

**STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

**Between**

**SOUTH EAST LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP (SELEP)**

**And**

**CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY (CPCA)**

## **1 Background to the Agreement**

- 1.1 Since their establishment in 2010, Local Enterprise Partnerships have been integral to economic growth across England. Following the publication of our modern Industrial Strategy, that sets out an approach to ensuring prosperous communities throughout the country, The Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government have reviewed policy towards Local Enterprise Partnerships to ensure that they continue to support Government in meeting this ambition. In the Industrial Strategy, Government committed to work with Local Enterprise Partnerships to bring forward reforms to, amongst other things, the geographical boundaries between LEPs.
- 1.2 As a result, the overlaps between LEPs have been removed, with the geography of the former Greater Cambridge and Greater Peterborough LEP becoming co-terminus with that of the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority, removing the previous overlap of Uttlesford.
- 1.3 However, the CPCA and SELEP recognise the strong linkages between their two areas and the need to continue and enhance strategic joint working into the future, irrespective of the future configuration of the Local Enterprise Partnerships.

## **2 Overall Commitment**

- 2.1 Both parties share a commitment to do more to develop the productivity of firms, raise skill levels, make home ownership affordable, address health and educational inequalities, and generate revenue to pay for public services in the future. Partnership is essential to delivery and the public sector, in particular needs, to work more closely to leverage all its resources.
- 2.2 Together, we are committed to coordinate our resources and build a consensus that gives our communities, businesses and central government the confidence that when they make decisions to live, grow and invest in our region they do so knowing there's not a better area in the country to do it.
- 2.3 In this regard, we are aligned to the objective of working together to bring about inclusive growth across our region to support growth and create healthy and prosperous communities and places. In particular, we will collaborate on future strategic planning beyond the previous overlap area and around;
  - 2.3.1 Joint opportunities to enable growth in infrastructure or skills development;
  - 2.3.2 Joint investment that contribute to inclusive growth;
  - 2.3.3 Joint projects of mutual benefit that improve the lives of residents and workers;
  - 2.3.4 Partnership working, across the region, to increase housing supply and improve housing choice and quality;
  - 2.3.5 Aligning and coordinating the Local Growth Fund on projects of mutual benefit;
  - 2.3.6 Share information, data and evidence that informs the development of the region.

**3 In practice, this will mean:**

- 3.1 Proposals or decisions agreed between the organisations will continue to be taken in line with their own decision-making processes.
- 3.2 **Meetings;** Representatives of the two organisations shall:
  - 3.2.1 Meet every six months to review joint working, identify opportunities for collective working, and agree future priorities.
- 3.3 **Funding:** Both organisations will work together to:
  - 3.3.1 Identify potential opportunities for HMG investment into the region, supporting the development of business cases and identification of funding streams.
  - 3.3.2 Where appropriate to do so, and subject to respective decision-making processes, provide investment funds to support mutually beneficial proposals;
- 3.4 **Under our normal duty to cooperate** we will consult one another during the development of strategic documents and in coordinating services:
- 3.5 Both parties commit to regularly reviewing the partnership relationship and its focus, including data driven analysis of what is being achieved achieving. This review process will be carried out through the six-monthly meetings, as well as through ongoing dialogue.

Signed on behalf of Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority:

Name

Date

Signed on behalf of SOUTH EAST Local Enterprise Partnership (SELEP)

Name

Date