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<b>OFFICER DECISION TITLE:</b> <b>Independent Economic Commission</b>
<b>NAME OF OFFICER EXERCISING DELEGATED POWERS:</b> <b>CHIEF EXECUTIVE</b>
<b>DATE OF OFFICER DECISION: 4 October 2017</b>

Responsible Director:	<i>Martin Whiteley, Chief Executive</i>
Is this a public report? If a key decision, it will be a public report and will be published on the CA website.	This is a non-key decision  This is a public document and available for disclosure
Does the report have any annex that contains exempt information?	NO

Decision taken	<p><i>Please provide an overview of the decision taken.</i></p> <p>The Chief Executive agreed to guarantee additional funding for the Independent Economic Commission.</p> <p>On 28 June 2017 the Combined Authority agreed to support a percentage of the cost of the Independent Commission amounting to £145K for the current financial year. The total costs of the project were to be split amongst the Combined Authority and Cambridge Ahead.</p> <p>Cambridge Ahead, the company which is providing both administrative and financial support to the work of the Economic Commission has contacted the Combined Authority to request some assurance regarding the costs of the work. The LEP are currently unable to fund this project as they cannot access Government funding. The Combined Authority is asked to agree to underwrite these costs.</p> <p>The Combined Authority has agreed to guarantee the funding on the basis that an application will be made to the LEP in accordance with its Assurance Framework requirements for a percentage of the costs once its funding position has been restored.</p>
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	<p>Note on procurement (added 24 October): Although the amount of this funding exceeds the current EU procurement threshold level, the Combined Authority is requested to act urgently to provide this guarantee.</p> <p>Guarantees do not fall within the remit of the procurement rules, however should the guarantee be called upon, this might the issue of whether EU procurement rules are subsequently engaged. This project however is one where the services of Cambridge Ahead comprise only a limited proportion of the costs of the funding provided. The funding is expected to be used to commission various studies and reviews which will make up the work of the Commission. A clause will therefore be included as part of the guarantee that an open and transparent procurement process will be carried out commensurate to the level of spend on each item which comprises the total funding.</p> <p>State aid does not apply as the services to be commissioned from the funding will be procured according to relevant competition.</p>
<p>Authorisation (<i>delete as appropriate</i>)</p>	<p>This decision has been taken under delegated authority of the Chief Executive. The Chief Executive is delegated authority to take decisions up to £500K subject to any such decisions being reported to the next Board meeting of the Combined Authority.</p>
<p>Background Information</p>	<p><i>Give details of background information</i></p> <p>Background information is contained within the report to the Combined Authority Board on 28 June 2017.</p>
<p>Alternative options considered.</p>	<p><i>List alternative options considered and rejected and the reasons for rejection. Do not leave this section blank or put 'None'. There is always an alternative even if it is to do nothing.</i></p> <p>Should the Combined Authority decide not to provide this guarantee the work of the Independent Economic Commission will cease. This work is fundamental to the strategic objectives of the Combined Authority and will enable it to achieve the requirements of the devolution deal signed with Government in June 2016.</p>
<p>Consultation</p>	<p><i>List any relevant consultation undertaken in relation to the decision. For example portfolio holders, other Chief Officers.</i></p> <p>The portfolio holder for economic growth has been consulted and the decision will be reported to the next meeting of the Board as part of the Budget update report.</p>
<p>Declarations / Conflicts of</p>	<p><i>List the names of any member who has been consulted on and declared an</i></p>



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Interests (only if the decision falls under the 'Express Authorisation' category)	<i>interest in relation to the decision.</i>  <i>None</i>
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>  Combined Authority Board meeting report 28 June 2017

<b>Officer signature</b>	Martin Whiteley  (noted detailed legal advice on 24 October)	<b>Date</b> <b>4/10/17</b>
<b><i>Once signed please file in the electronic file Documents/Governance/ office decision notice and enter details in the register. If a public report, pass to Democratic Services and we will arrange publication.</i></b>		