

**TO THE CHAIR OF THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH COMBINED
AUTHORITY'S OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**THE COMBINED AUTHORITIES (OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES, ACCESS
TO INFORMATION AND AUDIT COMMITTEES) ORDER 2017**

NOTICE OF USE OF SPECIAL URGENCY PROCEDURE

APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY ACTIVE TRAVEL FUND

The Combined Authority intends to make a Key Decision at its meeting on 3rd June 2020 for which 28 days' notice has not been given and which has not previously been published on the Combined Authority's Forward Plan of Key Decisions as required by Article 11 of the Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2017.

"Key Decision" means a decision, which in the view of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the Combined Authority is likely—

(i) to result in the Combined Authority or the mayor incurring significant expenditure, or the making of significant savings, having regard to the combined authority's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or

(ii) to be significant in terms of its effects on persons living or working in an area comprising two or more wards or electoral divisions in the area of the combined authority;

The agenda for the meeting of the Combined Authority Board on 3 June 2020 was published on 26 May 2020. In these circumstances, the Special Urgency procedure set out in the Order applies and the Key Decision may only be made if the Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee agrees that the making of the decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred.

The Key Decision relates to the provision by the CPCA of up to £2.87m in funding for a package of active travel measures following a request by Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council, the highway authority constituent councils within the Combined Authority.

Active travel measures are considered to be crucial steps to support economic recovery which will occur in a context of social distancing constraints affecting public transport which is expected to create pressures for increased private car journeys. Active travel measures seek to encourage safe and effective alternatives (walking and cycling in particular) and thereby support the Combined Authority LTP objectives for carbon reduction, air quality improvement, and a reduction of congestion.

Detailed funding allocations were made by government on 27 May 2020, with an initial payment of £575,000 payable immediately, and a further payment to a balance of £2.87m payable later in the summer.

The proposal will be for the Combined Authority to allocate funding prior to the payment of the balance to support the highways authorities who face a wide range of financial challenges as a result of Covid-19, and would otherwise face additional financial risk on these scheme, in the expectation that the CA would have access to government funding soon.

The urgency of the decision arises from these reasons. Without the opportunity to consider the matter at the Combined Authority Board meeting on 3 June 2020, there is a risk that time-critical support is not given and that the Covid-19 economic and transport recovery is adversely affected.

The Chair of the Combined Authority's Overview and Scrutiny Committee has agreed that the making of the decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred.

The Order requires that as soon as reasonably practicable after the agreement of the Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee has been obtained that the making of the decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred, a notice must be—

- (a) made available to the public at the offices of the Combined Authority setting out the reasons why the meeting is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred; and,
- (b) published on the Combined Authority's website

This document is the required notice.

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