

Agenda Item No: 6.4

Business Board Annual Report 2019/20 and Annual Delivery Plan 2020/21

To: Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board

Meeting Date: 25 November 2020

Public report: Yes

Lead Member: Austen Adams, Chair of the Business Board

From: John T Hill, Director of Business and Skills

Key decision: No

Forward Plan ref: n/a

Recommendations: The Combined Authority Board is recommended to:

Approve the Business Board Annual Report for 2019-20 and Annual Delivery Plan for 2020-21, and for these to be published and formally submitted to the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy

(BEIS).

Voting arrangements: A simple majority of all Members

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The Business Board, as the region's Local Enterprise Partnership, is required to publish an Annual Report on its activities in the previous 12 months alongside a Delivery Plan setting out its ambitions for the coming year.
- 1.2 The Annual Report and Delivery Plan focuses on aspects for which the Business Board is responsible, including Local Growth Funds, Local Industrial Strategy, Sector Strategies and Enterprise Zones. However, as the work of the Business Board is integrated fully into the Combined Authority, the Annual Report and Delivery Plan covers all aspects of the Business and Skills Directorate delivery, including the University of Peterborough, Adult Education and Market Towns. Therefore, approval is also being requested from the Combined Authority Board for the documents to be published and formally submitted to the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS).

- 1.3 Normally, this report and plan would be presented at the Business Board's Annual Meeting in May however, due to COVID, this was delayed to November while the approach to crisis response and recovery was developed, so as not to present an immediately outdated plan.
- 1.4 These proposals were considered at the Business Board meeting on 10 November 2020. Following discussion, the Business Board decided unanimously to recommend the 2020/21 Business Board Annual Report and Delivery Plan to the Combined Authority Board for approval.
- 1.1 The report to the Business Board can be viewed via the link below:

Business Board meeting 10 November 2020 - Item 3.4 refers

2. Appendices

- 2.1 Appendix 1 Business Board Annual Delivery Plan for 2020-21
- 2.2 Appendix 2 Business Board Annual Report for 2019-20
- 2.3 Accessible versions of these appendices are available on request from Democratic.Services@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk.

3. Background Papers

3.1 Business Board Annual Delivery Plan 2019/20

Or from:

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