



TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No: 2.3
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CAMBRIDGE SOUTH EAST TRANSPORT BETTER PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND ACTIVE TRAVEL CONSULTATION

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1. To outline the Combined Authority's approach in responding to the Greater Cambridge Partnership's (GCP) Cambridge South East Transport (CSET) Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) consultation and hear from GCP's officers on the aims, objectives and purpose of the consultation.

<u>DECISION REQUIRED</u>	
Lead Member:	James Palmer, Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough
Lead Officer:	Paul Raynes, Director of Delivery and Strategy
Forward Plan Ref: N/A	Key Decision: No
<p>The Transport and Infrastructure Committee is recommended to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Note the Greater Cambridge Partnership's Cambridge South East Transport (CSET) consultation;(b) Agree the process by which the Combined Authority will respond to the GCP's consultation, set out in paragraphs 2.10-2.11; and(c) Delegate responsibility to the Director of Delivery and Strategy to respond to the consultation on behalf of the Combined Authority in consultation with the Chair of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee.	<p>Voting arrangements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) N/A(b) Simple Majority(c) Simple Majority

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1. The Combined Authority welcomes a close working relationship with the GCP, especially on the development of key infrastructure projects such as the Cambridgeshire Autonomous Metro (CAM).

Importance of CAM

- 2.2. Economic growth across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough has over recent decades not been matched by the provision of the appropriate transport infrastructure. In order to sustain future growth in the region, new infrastructure is essential to support the delivery of new jobs and new homes.
- 2.3. CAM will connect key regional centres of employment, existing settlements, key railway stations, new homes and planned growth, to create a platform for sustainable and inclusive growth. CAM will transform people's day-to-day lives, by connecting communities and creating new jobs and widening access to opportunities across the region.

Greater Cambridge Partnership's Cambridge South East Transport Environmental Impact Assessment Consultation

- 2.4. The Cambridge South East Transport project is a component of the overall CAM scheme. GCP have commenced the CSET consultation into the EIA. This consultation runs for eight weeks between 19th October and 14th December. As part of the planning application process the GCP is now seeking views on the detailed design of the CSET proposals and how best they manage and mitigate the potential impacts on the landscapes and the environment.
- 2.5. The CSET Phase 2 project is a new public transport route, proposed by the GCP, to link the Cambridge Biomedical Campus via Great Shelford, Stapleford and Sawston to a new travel hub near the A11/A1307, with connections to Babraham, the Babraham Research Campus and Granta Park. The scheme is estimated to cost £132.3 million.
- 2.6. The scope of the EIA consultation is to:
- Present information on the current proposed scheme design, which GCP are seeking comment on;
 - Highlight where the GCP have made refinements to the design and explain why these changes have been made;
 - Identify the potential environmental impacts, both positive and negative;
 - Set out the proposed measures for mitigation of the adverse impacts; and
 - Provide an opportunity for stakeholders to comment and give their views on the proposals.
- 2.7. As the strategic transport authority, the Combined Authority will be responding to the consultation. The GCP have been invited to give a short presentation at this Transport & Infrastructure Committee to inform Members of the proposals including the individual scheme elements and the environmental information by

area to ensure that the detail is fully understood ahead of a formal consultation response being submitted. The Combined Authority will want to ensure that the CSET proposals are consistent with the Local Transport Plan and its subordinate strategy documents, and support the wider strategic growth objectives for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough set out in the Devolution Deal, evidenced by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Economic Review, and reflected in the Growth Ambition Statement and Local Industrial Strategy.

- 2.8. A link to the GCP's consultation can be found here - [GCP Consultation Document](#).
- 2.9. Following the update from the GCP at this Transport & Infrastructure Committee, officers from the Combined Authority will continue to work with Members of the Committee to formulate an appropriate response.
- 2.10. With the deadline for consultation responses ahead of the next Transport & Infrastructure Committee meeting on 6 January 2021, delegation is sought from the Committee for the Director of Delivery and Strategy to prepare the Authority's response, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee. This will enable the Authority to provide a response in timely manner in line with the consultation timescales.
- 2.11. The final consultation response submitted by the Authority to the GCP will be presented at the Transport & Infrastructure Meeting on 6 January 2021.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1. None at this stage directly in relation to the development and agreement; however, there will be a financial implication that will be accounted for when developing the CAM schemes.

4.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. The recommendations accord with CPCA's powers under Part 3 of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Order 2017 (SI 2017/251).
- 4.2. The meeting shall be conducted in accordance with Parts 2 and 3 of the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus)(Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings)(England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

5.0 APPENDICES

- 5.1. None

<u>Background Papers</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	