

## Nomination of Business Board Representatives for the Combined Authority Board

To:	Business Board
Meeting Date:	15 May 2023
Public report:	Yes
Lead Member:	Alex Plant, Chair of the Business Board
From:	Domenico Cirillo, Business Programmes & Business Board Manager
Key decision:	No
Recommendations:	<p>The Business Board is recommended to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Nominate the Chair of the Business Board to be a member of the Combined Authority Board for the municipal year 2023/24;</li><li>b) Nominate the Vice-Chair of the Business Board to be substitute member of the Combined Authority Board for the municipal year 2023/24;</li><li>c) Note the requirement to appoint 2 Business Board representatives to each of the following Committees:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Transport &amp; Infrastructure Committee</li><li>• Skills &amp; Employment Committee</li><li>• Environment &amp; Sustainable Communities Committee</li></ul></li><li>d) Subject to recommendations (a) and (b) being agreed, recommend the nominations to the Combined Authority Board.</li></ul>

## 1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is for the Business Board to nominate a member and substitute member for the Combined Authority Board for the municipal year 2023/24.

## 2. Background

- 2.1 The Local Enterprise Partnership must nominate one of its members to be a member of the Combined Authority Board. The Business Board member will have an official seat on the Combined Authority Board with voting rights to enable a smooth flow of information and views between the two Boards. This is a vital role connecting the business community and feeding in the business, commercial perspective, and expertise to the Combined Authority Board.
- 2.2 The nominated member will be expected to attend all Combined Authority Board meetings and will also be invited to attend the Leaders Strategy Sessions held prior to every Combined Authority Board meeting.
- 2.3 These nominations are made in accordance with the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority Order (2017) and the Combined Authority's Constitution as set out below.
- 2.4 Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority Order (2017):
  - (3) The Local Enterprise Partnership must nominate one of its members to be a member of the Combined Authority.
  - (4) The Local Enterprise Partnership must nominate another of its members to act as a member of the Combined Authority in the absence of the member appointed under sub-paragraph (3) ("the substitute member").
  - (5) The Combined Authority must appoint the member nominated by the Local Enterprise Partnership under sub-paragraph (3) as a member of the Combined Authority ("Local Enterprise Partnership Member").
  - (6) The Combined Authority must appoint the member nominated by the Local Enterprise Partnership under sub-paragraph (4) to act as a member of the Combined Authority in the absence of the member appointed under sub-paragraph (5) ("the substitute member").
- 2.5 Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority Constitution – Chapter 2 – Membership of the Combined Authority:
  - 3.1. *The Business Board will nominate one of its Members, normally the Chair, to be a Member of the Combined Authority and another Member to act in the absence of the appointed Member (the Substitute Member).*
  - 3.2. *The Combined Authority will consider the nomination and appoint the Business Board Member and the Business Board Substitute Member. Each appointment shall be for a one-year term.*

- 2.6 The Business Board are therefore asked to nominate the Chair to be a member of the Combined Authority, and to nominate the Vice-Chair to act in the absence of the appointed member. The Combined Authority will consider the nomination and appoint the members for a one-year term to May 2024.
- 2.7 Members are reminded that changes within the CPCA Governance Arrangements will have membership implications for the Business Board and moving forward the CPCA representation on the Business Board will change from 2 to 3 to include the Mayor of the Combined Authority, the CPCA Lead Member for Economic Growth, and the CPCA Member for Skills & Employment.
- 2.8 As a result of new CPCA Governance Arrangements, it is intended that the Business Board will operate with embedded membership, where individual Business Board members lead on specific topics and are embedded within thematic CPCA committees where they can contribute the Business voice to decisions with elected members. The Business Board is requested to appoint 2 representatives from its membership to each CPCA Thematic Committee at its Annual General Meeting on 15 May 2023. Those Committees are Skills & Employment Committee, Transport & Infrastructure Committee, and Environment & Sustainable Communities Committee.

## Significant Implications

### 3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 None.

### 4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 The nominations are made in accordance with the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority Order 2017 and Constitution.

### 5. Public Health implications

- 5.1 The report recommendations have neutral implications for public health.

### 6. Environmental and Climate Change Implications

- 6.1 The report recommendations have neutral implications for the environment and climate change.

### 7. Other Significant Implications

- 7.1 None.

## 8. Appendices

8.1 None.

## 9. Background Papers

9.1 [The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Order 2017 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://legislation.gov.uk)

9.2 [Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority Constitution \(March 2021\)](#)