



## Report title: Appointment of Lead Members

To: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Public report: Yes

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Recommendations: The Overview & Scrutiny Committee is recommended to

a) Nominate and appoint members to the roles of Lead Members for the Housing, Skills and the Transport & Infrastructure Committees and the Business Board

Voting arrangements: A simple majority of all Members

### 1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of the report is to ask the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider nominations for the Lead Member Roles to shadow the work of the Housing, Skills and Transport Committee and the Business Board.

### 2. Background

2.1 Under the governance arrangements, effective from 1 November 2019, decision making is now distributed between the Combined Authority Board and the Executive Committees. There are three Executive Committees, Skills, Housing & Communities and Transport Infrastructure. The single Forward Plan sets out both key and non-key decisions and allocates the decision making between the Combined Authority Board and the Executive Committees.



- 2.2 In October 2019 the Committee considered how to scrutinise the work of the executive Committees and agreed members of the Committee to lead in respect of the work of each of the Executive Committees.
- 2.3 A role description for Lead Members was approved by the committee in January 2020. The remit of the lead Member role involves reviewing the Forward Plan in relation to the Executive Committee together with the published agendas and reports with a view to identifying issues which might warrant further scrutiny, the asking of questions on behalf of the Committee at meetings of the relevant Executive Committee and potentially identifying decisions which would warrant the exercise of call-in powers. (Role Description is at Appendix 1)

### **Business Board Lead Member**

- 2.4 In August 2020 the Committee agreed that given the importance of the Business Board in relation to the Covid-19 recovery as well as the local economy in general and the dispersal of funds, a Lead Member should be appointed to shadow the Business Board. At its meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 the Overview and Scrutiny Committee met with Austen Adams, the Chair of the Business Board and discussed how the committee would like to appoint a Lead Member to shadow the Business Board; this was agreed and a role description (Appendix 2) was approved by the Committee in February and recommended to the Business Board and CA Board for approval.
- 2.5 The Committee are requested to agree the lead members for:
- Housing and Communities Committee
  - Transport and Infrastructure Committee
  - Skills Committee
  - Business Board

Consideration should be given to ensure political and geographical representation across the committee.

## **3. Financial Implications**

- 3.1 In accordance with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Order 2017, no remuneration is to be payable by the Combined Authority to its members including Lead Members of the Overview and Committee.

## **4. Legal Implications**

- 4.1 Lead members appointments should reflect the political balance and geographical make-up of the Committee to ensure a balanced view, in so far as this is possible.



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## 5. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Role Description of Lead Members

Appendix 2 – Role Description of Lead Member for the Business Board

## 6. Background Papers

6.1 [O&S Agenda & Minutes – July 2020](#)

6.2 [O&S Report – Lead Members January 2020](#)

6.3 [O&S Agenda & Minutes November 2020](#)

6.4 [O&S Agenda & Minutes February 2021](#)

6.5 [Business Board – 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021](#)

6.6 [CA Board Report – March 2021](#)