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## **Decision Statement**

**Meeting:** 28th June 2017

**Published:** 29th June 2017

**Decision review deadline:** 5.00p.m. on 6th July 2017

Each decision set out below will come into force, and may then be implemented at 5.00pm on the fifth full working day after the publication date, unless it is subject of a decision review. [see note on call in below].

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Decision</b>
	<b>Part 1 – Governance Items</b>	
1.1	<b>Apologies and Declarations of Interest</b>	Apologies received from Councillor Count, substituted by Councillor Hickford. There were no declarations of interest.
1.2	<b>Minutes – 31 May 2017</b>	It was resolved:  to approve the minutes of the meeting of 31st May 2017 as a correct record.
1.3	<b>Petitions</b>	None received.
1.4	<b>Public Questions</b>	None received.

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1.5	<b>Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) on Mayoral Remuneration Scheme and Independent Person Allowance</b>	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) consider the Independent Remuneration Panel's report in respect of the Mayor's allowance scheme (Appendix A);</li> <li>(b) agree the scheme of Mayoral allowance as set out in Appendix A1 for the municipal year 2017/18 and 2018/19;</li> <li>(c) agree that the Independent Remuneration Panel be requested to undertake a further review no later than 24 months from the date of this decision;</li> <li>(d) the Independent Person of the Audit and Governance Committee be increased to £1534 to take account of his additional duties as Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee.</li> </ul>
1.6	<b>Appointment of Chief Executive</b>	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) <b>Consider the recommendation from the Chair of the Appointments Panel;</b></li> <li>(b) <b>Approve the appointment of Martin Whiteley to the post of Chief Executive as recommended by the Chair of the Appointments panel following the final interviews held on the 27 June 2017.</b></li> </ul>
1.7	<b>Arrangements for Appointment of Statutory Officers</b>	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Approve proposals in respect of the role of Interim Monitoring Officer as set out in section 3 of this report and verbal updates from the Chief Executive;</li> <li>(b) Approve the proposals in respect of the role of Interim Chief Finance Officer as set out in section 3 of this report and verbal updates from the Chief Executive.</li> </ul>
1.8	<b>Forward Plan</b>	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Approve the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions <b>dated 26 June 2017.</b></p>

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<b>Part 2 – Key Decisions &amp; Policy</b>		
2.1	<b>Business Case for Phase 2 of the University of Peterborough</b>	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Agree to support Phase 2 of the University of Peterborough project.</li> <li>2. Note the development of the Phase 2 business case to date, and approve in principle, the overall funding request for £6.53m.</li> <li>3. Approve the initial draw down of £3.83m from the overall total subject to agreement of the grant conditions attaching to the funding.</li> <li>4. Note that this initial drawdown was intended to fund curriculum development, marketing and engagement work, and development of the Phase 3 Business Case and overall Investment Strategy.</li> <li>5. Note that the following would come to future meetings as indicated: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. a further set of costed options for work streams 4 and 5 – improving student amenities and the securing and refurbishment of interim accommodation for the University (September 2017 meeting).</li> <li>b. reports timed around key milestones on the delivery of Phase 2 (on-going).</li> <li>c. a detailed Business Case and Investment Strategy for Phase 3 of the University “Design and build of a University campus” (December 2018).</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
2.2	<b>Interim Local Transport Plan</b>	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Agree the Interim Local Transport Plan for the Combined Authority;</li> <li>(b) Note the intention to bring forward plans to commission a new Local Transport Plan for the Combined Authority.</li> </ol>

