



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY BOARD	AGENDA ITEM No: 4.3
25 SEPTEMBER 2019	PUBLIC REPORT

GREATER SOUTH EAST ENERGY HUB

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 As part of the prioritisation exercise with the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA), the role of Accountable Body for Greater South East Energy Hub has been identified as a non-priority project.
- 1.2. The CPCA is seeking an alternative Accountable Body for the Energy Hub. This will not impact on the Hub's activity in Cambridgeshire & Peterborough.
- 1.3. In the interim, whilst a transfer of Accountable Body is agreed, a governance process must be established to enable all Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) /lead local authorities to oversee the activities of the Hub and be involved in decision-making. This will enable CPCA to meet the requirements in the Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) between the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) and the CPCA.
- 1.4. To this end the Greater South East Energy Hub Board (Hub Board) has been established with members from each of the LEP's however, in order to fulfil the decision-making role that Government require the Hub Board must now be formally recognised within the CPCA governance structure.
- 1.5. The draft Terms of Reference and Accountable Body Agreement for the Hub Board are attached.
- 1.6 The full Business Board report and appendices are attached as appendices to this report.

<u>DECISION REQUIRED</u>	
Lead Member:	Chair of Business Board
Lead Officer:	John T Hill, Director, Business and Skills
Forward Plan Ref: Not applicable Key Decision: No	
<p>The Business Board recommends that the Combined Authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Agree that the Energy Hub is transferred to a new Accountable Body which will be decided by the Hub Board; b) Agree to the establishment of the Greater South East Energy Hub Board in line with the Terms of Reference included in this report, and authorise the Director of Business & Skills, in consultation with the Lead Member for Economic Growth, Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer, to make minor amendments to terms of reference as required in their finalisation; c) Agree to delegate authority to the Energy Hub Board for the use of the Local Energy Capacity Support Grant and Rural Community Energy Fund where the decisions do not impact Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority staffing arrangements; and d) Note the draft Accountable Body Agreement and authorise the Section 73 Officer to make minor amendments and finalise the agreement. 	<p>Voting arrangements</p> <p>Simple majority of all Members</p>

<u>Background Papers</u>	<u>Location</u>
<p>List background papers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BEIS CPCA Local capacity Support MoU 2. Greater South East Local Energy Hub - Combined Authority Board key decision 28th February 2018 3. BEIS CPCA Variation to Local Capacity Support Grant 4. BEIS CPCA RCEF MoU 	<p>List location of background papers</p> <p>Documents 1, 3 and 4 available from: Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, The Incubator, The Boulevard, Enterprise Campus Alconbury Weald, Huntingdon, PE28 4XA</p> <p>Document 2 available to view here.</p>