Corporate Strategy and Business Plan 2023/25 Refresh/2024-25 CA Budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan to 2027-28

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## ASSUMPTIONS USED IN THE CREATION OF THE DRAFT MTFP FOR CONSULTATION

- 1. MTFP (excluding budget option regarding the bus network) based on current budget including current gainshare & precept levels
- 2. Pay inflation: 4% pa from 2024-25
- 3. Non-pay inflation: At contractual or assumed rates using range of specific inflation indices
- 4. Transport levy from Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council increases by 2% pa
- 5. New house building leads to Council Taxbase increase of 2% pa from 2024-25
- 6. Bus Service Improvement Programme+ grant does not continue after 2024-25
- 7. No funds received from Greater Cambridge Partnership
- 8. No Franchise or Enhanced Partnership delivery expenditure included
- 9. Only secured income included, but grants held back assumed to be released (but see below under point 15)
- 10. No borrowing to fund Capital programme so no revenue financing costs
- 11. Where income sources reduce/end staffing costs are reduced in line at same time
- 12. General Reserves built in at 2% of revenue expenditure (reflecting relative certainty of revenue expenditure)
- 13. Programme & Corporate Response Funds for unexpected requirements of £1.435m each year from 2024-25
- 14. No dedicated Improvement Programme funding after 2023-24
- 15. Treasury Management Funds forecast to total £8.5m this year, but propose holding £1.7m back unallocated to manage potential risk from grants held back (see point 9 above)
- 16. Assume remainder of this year's treasury income (except £1.7m held back in point 15. above) and vast majority of the Programme Response Fund allocated out to one off spend at Bord on 29<sup>th</sup> November.
- 17. Treasury management income reduces to £4.5m in 2024-25, £2.0m in 2025-26, £1.5m in 2026-27 and £1.1m in 2027-28 reflecting anticipated reductions in cash volumes and interest rates
- 18. Treasury forecasts based on cash flow forecast and OBR interest rate projections
- 19. Overprogramming on capital programme to reflect potential slippage from issues outside CPCA control. Set at 4.3% of programme gross budget 2023-2028 and 6.0% of programme controllable budget 2023-28 (excluding highways grants passported to highways authorities)
- 20. MTFP includes central/corporate efficiency target from 2025-26 (£100k in 2025-26 rising to £200k pa from 2026-27 onwards) (£500k cumulative saving total)