

[REDACTED]

I write with reference to your request received on 19th October 2017 reference CA01.

Please find the response provided below:

I hope this information is helpful but if you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request, please let me know.

1. Who are the members of the Authority and how much is each paid, except the CEO whose salary is pretty close to that of the Prime Minister?

Answer:

Membership of Combined Authority

The membership of the Combined Authority is made up of

- (a) the directly elected Mayor,.
- (b) One representative from each of the seven constituent council in the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough area and
- (c) A representative from the Greater Cambridgeshire Local Enterprise Partnership.

With the exception of the Mayor, the Members do not receive any allowance/remuneration from the Combined Authority. The Mayor receives an allowance upon the recommendation of an Independent review panel the details of which can be found here:

<http://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/assets/Combined-Authority/Agenda-and-items.pdf>

The full memberships can be found at the following link: <http://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/caboard>.

The above Members meet as a Board approximately once a month to make decisions. These are public meetings, and the agenda and reports for the meetings are published on the Combined Authority website a week in advance. There is also a public question time for members of the public who have submitted questions in advance. Information on the public question time can be found here <http://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/about-us/what-we-do/public-speaking/>

The meetings rotate around the different locations in the combined authority area. The meetings in November and December are as follows: <http://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/meetings>

The membership and powers of the combined authority is governed by the parliamentary order that set it up. I have attached a link to the Order.

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2017/9780111153291/contents>

Staffing of the Combined Authority

Under the legislation the Combined Authority must appoint the following statutory officers:

Head of Paid Service (known as Chief Executive);
Monitoring Officer;
Chief Finance Officer (S151);
Scrutiny Officer.

The staffing structure for the Combined Authority can be found here:

<http://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/assets/Combined-Authority/Agenda-and-items-040917.pdf>

The staffing costs for the Combined Authority was provided to the Combined Authority Board in October and can be found at the following link: <http://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/assets/Combined-Authority/Budget-Update-Report-2017-18.pdf>

2. Where are you based and what is the cost of the offices?

Answer:

The Combined Authority is based at East Cambs District Council offices in Ely – The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely, CB7 4EE.

Cost of Offices = Accommodation figure (£24.2k budgeted for 2017/18) under Corporate Overheads

3. What is the cost of the mayor's office and how do I get contact? Who are his staff and what do they get paid ?

Answer:

The cost for the Mayor's office is included within 'Mayoral Office Costs' (£146.0k budgeted for 2017/18) which can be found here: <http://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/assets/Combined-Authority/Budget-Update-Report-2017-18.pdf>

The Mayor has appointed a Chief of Staff; Mr Tom Hunt, contact details: tom.hunt@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk and a Personal Assistant who is due to begin in December.

Please see following link to the appointment of the Mayor's staff:

<http://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/assets/Combined-Authority/EMPLOYMENT-COMMITTEE-AND-APPOINTMENT-OF-MAYORAL-ADVISED-AND-CHIEF-OF-STAFF.pdf>

We have also set up a 'contact us' email address which is monitored daily by staff. contactus@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk and can be found on our website.

4. I see that the mayor is in charge of the Authority, so how does this justify a CEO? Please explain.

Answer:

As stated above, It is a statutory requirement set out in the Order from Government that the Combined Authority has a directly elected Mayor, and a Head of Paid Service (known as the Chief Executive). Further information can be found at Chapter 1, paragraph 11 within the Combined Authority constitution. <http://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/assets/Combined-Authority/Combined-Authority-Constitution.pdf>

The roles of the Mayor and the CEO are outlined in our constitution; Chapter 2 outlines the role of the mayor and his responsibilities. Chapter 13 outlines the role of the Chief Officers for the Combined Authority.

5.To whom is the Mayor answerable and to whom is the CPCA answerable?

Answer:

As the Mayor is a directly elected position, he is accountable to the electorate of the Combined Authority area every four years through the electoral process.

The members who make up the Board of the Combined Authority are appointed by their constituent councils to which they have been elected by the constituents for their area and are therefore accountable to them every four years through the electoral process.

The Combined Authority was also required by the Order to establish an Overview & Scrutiny Committee and an Audit & Governance Committee to hold the executive to account. Information on these two committees can be found here: <http://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/about-us/committees/>

As much of the funding comes from Central Government, the Government has a stringent frameworks that the Combined Authority must adhere to. These are known as the Assurance Framework and the Monitoring and Evaluation framework.

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]