



## Appointment of Lead Members

To: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Meeting Date: 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Public report: Yes

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Recommendations: The Overview & Scrutiny Committee is recommended to

- a) Nominate and appoint members to the roles of Lead Members for the Housing, Skills and the Transport & Infrastructure Committees and the Business Board
- b) Nominate and appoint a member to the Lead Member for Climate Change and Environment.
- c) Discuss and agree any rapporteur roles including the continuation of the One CAM and Bus Reform rapporteur roles.

Voting arrangements: A simple majority of all Members

### 1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to ask the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider nominations for the Lead Member Roles to shadow the work of the Housing, Skills and Transport Committee and the Business Board. (Role description at Appendix 1)
- 1.2 Confirm the appointment for the Lead Member role for Climate Change and Environment. (Role description at Appendix 1)
- 1.3 Discuss whether the committee wish to appoint any members to act as rapporteurs. (Role description at Appendix 1)



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## 2. Background

- 2.1 Under the governance arrangements, effective from 1 November 2019, decision making is now distributed between the Combined Authority Board and the Executive Committees. There are three Executive Committees, Skills, Housing & Communities and Transport Infrastructure. The single Forward Plan sets out both key and non-key decisions and allocates the decision making between the Combined Authority Board and the Executive Committees.
- 2.2 In October 2019 the Committee considered how to scrutinise the work of the executive Committees and agreed members of the Committee to lead in respect of the work of each of the Executive Committees.
- 2.3 A role description for Lead Members was approved by the committee in January 2020. The remit of the lead Member role involves reviewing the Forward Plan in relation to the Executive Committee together with the published agendas and reports with a view to identifying issues which might warrant further scrutiny, the asking of questions on behalf of the Committee at meetings of the relevant Executive Committee and potentially identifying decisions which would warrant the exercise of call-in powers.

### **Business Board and Climate Change Lead Members**

- 2.4 In August 2020 the Committee agreed that given the importance of the Business Board in relation to the Covid-19 recovery as well as the local economy in general and the dispersal of funds, a Lead Member should be appointed to shadow the Business Board. At its meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 the Overview and Scrutiny Committee met with the Chair of the Business Board and discussed how the committee would like to appoint a Lead Member to shadow the Business Board; this was agreed and a role description (Appendix 1) was approved by the Committee in February and recommended to the Business Board and CA Board for approval.
- 2.5 In July 2021 the Committee agreed to create a new Lead Member role to focus on the strategic importance of Climate Change at the Combined Authority. As there is not a committee which specifically covers this area – this member is responsible for providing a roving brief on the issues allocated and how decisions taken by the Combined Authority and the Executive Committees are taking account of Climate Change. (Role description at Appendix 1)
- 2.5 The Committee are requested to agree the lead members for:
- Housing and Communities Committee



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- Transport and Infrastructure Committee
- Skills Committee
- Business Board
- Climate Change and Environment

### **Rapporteur Roles**

- 2.6 One of the actions from the findings of the review carried out by Centre for Governance and Scrutiny in 2021 was that the Committee appoint Members to act as “rapporteurs”, to develop a subject expertise in specified areas of policy, to highlight issues of importance to the chair for escalation to committee and potentially to lead on questioning on such matters.
- 2.7 The Committee have previously agreed that there should be members to shadow the work of the previous two Task and Finish groups for the Committee to ensure any follow up work in these areas was picked up. The two Task and Finish Groups were the One CAM and Bus Reform.
- 2.8 These members were appointed as rapporteurs and tasked to report to the Committee on any updates in these areas. The Committee are requested to discuss whether they wish to create any further rapporteur roles and whether the current two should continue.

### **3. Financial Implications**

- 3.1 In accordance with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Order 2017, no remuneration is to be payable by the Combined Authority to its members including Lead Members of the Overview and Committee.

### **4. Legal Implications**

- 4.1 Lead members appointments should reflect the political balance and geographical make-up of the Committee to ensure a balanced view, in so far as this is possible.

### **5. Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Role Description of Lead Members & Rapporteurs

### **6. Background Papers**

- 6.1 O&S Agenda & Minutes – July 2020
- 6.2 O&S Report – Lead Members January 2020
- 6.3 O&S Agenda & Minutes November 2020
- 6.4 O&S Agenda & Minutes February 2021



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- 6.5 Business Board – 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021
- 6.6 CA Board Report – March 2021
- 6.7 O&S Agenda and Minutes June 2021
- 6.8 O&S Agenda and Minutes July 2021