



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

Agenda Item No: 3.2

University of Peterborough Phase 2 novation of a Design Contract between CPCA and Mace Ltd to PropCo2 (Peterborough R&D Property Company Limited)

To: Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board

Meeting Date: 30th March 2022

Lead Member: Mayor Dr Nik Johnson

From: Roger Thompson, Director of Housing and Development

Key decision: Yes

Forward Plan ref: KD2022/009

Recommendations: The Combined Authority Board is recommended to:

Delegate authority to the Director of Housing and Development (in consultation with the Monitoring Officer and Chief Finance Officer) to novate the design contract between CPCA and MACE Limited from CPCA to PropCo2 (Peterborough R&D Property Company Limited).

Voting arrangements: A simple majority of all Members present and voting.

To be carried, the vote must include the vote of the Mayor, or the Deputy Mayor when acting in place of the Mayor.

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The Combined Authority Board's approval is sought to delegate authority to the Director of Housing and Development to novate a design contract between CPCA and MACE Limited from CPCA to PropCo2 (Peterborough R&D Property Company Limited), trading as Peterborough R&D Property Co Limited.

2. Background

- 2.1 As part of the Mayoral priorities, the CPCA is working to deliver a new University of Peterborough and on behalf of the project, secured Local Growth Funding (LGF) of £14.6m to deliver the project through the Getting Building Funding from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG). The Business Board agreed at its Extraordinary Board meeting on 9th July 2020 that the Peterborough University Phase 2 Manufacturing and Materials Research & Development Centre project was the only project to be formally invited to apply for this funding based on MHCLG Officer and CPCA Officer evaluation that led to this project being ranked 1 out of all projects submitted from the MHCLG call for 'Shovel Ready Projects'.
- 2.2 The funding included conditions that required the design and planning requirements for the build to commence immediately to facilitate the procurement for a contractor and commercial operator. In September 2020 through an Officer Decision Notice (ODN), the CPCA appointed MACE Ltd using direct award from the Crown Commercial Services Framework Multi-Disciplinary Design Services Lot, for the design and development of the University of Peterborough Manufacturing & Materials Research & Development Centre project.
- 2.3 On the 5th of November 2020 the Mayor, using his general power of competence and having consulted with the Combined Authority Board Members at the Leaders' Strategy Meeting on 28th October 2020, approved £14.6 million Getting Building Funding into the University of Peterborough Manufacturing & Materials Research & Development Centre project. This was ratified at the Combined Authority Board on 25th November 2020 and the incorporation of PropCo2, trading as Peterborough R&D Property Co Limited, followed shortly after.
- 2.4 Whilst the principles and necessary governance arrangements required for these arrangements were approved by the Combined Authority Board, the recommendation to novate the design contract between CPCA and MACE Ltd from CPCA to PropCo2 was overlooked. It is therefore necessary to obtain Combined Authority Board approval for the design contract with MACE Ltd to be novated. The total value of the contract with MACE Ltd is £755,524.00.

Significant Implications

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no significant financial implications. The contract for the multi-disciplinary design services with MACE Ltd is best placed with PropCo2, who since their incorporation have the GBF in place to oversee and manage this work.

3.2 All costs incurred prior to the incorporation of PropCo2 have been re-charged back to the company, so there have been no costs or charges incurred by the CPCA.

4. Legal Implications

4.1 The original contract being novated to the PropCo2 was part of the original purpose that PropCo2 serves, therefore there are no Governance considerations.

5. Public Health Implications

5.1 The University of Peterborough and the Manufacturing & Materials Research & Development Centre, through local employment, training and education opportunities will encourage healthy lifestyles and behaviours in all actions and activities while respecting people's personal choices.

6. Environmental and Climate Change Implications

6.1 The University of Peterborough and the Manufacturing & Materials Research & Development Centre, through local employment, training and education opportunities will support local and environmentally sustainable choices regarding travel and transport. The design of the building will meet BREEAM Excellent standards. As the University Campus develops over time there are further strategies in place to work with the University Partners and the tenants of the Research & Development Centre, for the site and buildings to have net carbon zero impact by 2030.

5.2 The Research and Development Centre will focus on Net Carbon Zero Manufacturing, with the aim of attracting further investment into the local area in this developing sector.

7. Other Significant Implications

7.1 There are no other significant implications.

8. Background Papers

8.1 [Business Board 9 July 2020 - Funding and Local Growth Fund](#)

8.2 [Combined Authority Board 25 November 2020 - Allocation of Getting Building Fund](#)