



CAMBRIDGESHIRE  
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COMBINED AUTHORITY

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<b>OFFICER DECISION TITLE:</b>
<b>NAME OF OFFICER EXERCISING DELEGATED POWERS:</b> <b>INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE</b>
<b>ENTER DATE OF OFFICER DECISION: 01 June 2017</b>

Responsible Director:	<i>Martin Whiteley, Interim Chief Executive</i>
Does this Public report have any annex that contains exempt information?	NO If yes, specify number of exempt annex (eg Annex 1), the reason for exemption and explain the application of the public interest test
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Decision taken	<i>Please provide an overview of the decision taken.</i>  The Chief Executive/Head of Paid Service agreed to approve a loan payment of £5,000 to Mayor James Palmer to be deducted from the Mayor's allowance once approved by the Board on 28 June.
Authorisation ( <i>delete as appropriate</i> )	This decision has been taken under the Chief Executive's delegated powers 4.6 of Chapter 13 of the Officer Scheme of Delegations and Proper officers of the Constitution which states that the Chief Executive has the power:  <i>To take any action which is required as a matter of urgency in consultation (where practicable) with the Chair of the Combined Authority, the Monitoring Officer and the Chief Finance Officer, and in accordance with the Transparency Rules, Forward Plan and Key Decisions</i>
Background Information	The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Order 2017 (paragraph 8 of the Schedule to the Order) makes provision for an allowance to be paid to the Mayor. This is subject to the Combined Authority having considered a report by an independent remuneration panel established by one or more of the constituent councils under regulation 20 of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003(a) which makes recommendations for such an allowance.



	<p>On 20 March 2017, the Board affirmed the decision of the shadow board to instruct the interim Monitoring Officer to convene an Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP). The panel should be taken from the independent members across the geography of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and should make recommendations to the Combined Authority Board for the remuneration of the elected Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority.</p> <p>As Cambridgeshire County Council was in the process of recruiting a completely new panel, via an open recruitment process aimed at encouraging applicants from a range of backgrounds, the interim Monitoring Officer decided to use this panel to make recommendations to the Combined Authority.</p> <p>The panel undertook its review in April 2017 and it was proposed to present the panel's report to the Combined Authority's annual meeting on 31 May. However, a General election was called and due to the pre election rules, commonly known as the "purdah" rules, the interim Monitoring Officer decided that the report should be delayed until after the General election. The report will be submitted to the Combined Authority Board on 28 June.</p> <p>The Mayor was elected on 4 May. Due to the delay in paying the allowance until after the Board considers the panel's report and decides the allowance, the interim Chief Executive has decided to pay the Mayor a loan of £5,000. The loan will be deducted from the Mayor's allowance once approved by the Board.</p>
<p>Alternative options considered.</p>	<p>The alternative option is to not make any payments to the Mayor until after 28 June. This would cause unnecessary hardship due to factors outside of the control of the Combined Authority or the Mayor.</p> <p>Any payments to Mayor James Palmer by East Cambs District Council in respect of Member basic and special responsibility allowances under that Council's scheme ceased when the Mayor was elected on 4 May.</p>
<p>Consultation</p>	<p><i>List any relevant consultation undertaken in relation to the decision.</i></p> <p>The interim Chief Executive has consulted the Monitoring Officer and Chief Finance Office.</p>
<p>Declarations / Conflicts of Interests (only if the decision falls under the 'Express Authorisation' category)</p>	<p><i>List the names of any member who has been consulted on and declared an interest in relation to the decision.</i></p> <p>None</p>



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Supporting documentation	<i>List any supporting documentation available in relation to this decision (all of this information must be retained for public inspection for a period of at least 4 years – there is no provision for the release of exempt/confidential information).</i>  None
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<b>Officer signature</b>	Martin Whiteley Interim Chief Executive	<b>Date</b> <b>01 June 2017</b>
<b><i>Once signed please pass to Democratic Services and we will arrange publication.</i></b>		