resources at Peterborough City Council as section 151 Officer.</p>
2.9	Ratifying Decisions of Shadow Combined Authority	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <p>ratify the decisions taken by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Shadow Combined Authority set out in Appendix 1.</p>
Part 3 – Ordinary Business		
3.1.	Housing: Developing our Strategy and Affordable Housing	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the proposed strategic principles upon which the Combined Authority Housing Strategy would be based and that further work would be undertaken to develop the strategy would a further report to the Combined Authority in June 2017, 2. Approve the attached business case for £100m to deliver 2,000 affordable homes in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough (Appendix A), 3. Ask the Chief Executive, Finance and Legal Officers of the Combined Authority to develop a partnership model with South Cambridgeshire District Council nominated as the Lead Partner to deliver the £100m programme and the development of the CA Housing Strategy, with the final arrangements coming back to the Combined Authority Board for approval, 4. Ask the Chief Executive, Finance and Legal Officers of the Combined Authority to develop a partnership model with Cambridge City to be the Lead Partner on the delivery of the £70m affordable housing programme, ring-fenced for Cambridge.

Part 4 – Finance Framework		
4.1	Budget Report 2016/17 to 2020/21	<p>It was resolved to approve the resolutions made by the Shadow Board on 22nd February 2017, subject to the following amendments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the budget and indicative resources for 2016/17, 2017/18 and Medium Term Financial Forecast for 2018/19 to 2020/21 subject to the following amendments to the budget for 2016/17, 2017/18: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Provision of £25,000 be made available to commission an investment fund strategy; b) Provision of up to £75,000 to be made towards the production of a market towns strategy; c) That the interim Chief Executive, in consultation with Chair, be authorised to source and enter into a contract with suitably qualified consultants to produce the two strategies; and d) That the £100,000 be met from the existing unallocated revenue resources in 2017/18. 2. Approve that the minimum working balance be set at £500,000. 3. Approve the Passporting of Highways capital funding to the original transport authorities in line with their original resource allocation for 2016/17 and 2017/18. 4. Approve the revenue transport levies from the transport authorities, along with the return of the funds to them to deliver the transport services, and delegate authority to the Chief Finance Officer (CFO) to update the levies if further guidance is received from the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG). 5. Approve the Treasury Management and Investment Strategy. 6. Appoint Peterborough City Council’s Service Director Financial Services as the interim Deputy S151 Officer. 7. Approve that the Combined Authority’s external Auditors be sourced via PSAA Ltd.

		<p>8. Note that a bank account has been established via Peterborough City Council's bankers, Barclays.</p> <p>9. Note that the further report on 2017/18 and future years includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Spending plans, including a review of the minimum working balance, and b. Income and efficiency streams with particular emphasis on public service reform will be presented at the March 2017 Combined Authority meeting. <p>The Combined Authority is asked to approve the following additional recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Consider the budget proposals in the context of the plans set out for economic growth and public service reform. 11. Approve the updated Strategic Context and Public Service Reform plans as set out in paragraph 1 12. Approve the update to the Expenditure Plans to include Local Transport Plan capital grant and transport levy funding streams, as set out in paragraph 3.1 13. Note that a further report on 2017/18 and future years spending plans, will be presented at the April 2017 meeting. 14. That from 2018/19 the budgets include a provision to meet the costs of the next mayoral elections in 2021/22. The sum to be set as a quarter of the 2017/18 costs, ie £260,000 per annum.
	Part 5 – Date of Next Meeting	
	Date of Next Meeting	It was resolved to note the date of the next meeting – Wednesday, 26 April 2017 at 10.00am at Huntingdonshire District Council offices, Pathfinder House, Huntingdon

Notes:

(a) Statements in bold type indicate additional resolutions made at the meeting.

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