



<b>OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM No: 8</b>
<b>26 OCTOBER 2020</b>	<b>PUBLIC REPORT</b>

## **CAMBRIDGE AUTONOMOUS METRO TASK & FINISH GROUP: QUARTERLY UPDATE**

<b><u>DECISION REQUIRED</u></b>	
<b>FROM:</b>	
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The Committee is recommended to:	
1. Note the update from the CAM Task and Finish Group.	
2. Appoint an additional member(s) to the Task and Finish Group	

### **1.0 BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 At its meeting on 24 June 2019 the Combined Authority Overview & Scrutiny Committee agreed the establishment of a Task & Finish (T&F) Group to scrutinise the Cambridgeshire Autonomous Metro (CAM) with a view to report back to the Committee with recommendations by the end of the municipal year 2019/20.
- 1.2 In May 2020 the Committee approved an extension to the work of the Task and Finish Group to continue its work into this municipal year as its work could not be concluded as, at the time, the full initial public consultation results remained confidential. There were also outstanding key questions on delivery, financing and the technology to deliver the project that remained unanswered until the final OBC is published. Consequently, the Committee requested updates from the Task and Finish Group on a quarterly basis on progress on the review.

- 1.3 The May 2020 report provided a comprehensive report on the Task and Finish Group findings to date. This report updates the Committee on subsequent work.

## **2.0 TASK AND FINISH GROUP UPDATE**

- 2.1 The T&F Group has held two additional sessions to progress the review, one in July, and then following a hiatus, one on 20 October, hence the reason this report is published after the statutory publication deadline.
- 2.2 The T&F Group can state it has received a comprehensive update from officers. There is greater clarity on how the CAM Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) approved at the 30 September meeting of the Combined Authority Board, relates to the Steering Committee of the CAM, and advisory committees as well as the CA Board itself.
- 2.3 The T&F Group is satisfied following discussions on the design and consultation phases of the project. It has also received detail on potential routes and vehicles and how these will tie in with the Cambridge to Cambourne (C2C) routes and with South East Transport.
- 2.4 The raw data from the public consultation phase is to be provided to the T&F Group as well as other information volunteered by officers or requested by members of the Group.
- 2.3 The T&F Group heard that appointments will soon be made to the SPV in key positions related to delivery and engineering as well as non-executive directors. A strategic advisor with experience of SPVs related to the 2012 Olympics and Crossrail has been appointed and the T&F Group has requested this advisor attends a future T&F session.
- 2.4 The T&F Group was updated on the design and delivery phases. It also heard of the 18 strategies being developed covering integrated transport, procurement, funding and finance, technical processes, health and safety, employment, assurance, and programme management.
- 2.5 The T&F Group was reassured about the engagement that now exists between the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) and the Combined Authority at member level whilst acknowledging that this has always been the case at officer level.
- 2.6 A report is being presented to the Transport & Infrastructure Committee on 4 November detailing activities that are underway between the Combined Authority and the GCP on the C2C and CAM Metro projects. The T&F Group will consider this report as part of its activity and consider any questions that arise from it at a session planned for late November.
- 2.7 The T&F Group will next meet at the end of November and, therefore, provide a further update at the Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting in December 2020.

### **3.0 TASK AND FINISH GROUP MEMBERSHIP**

3.1 In June 2019 the T&F Group membership was established as

- Councillor Kevin Price, Cambridge City Council (Chair)
- Councillor Markus Gehring, Cambridge City Council
- Councillor Pippa Heylings, South Cambridgeshire District Council
- Councillor Alan Sharp, East Cambridgeshire District Council
- Councillor Jocelyne Scutt, Cambridgeshire County Council

At the commencement of this municipal year Councillor Heylings was replaced on this Committee and the recent amendment to membership of the Committee by Cambridge City Council means that T&F Group no longer has a Chair.

3.2 Therefore, the Committee is requested to appoint at least one additional member to the T&F Group, which will select a Chair from within its membership prior to its next meeting.

**ENDS**