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2.3	<b>Strategic Transport Infrastructure Schemes</b>	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Commission each of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Dualling of A47 Business Case (Appendix 1)</li> <li>(b) A47 extension to M11 Feasibility Study – aligned to upgrading of A10 Business Case (Appendices 2 &amp; 3)</li> <li>(c) Wisbech Garden Town Feasibility Study (Appendix 4)</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Note the intention to bring forward proposals for a feasibility study into the rapid, mass transport options for Cambridge City and the surrounding travel to work area to the Board in July 2017.</li> <li>3. Agree a total budget allocation of £8.75 million for the delivery of the feasibility studies and business case.</li> <li>4. Delegate authority to the Interim Chief Executive, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Transport &amp; Infrastructure, to award a contract for each of the feasibility studies and business case provided that the collective value of the contracts does not exceed the approved budget allocation.</li> </ol>
2.4	<b>An Independent Economic Commission</b>	<p>It was resolved to agree:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the steps outlined in the establishment of an independent Economic Commission;</li> <li>2. that the independent Economic Commission undertake an economic review to be completed by 1 December 2017; and</li> <li>3. a budget of £145,000 to support the operation of the commission, undertake the economic review, and to promote its findings with Government and private sector investors.</li> </ol>

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	<b>Part 3 – Decisions</b>	
3.1	<b>National Productivity Investment Fund</b>	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. approve the prioritised schemes for the National Productivity Investment Fund (NPIF) bids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. A47 Junction 18 Improvements</li> <li>b. March Junctions</li> <li>c. Wisbech Development Access Improvements</li> <li>d. A605 Whittlesey Access Phase 2 – Stanground Access</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. note the significant wider economic benefits they would deliver; and</li> <li>3. note that if successful 30% of the costs of the March Junctions and the Wisbech Development Access Improvement schemes, £3.29m in total, would be met locally through Combined Authority funding, or other funding streams.</li> <li>4. note that if successful 30% of the costs of the A47 Junction 18 improvements and the A605 Whittlesey Access scheme will be met locally, through the local Highway Authority block grant funding.</li> </ol> <p>Details will be incorporated within a budget update report to the Board in July.</p>

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3.2	<b>Housing Programme: Modular Homes – Off Site Housing</b>	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proceed with plans to commission a feasibility study to consider the commercial opportunities that might exist for the Combined Authority in off-site construction, and to assess the wider benefits that might be available to the area including accelerating housing delivery.</li> <li>• Note the intention for the Combined Authority Interim Chief Executive in conjunction with the Portfolio Holder for Housing to determine the most appropriate means of procuring the feasibility study in accordance with procurement regulations.</li> <li>• Agree a budget allocation of £25,000 in 2017/18 to commission the proposed feasibility study and delegate authority to the Interim Chief Executive, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, to award a contract for the feasibility study provided that the value of the contract does not exceed the approved budget allocation.</li> </ul>
<b>Part 4 – Financial Management &amp; Audit</b>		
4.1	<b>Budget Update</b>	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Note the re-profiling of the Housing Grant funds for the years 2016/17 to 2020/21.</li> <li>2. Note the Outturn position for 2016/17.</li> <li>3. Note the Statement of Accounts for the period ended 31 March 2017.</li> <li>4. Approve the external auditors fees for 2016/17 and 2017/18.</li> <li>5. Note the current VAT position of the Combined Authority and the steps being taken to address the issues caused by not having a Section 33 VAT Order in place</li> <li>6. Note the budget updates as requested for approval a) in other Board reports on this meeting's agenda. b) as set out for approval in paragraph 3.13 c) to note the budget adjustments made via delegated Authority.</li> <li>7. Note the updated budget and indicative resources for 2016/17, 2017/18 and Medium Term Financial Forecast for 2018/19 to 2020/21 as set out in Appendix A</li> </ol>

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	<b>Part 5 – Date of Next Meeting</b>	
5.1	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	It was resolved to note the date of the next meeting – Wednesday 26 July 2017 at 10.00am <b>at Peterborough City Council.</b>

**Notes:**

- (a) Statements in bold type indicate additional resolutions made at the meeting.
- (b) Five Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee may call-in a key decision of the Mayor, the Combined Authority Board or an Officer for scrutiny by notifying the Monitoring Officer.

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