

CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY – 28TH FEBRUARY 2018

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

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1.	Councillor Kevin Price Councillor for King's Hedges Deputy Leader & Executive Councillor for Housing Cambridge City Council	Mayor James Palmer	<p>I wrote to you on 29th January 2018 and extended an invitation to you to come to Cambridge and see for yourself what the City Council does to alleviate homelessness in Cambridge. This was as a direct result of your comments on the BBC programme The Big Questions. There has been no response to date. The letter details the many different strands of work from officers and our partner agencies in relation to rough sleeping and homelessness as well as the delivery of new council homes in Cambridge by the Council of which to date there have been over 240 since 2015.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will you be accepting our invitation to see the excellent work done by our officers and partners? 2. What steps will you take to ensure you are better informed before commenting on any aspects of the work done by any of the constituent local authorities in the Combined Authority?
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2.	Councillor Terry Hayward Buckden Ward, Huntingdonshire District Council Vice Chairman Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Mayor James Palmer	I have read with interest the proposed Prospectus published at Item 2.1 and am disturbed and disappointed that no mention is made of possible solutions to the current difficulties on the A1 and Main Line level crossings in the South West of the County. At his first presentation to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee last year the Mayor assured us that this area would not be neglected. Can the Mayor please detail what work he intends to do to ensure the future update to the A1, especially where it passes St Neots and the villages between there and Huntingdon and what efforts he intends to make to solve the current and future difficulties experienced by drivers at the Offord/Buckden railway level crossing?
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	Mayor James Palmer	Councillor Terry Hayward Buckden Ward, Huntingdonshire District Council Vice Chairman Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee	<p>The projects and interventions described in this Board paper represent only a small sample of the work being progressed by the Combined Authority. The Combined Authority is committed to investing in all areas, including Huntingdonshire. Funding has already been committed for St Neots Masterplan and transport studies on the A141 around Huntingdon and a third river crossing.</p> <p>Whilst the A1 is not expressly mentioned, Highways England is currently undertaking a strategic study of the A1 between the M25 and Peterborough and we will be lobbying to ensure the best outcomes for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. The Mayor has already written to Jesse Norman, the Roads Minister, on this issue following a meeting with Cllr Hayward. We are seeking clarity from Highways England on the precise phasing of the study.</p> <p>We recognise the difficulties caused by the level crossing at Buckden/Offord but are not in a position to fund all projects. However, our list of funded projects is reviewed periodically.</p>