



## THE BUSINESS BOARD

<b>BUSINESS BOARD</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM No: 3.3</b>
<b>22 July 2019</b>	<b>PUBLIC REPORT</b>

### **CAMBRIDGESHIRE & PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY ADVANCED MATERIALS & MANUFACTURING (AMM) STRATEGY**

#### **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1. This report brings forward the inaugural Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Advanced Materials & Manufacturing Strategy to the Board for comment and approval.
- 1.2. The interventions proposed in the strategy will be discussed in more detail at a future Business Board meeting.

<b><u>DECISION REQUIRED</u></b>	
<b>Lead Member:</b>	<b>Andy Neely, Vice-Chair</b>
<b>Lead Officer:</b>	<b>John T Hill, Director of Business and Skills</b>
<b>Forward Plan Ref: 2019/016</b>	<b>Key Decision: No</b>
<p>The Business Board is recommended to:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Note and recommend the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Advanced Materials &amp; Manufacturing Strategy to the Combined Authority Board for approval.</p>	

#### **2.0 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1. The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Advanced Materials & Manufacturing Strategy was commissioned in November 2018 after procurement exercise that appointed Hethel Innovation Ltd to deliver the strategy.

- 2.2. The strategy was developed during period December to April and involved consultation with multiple organisations and businesses involved in the Advanced Materials and Manufacturing sector, with final drafted strategy shared in June.
- 2.3. Hethel Innovation Ltd led the development of the AMM Strategy, at the request of the Combined Authority Board. Local authorities, public sector partners, and the business community have been engaged in creating a strategy that sets out how the growth of the AMM sector will underpin the area's vision as a leading place in the world to live, learn and work.
- 2.4. The final strategy has 26 recommendations derived from the consultations and feedback, refined, tested with stakeholders and consultees and cross-referenced against other strategies including the Local Industrial Strategy [LIS]. This strategy has contributed content into the final LIS and Business Board is asked to consider the recommendations in this strategy and discuss subsequent plans on key interventions to be brought forward by the Combined Authority and local partners.

## **AMM SECTOR LEADING OUR FUTURE ECONOMY**

- 2.5. Also in line with the LIS, CPIER, and before that the East of England Science and Innovation Audit in 2017, this Advanced Materials & Manufacturing Strategy identifies and supports the growth of the AMM sector that contributes to our future economy.
- 2.6. This includes strategic growth sectors in knowledge intensive industries, as well as Advanced Materials & Manufacturing sector. The LIS established that each strategic growth sector should be supported by the Combined Authority to produce a sector strategy which provides in-depth analysis of the opportunities and makes recommendations for the public sector and private sector to consider going forward.
- 2.7. The AMM sector strategy contains a range of considerations beyond the LIS, CPIER, SIA and therefore will be brought back to the Board at a future point for more detailed discussion, as will sector strategies for Agri-tech, and Life Sciences.

## **HOW THE STRATEGY WILL BE DELIVERED**

- 2.8. The priority recommendations/interventions set out in the AMM Strategy are categorised into five high-level categories of delivery:
  1. NETWORKS & SUPPLY CHAINS – Building Supply Chains through Effective Cross-Sector Innovation Networks
  2. STRENGTHS & OPPORTUNITIES – Mapping our Advanced Manufacturing & Materials 'Blue Ocean'

3. SPACE & CAPABILITY – Developing Incubation Spaces and Mapping Technological Capabilities
4. SUPPORT – Revolutionising and Revitalising the Business Environment
5. SKILLS – Creating an Effective, Business-Led Skills Supply Chain

2.9 There are 26 recommendations/interventions outlined within the five categories which, subject to Combined Authority approval, the Business Board will agree implementation plans for delivery at a future meeting. Longer-term interventions will need to be considered through the lens of future funding sources but also businesses and partners leading the sector need to be encouraged to jointly self-fund some of the interventions.

### **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The recommendations put forward in this AMM Strategy will be discussed by the Business Board at a future meeting and delivery agreed on proposed interventions and a high-level delivery plan for approval, and that the AMM strategy will be the basis for potential projects for Local Growth Fund investments.

### **4.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no significant implications identified.

### **5.0 SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS**

There are no significant implications identified.

### **6.0 APPENDICES**

6.1. **Appendix 1** – Draft Advanced Materials and Manufacturing sector strategy

<b><u>Source Documents</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Economic Review (CPIER)	<a href="http://www.cpier.org.uk/">http://www.cpier.org.uk/</a>