



<b>CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY BOARD</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM No: 3.6</b>
<b>05 AUGUST 2020</b>	<b>PUBLIC REPORT</b>

## **OX-CAM ARC REPRESENTATION**

### **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1. To make proposals for the Combined Authority's representation on the governance groups of the Oxford to Cambridge Arc (Ox-Cam).

<b><u>DECISION REQUIRED</u></b>	
<b>Lead Member:</b>	<b>Mayor James Palmer</b>
<b>Lead Officer:</b>	<b>Paul Raynes, Director of Delivery and Strategy</b>
<b>Forward Plan Ref: n/a</b>	<b>Key Decision: No</b>
The Combined Authority Board is recommended to:  (a) Note the Combined Authority's status as the Arc Growth Board for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.  (b) To nominate the Leaders and substitutes listed at paragraph 4.2 to the Arc Leadership Executive.	<b>Voting arrangements</b>  Simple majority of all Members

### **2.0 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1. The status of the Oxford to Cambridge Arc as a key area of economic potential recognised by the Government was reaffirmed in the Chancellor's Spring Budget. This announced proposals for an Arc-wide spatial strategy and up to three development corporations to bring forward new settlements at locations linked to the proposed sites for stations on the route of East-West Rail.

- 2.2. The Budget also confirmed progress with the Bedford to Cambridge stretch of East West Rail, made a commitment to Cambridge South station, and announced a rethink of the plans for the Oxfordshire element of the Expressway.

### **3.0 ARC GOVERNANCE GROUPS**

- 3.1. At the Arc leaders' meeting on 28 May, a three-layered structure of Arc political representation was agreed, consisting of:
- The Arc Leadership Group – comprised of the Leader/Mayor of each of the Arc Local/Combined Authorities, Chair of each of the four Arc LEP/Business Boards, Chair of the Arc University Group;
  - The Arc Leadership Group Executive - comprising a) Three representative Leaders from each of the Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Cambridge & Peterborough Combined Authority Growth Boards and six representative Leaders from the Central Area Growth Board; b) The Chair of the Arc University Group; c) The Chair of the Arc Economic Partnerships; d) The Chair of the Arc Health bodies (once formed);
  - Arc Leadership Chief Executive Group – comprising the Chief or Lead Executive Officer from each of The Arc Leadership Group members, along with senior Government Arc Team officers.
- 3.2. It has also been agreed with government that political leaders in each Arc sub-region will come together as a Growth Board to set strategy for their area. The Growth Board for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority has been agreed to be the Combined Authority Board. Members are asked to take note of this Arc Growth Board role. What this role involves in practice will emerge from future discussions and will be discussed in a future paper to the Board.

### **4.0 ARC LEADERSHIP GROUP EXECUTIVE – PROPOSED NOMINATIONS**

- 4.1. Nominations to the Arc Leadership Executive are also required from the Combined Authority Board.
- 4.2. It is proposed that the three Combined Authority nominations to the Arc Leadership Executive Group should be:
- The Mayor
  - The Leader of Cambridgeshire County Council
  - The Leader of South Cambridgeshire District Council.

The County Council's substitute member would be Cllr Hickford, and Cllr Herbert would substitute for Cllr Smith.

## 5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no financial implications

## 6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The recommendations accord with CPCA's powers under Part 4 of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Order 2017 (SI 2017/251).

## 7.0 APPENDICES

None

<u>Background Papers</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	