

**STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

**Between**

**HERTFORDSHIRE ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP (HLEP)**

**And**

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

## 1 Background to the Agreement

- 1.1 The CPCA and HLEP recognise the strong linkages between their two areas and the need to continue and enhance joint working, irrespective of the future configuration of the Local Enterprise Partnerships, and the Mayoral Combined Authority's requirement to ensure coterminosity of services.

## 2 Overall Commitment

- 2.1 Both parties share a commitment to develop the economy our respective economies and recognise that 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 prosperous communities and places**. In particular, we will:
- 2.3.1 Collaborate on the proposals for **future strategic planning**
  - 2.3.2 **Explore joint opportunities** for investment to enable growth, particularly in infrastructure or skills development;
  - 2.3.3 **Work collaboratively to develop cross-border activities** in sectors of mutual opportunity such as life sciences, ICT and advanced manufacturing;
  - 2.3.4 **Provide joint investment** for initiatives that contribute to inclusive growth, including through new funding models;
  - 2.3.5 **Deliver joint projects** of mutual benefit that improve the lives of residents and workers in the region;
  - 2.3.6 **Build on the existing partnership working**, across the region, to increase housing supply and improve housing choice and quality;
  - 2.3.7 **Share information, data and evidence** that informs the future development of the region.

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

- 3.1 **Proposals or decisions** agreed between the organisations will continue to be taken by the CPCA and HLEP Boards, 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; including approaches to HMG around the London-Stansted Growth Corridor.
- 3.4 **Under our normal duty to cooperate** we will consult one another during the development of strategic documents, such as our Local Industrial Strategies
- 3.5 **Review;** 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.

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Signed on behalf of Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority:

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