

CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY – 26TH JULY 2017

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

No.	Question from:	Question to:	Question
1.	Councillor Peter Downes Cambridgeshire County Council	Mayor	Can you point me towards an explanation of the difference between the Constitutional and Statutory Deputy Mayors, and are these posts honorary or remunerated, and if the latter, at what level?
	Response from:	Response to:	Response
	Mayor	Councillor Peter Downes Cambridgeshire County Council	<p>By law, the Mayor must appoint a statutory Deputy Mayor of the Combined Authority. The role of the statutory Deputy Mayor is set out in legislation and is known as the statutory Deputy Mayor as the post holder receives his powers and duties from legislation. The role is set out below.</p> <p>The Combined Authority's Constitution also allows for the Mayor to appoint a non-statutory Deputy Mayor and the role of the non-statutory Deputy Mayor is set out below. This is known as the Constitutional Deputy Mayor as the post holder derives his powers from the constitution.</p> <p>Neither post is remunerated.</p> <p>Role of Statutory Deputy Mayor</p> <p>The Mayor must appoint one Member of the Combined Authority to hold the statutory functions as Deputy Mayor. This statutory Deputy Mayor shall:</p> <p>(a) hold office until the end of the term of office of the Mayor;</p> <p>(b) cease to be statutory Deputy Mayor if at any time the Mayor removes him or her from office, he or she resigns as Deputy Mayor or</p>

			<p>ceases to be a Member of the Combined Authority;</p> <p>If a vacancy arises in the office of statutory Deputy Mayor, the Mayor shall immediately appoint another Member of the Combined Authority to be the statutory Deputy Mayor.</p> <p>If the Mayor is unable to act or the office of Mayor is vacant; and the statutory Deputy Mayor is unable to act, the Monitoring Officer shall call a meeting of the Combined Authority Board to take decisions, by simple majority, in the absence of the Mayor.</p> <p>Role of Constitutional Deputy Mayor</p> <p>The constitution sets out the role of the Constitutional Deputy Mayor as follows.</p> <p>For reasons of good governance, the Mayor may appoint a second non-statutory Deputy Mayor from amongst the Constituent Council members as he thinks appropriate.</p> <p>The non-statutory Deputy Mayor shall preside over any meeting of the Combined Authority called to make decisions in the absence of the Mayor and statutory Deputy Mayor.</p> <p>Should the statutory Deputy Mayor be appointed as Chair of the Combined Authority in the absence of the Mayor, the non-statutory Deputy Mayor shall be appointed as the Vice-Chair.</p>
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