



TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No: 1.4
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THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1. At its meeting on 25 September 2019 the Combined Authority Board agreed amendments to the Constitution which created new governance arrangements for the Combined Authority. The new arrangements took effect on 1 November 2019 and include significant delegation of decision making to the Transport and Infrastructure Committee. This this report sets out the new arrangements as they affect the Committee.

<u>DECISION REQUIRED</u>	
Lead Member:	Mayor, James Palmer
Lead Officer:	Dermot Pearson, Interim Legal Counsel
Forward Plan Ref: N/a	Key Decision: No
The Transport and Infrastructure Committee is recommended to: (a) Note the new governance arrangements for the Committee.	Voting arrangements Simple majority of all Members

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1. At its meeting on 25 September 2019 the Combined Authority Board agreed amendments to the Constitution which created new governance arrangements for the Combined Authority. The new arrangements took effect on 1 November 2019. The new arrangements work by reserving some matters to the Combined Authority Board and delegating decision making on other matters to the Transport and Infrastructure Committee, subject to the Mayor's powers. The information set out below is limited to issues relevant to the Transport and Infrastructure Committee.

Matters Reserved to the Combined Authority Board

- 2.2. The adoption of certain plans, strategies and frameworks, and their amendment or withdrawal is reserved to the Combined Authority Board. Those plans and strategies include:
- 2.1.1 The Local Transport Plan;
 - 2.1.2 The Bus Strategy;
 - 2.1.3 Approval of the Key Route Network
 - 2.1.4 Business Cases for key projects identified in the Business Plan
 - 2.1.5 The Assurance Framework; and
 - 2.1.6 The Monitoring & Evaluation Framework.
- 2.3. This means that while the Committee may make recommendations on those reserved matters to the Combined Authority Board, the final decision on those matters is reserved to the Board. Key transport projects within the Business Plan include the CAM Metro, A10 Upgrade, Huntingdon 3rd River Crossing, King's Dyke, A47 dualling, Soham Station, Cambridge South Station, Wisbech Rail, Fenland Stations Regeneration and the Bus Review Task Force.
- 2.4. Other matters reserved to the Combined Authority Board which relate to the work of the Committee include:
- 2.4.1 Consulting on the allocation of Local Highways Maintenance Capital Grant
 - 2.4.2 Approving business cases and loans to third party businesses including wholly owned subsidiaries;
 - 2.4.3 Approving applications to bid for external funding where there are wider budgetary implications, or the bid relates to a matter outside the strategic framework.
 - 2.4.4 Establishing Trading Companies;
 - 2.4.5 Delegating functions to third parties
 - 2.4.6 Setting the Transport Budget, including any transport levy

Matters Delegated to the Transport and Infrastructure Committee

- 2.5. The Committee has responsibility for agreeing transport and infrastructure programmes and projects within the budget and policy framework. This includes responsibility for ensuring all programmes and projects comply with the Assurance Framework and that they are monitored and evaluated in accordance with the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework. In any case where a proposal which the Committee would like to pursue does not fall within its delegated powers it can initiate proposals for the Combined Authority Board to approve.
- 2.6. The main limitation upon the delegated powers of the Committee is that it must ensure all programmes and projects are within the scope of the strategic and budget framework approved by the Combined Authority Board. Subject to that limitation the Committee's responsibilities include:
 - 2.6.1 Overseeing the development and maintenance of the Local Transport Plan and Bus Strategy and any other key strategies reserved to the Combined Authority Board, including overseeing consultation and engagement processes, and making recommendations to the Board.
 - 2.6.2 Overseeing the development of all business cases for key priority projects as identified in the Business Plan. All business cases for key projects require approval from the Combined Authority Board.
 - 2.6.3 Approving the commissioning of feasibility studies to be funded from the transport feasibility study fund.
 - 2.6.4 Ensuring all programmes and projects are within the scope of the strategic and budget framework approved by the Board
 - 2.6.5 Overseeing the development and approval of transport policies and programmes not reserved to the Combined Authority Board.
 - 2.6.6 Approving the commissioning of delivery partners where this is required and authorising the staged release of budget for transport and infrastructure projects in the Business Plan and funded from the Medium Term Financial Plan.
 - 2.6.7 Ensuring effective engagement and consultation is in place and can be evidenced.
 - 2.6.8 Monitoring the delegation of passenger transport functions to delivery partners
 - 2.6.9 Monitoring agreements with the Minister or strategic highways companies for the exercise of functions relating to the strategic network
 - 2.6.10 Overseeing strategic relationships with national bodies (Network Rail), utility providers and other key stakeholders
- 2.7. Chapter 8 of the Constitution (Transport and Infrastructure Committee) is set out in full in the Appendix to this report.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1. As set out in the body of the report, expenditure by the Committee must be within the Business Plan and funded from Medium Term Financial Plan.

4.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1. The legal implications are set out in the body of the report. If decisions are made which are not in accordance with the Constitution they may be subject to legal challenge on that basis.

5.0 APPENDICES

5.1. Appendix 1 – Chapter 8 of the Constitution (Transport and Infrastructure Committee)

<u>Background Papers</u>	<u>Location</u>
Report to the meeting of the Combined Authority Board on 25 September 2019 – Governance (Decision Making) Review – and Decision Summary	Report 25 September 2019 Decision Summary [Item 1.7]