

BRIEFING AND INFORMATION SESSION

CLIMATE CHANGE OPPORTUNITY FUND

NOVEMBER 2024



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

TODAY'S SESSION

Today is designed to support partners in developing and delivering projects which address the key objectives of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Climate Action Plan

Introduction and Overview: the Opportunity Fund

- 15 mins, presented by Judith Barker, Executive Director of Place and Connectivity

The Application Process

- 25 mins, presented by Steve McAteer and Rob Smith

Questions and Answers

- 15 mins, facilitated by Judith, Steve and Rob

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK – WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

“ Having a Shared Ambition means that we can collectively achieve more for our communities to improve health and our overall quality of life. ”

Collaboration: a catalyst for new ways of working

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough 2050 United by our Shared Ambition

“ By igniting innovation, embracing our diversity, and championing collaboration, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough will be globally recognised for our groundbreaking achievements inspired by our rich history, determined communities, and unique natural assets.

Harnessing the collective strengths of our fast growing cities, historic market towns and productive Fen landscapes, we will advance our equitable, pioneering, connected, and resilient region. ”

To achieve our outcome as an Resilient region, our commitments are:

- ◆ Plan for advanced water management
- ◆ Let nature and biodiversity flourish
- ◆ Secure local energy

OUR VISION

Mayoral Ambition

To have a healthier and more prosperous Combined Authority region.

Strategic Vision

A prosperous and sustainable Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

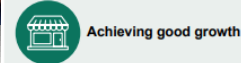
Driven by our values and using our collective voice and strengths, we seek inclusive good growth for an equitable, resilient, healthier, and connected region.

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CORPORATE STRATEGY 2023 – 25 (REFRESHED JANUARY 2024)



Our Strategic Objectives



Achieving good growth



Ambitious skills and employment opportunities



Enabling resilient communities



Improving connectivity



Achieving Best Value and High Performance

Our Mayoral Pledges

Promote, protect, and grow our unique Fens

A locally determined, innovative and public transport system that is fit for the future

Working with Integrated Care System to support the delivery of better health outcomes and address health inequalities in the region

Creating a strong sense of place and cultural identity for our region

CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

Our area faces significant risks from the impacts of a changing climate – including water management, overheating and infrastructure.

Higher than average emissions (per person) which whilst reducing are not on target to support the national Net Zero target.

Climate Action Plan:

- Supports a fair transition to a low carbon future
- Reduce harmful greenhouse gases
- Reduce the risks from the changing climate
- Adapt to unavoidable change
- Grasp new opportunities and support low carbon innovation
- Using our natural environment to take climate action

Strategic actions over ten themes (Energy, Business etc).

CLIMATE CHANGE OPPORTUNITY FUND

- £1m Fund established by Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority
 - Capital grants of between £50k - £150k (up to £250k for collaborative projects)
 - What are we aiming to do? Reduction of carbon emissions, increases in biodiversity and long-lasting changes in behaviours
 - Who is eligible? Applications invited from constituent Local Authorities, Parish Councils, not for profit organisations including formally constituted Voluntary and Community organisations, Charities and Social Enterprises
- What might be funded? Examples of eligible projects might be:
 - *Community energy initiatives, including renewable energy*
 - *Supporting use of low carbon fuels*
 - *Using nature to address climate impacts such as natural flood resilience*
 - *Innovative approaches to cutting emissions, with high value for money*
 - *Projects that provide adaptation to the impacts of a changing climate*
 - *Projects that change market behaviour*
 - *Unlocking crucial 'building blocks' needed for a low carbon future*

TIMELINE

- Expression of Interests must be submitted by Friday 3rd January 2025
- Fund is open for applications until 17th January 2025
- Assessment and short-listing during February 2025
- Ratification and approvals by mid-March 2025
- Extensive Support for applicants including guidance notes and workshops

THE OPPORTUNITY FUND PROCESS

1. 2 stage process
2. Eligibility (Expression of Interest)
 - Who
 - Where
 - What
 - How much
3. Application criteria (Application Form)
 - Innovation
 - Relevance
 - Need
 - Results
 - Feasibility
 - Road map
 - Resources
4. Application stages
 - Support
 - Applications
 - Appraisal
 - Scoring and prioritisation
 - Ratification
 - Communication
 - Formalisation
 - Projects start

THE OPPORTUNITY FUND PROCESS

What does a good application look like?

- Scoring
 - Understanding of the Fund
 - A good fit
 - Outcomes and Impact
 - Scalability and Innovation
 - Compliance
 - Experience and abilities

THE OPPORTUNITY FUND PROCESS

Support

- Guidance document
- Workshop
- Guides
- Templates
- One to one support

Collaboration

- The X Factor!

THE OPPORTUNITY FUND PROCESS

Questions and Answers

Next steps

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