



THE BUSINESS BOARD

Business Board: Decision Summary

Meeting: 14th November 2022

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1.1 Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies for absence were received from Aamir Khalid, Al Kingsley, and Mayor Dr Nik Johnson.

Rebecca Stephens declared a non-statutory disclosable interest in relation to the 'Strategic Funds Management Review – November 2022' (agenda item 2.2), which precluded her participation in the discussion and vote on the item.

Vic Annells declared a non-statutory disclosable interest in relation to the 'Local Skills Improvement Plan' (agenda item 3.3), as the Chief Executive of the Cambridgeshire Chambers of Commerce.

Faye Holland declared a non-statutory disclosable interest in relation to the 'Local Skills Improvement Plan' (agenda item 3.3), as a member of the Cambridgeshire Chambers of Commerce Board of Directors.

1.2 Minutes – 12th September 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th September 2022 were approved as a correct record.

The Business Board noted the Minutes Action Log.

2.1 Budget and Performance Report

It was resolved to:

Note the year to date financial position relating to the revenue and capital funding lines within the Business and Skills directorate for the 2022/23 financial year.

2.2 Strategic Funds Management Review – November 2022

It was resolved to:

- a) Recommend the Combined Authority Board declines the Project Change Request for the South Fens Enterprise Park project, and for funding to be clawed back in line with the existing grant agreement; and
- b) Note all programme updates outlined in this paper

3.1 Growth Works Programme - Management Update for Quarter 7 (July to September 2022)

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the Growth Works Programme performance data for Q7 (01 July to 30 September 2022);
- b) Note the outcomes and findings of the recent Programme Review; and
- c) Endorse the proposed recommendations 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 from the programme review, as set out in section 5 of this report; and
- d) Not endorse the proposed recommendation 4 from the programme review, as set out in section 5 of this report.

3.2 Employment and Skills Strategy Implementation Plan

It was resolved to:

Endorse the Employment and Skills Strategy implementation plan.

3.3 Local Skills Improvement Plan

It was resolved to:

Note the ongoing development of a Local Skills Improvement Plan for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

3.4 University of Peterborough – Delivery Update and Future Combined Authority Role

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the progress of the development of the University of Peterborough, the opening and operation of the phase 1 building to students by ARU Peterborough and its initial and potential performance against the original business plan objectives; and
- b) Note the future role of the Combined Authority in the next few months in the further evolution and development of the University through the following:
 - (i) Preparation and submission for approval of the Phase 3 full business case including a review of the University's original quantitative objectives set at the Phase 1 full business case, with further recommendations about how to reset these for effective monitoring of the new University;
 - (ii) Update and preparation of the University Programme Business Case including partners strategy for delivery;
 - (iii) Supporting and managing the preparation and submission of an outline planning application for a scheme to articulate the vision to potentially expand the University campus beyond the phase 3; and
 - (iv) To review the business plan and approach to lettings for the phase 2 building to achieve the best outcome.

4.1 Business Board Headlines for Combined Authority Board

The Business Board noted the headlines that the Chair would convey at the Combined Authority Board meeting on 30th November 2022.

4.2 Business Board Forward Plan

The Business Board noted the Forward Plan.