

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Agri-Tech Sector Strategy

To: Business Board

Meeting Date: 10 November 2020

Public report: Yes

Lead Member: Austen Adams, Chair of the Business Board

From: John T Hill, Director Business and Skills

Key decision: No

Recommendations: The Business Board is asked to:

Note the draft Agri-Tech Sector Strategy and a presentation from Strategy authors.

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This paper introduces the presentation from the Strategy authors to outline the context of the report and the delivery of the strategy.
- 1.2. The presentation and following discussion aim to support the Board on finalising the strategy leading to formally adopting the strategy.
- 1.3. Any interventions agreed as priority for delivery by the Business Board will require Officers to work up a business case and explore funding options before bringing back to a future Business Board meeting for recommendation to Combined Authority Board for funding.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Agri-Tech Sector Strategy was commissioned in February 2020 after a procurement exercise that appointed Promar Ltd to deliver the strategy.
- 2.2. The strategy was developed during the period March 2020 to October 2020 and involved consultation with multiple organisations and businesses involved in the Agri-Tech sector, with the draft strategy being presented at this board meeting.
- 2.3. The final strategy has recommendations derived from the consultations and feedback which have been refined, tested with stakeholders and consultees and cross-referenced against other strategies including the Local Industrial Strategy [LIS]. This strategy will be used to contribute content into the refresh of the LIS and Business Board is asked to consider the presentation given by Promar Ltd on the recommendations in this strategy and after discussion agree any redrafting or prioritising key interventions to be featured in the strategy and future funding plans for the Business Board.

Significant Implications

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.
- 3.2 The cost of developing the strategy has been met within the Agri-Tech budget in the MTFP.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 None.

5. Other Significant Implications

- 5.1 None.

6. Appendices

- 6.1 Appendix 1 – Draft Agri-Tech Sector Strategy