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**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Freedom of Information request - reference CA164

Thank you for your request for information received on 21 May 2022. The response to your request is given below:

Request

I note that a member of the public has requested details of the Forward Funding Award of £227m made by Homes England to the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority (CAPCA) for the Northern Fringe East Programme, since renamed North East Cambridge Area Action Plan. Under FoI response CA135 CAPCA has confirmed that it does not hold the requested information and that Cambridge City is responsible for the Northern Fringe East Programme (now North East Cambridge Area Action Plan). CAPCA is stated by Homes England to be the relevant grant recipient, as the highest Local Authority and is understood to have been the sponsor. The economic, environmental and property (housing & business), landscapes have all changed significantly since the award was first announced and appear contrary to National Green Belt Policies and the Levelling Up agenda.

Under the Freedom of Information Act please confirm:

- What information CAPCA holds in relation to the £227m Forward Funding Award.*
- The level of involvement of CAPCA in relation to the Forward Funding Award and corresponding Programme*
- The level of oversight as highest Local Authority applied by CAPCA to the funding award of £227m.*
- What Project Gate Reviews have been mandated by CAPCA to take place prior to the main funding release; to protect the public purse and ensure that any funding release is current, appropriate and represents value for money?*

Response

The Forward Funding Award was not made to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) by Homes England. Although the CPCA supported the original bid, the funding award was made direct through a grant determination agreement between Homes England, Cambridge City Council, CWRP Relocation Ltd (Anglian Water), Anglian

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Venture Holdings Ltd and AWG C4 Ltd. The information about the award therefore sits with those parties.

Cambridge City Council has been reporting on the progress of the North East Cambridge Area Action Plan to the CPCA Housing Committee on a non-statutory basis in order to keep the CPCA informed on the project status, it being a major scheme and therefore its progress is of interest to the CPCA. For information, below is a link to the CPCA Housing Committee where all agendas, papers and minutes can be found.

[CMIS > Committees > Housing and Communities Committee](#)

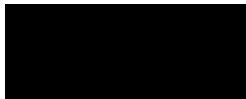
We understand formal scheme reporting should be happening between Homes England and the parties to the Grant determination agreement.

I hope this information is helpful but if you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review, you should write to us via our contact us email address: democratic.services@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk or write a letter to Complaints, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, the Mayor's Office, 72 Market Street, Ely, Cambs CB7 4LS within 40 days of the date of this e-mail.


If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, or via their website: <https://ico.org.uk/>

Generally, the ICO will not undertake a review or make a decision on a request until the internal review process has been completed.

Yours sincerely

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Sue Hall
Governance Assistant

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