



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

JAMES PALMER
CAMBRIDGESHIRE &
PETERBOROUGH MAYOR

MEETING OF THE EASTERN AGRI-TECH PROGRAMME DELIVERY BOARD



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Date: Wednesday 14th October 2020 **Start Time:** 2pm **Finish Time:** 2.50pm

Venue: Virtual Meeting via the Zoom meetings platform

Present

Mike Burrows (Acting Chair)	New Anglia LEP
Dr Belinda Clarke	Agri-Tech E
Dr Jonathan Clarke	John Innes Centre
Dr Dave Hughes	Syngenta UK
Cllr Mathew Shuter	Cambridgeshire County Council
Cllr Beverley Spratt	Norfolk County Council

In Attendance

Martin Lutman	Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority (Agri-Tech Lead & Secretariat to the Board)
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Item 1: Welcome, Apologies & Declarations of Interests

Apologies were received from Dr Lydia Smith, NIAB and Julie West, New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership.

There was one conflict of interest: Dr Smith concerning the application from Earth Rover Ltd. It was agreed at the previous Board meeting on 9 October that Mike Burrows would chair this entire meeting as there was only one applicant. New Anglia LEP are partners with the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority in delivering the Eastern Agri-Tech Growth Initiative.

Item 2: Applications For Grant Support

There was one application for grant funding, Earth Rover Ltd. The Eastern Agri-Tech Programme Board considered and approved the application. This followed a an

application and presentation from the applicant and a discussion with the Eastern Agri-Tech Programme Board.

Earth Rover Ltd was awarded an R&D grant of £23,500. This was an innovative proposal combining Artificial Intelligence and machine learning for image analysis with an established robotic platform for crop analysis. The Board liked the overall proposal.

Date of Next Meeting

To be confirmed- 23rd November, starting at 2pm, to be held via the Zoom on-line meetings platform.

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