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OFFICER DECISION TITLE: Appoint of Cambridge Connect to Develop Light Rail Proposal
NAME OF OFFICER EXERCISING DELEGATED POWERS: Transport & Infrastructure Director
DATE OF OFFICER DECISION: 18 Oct 2017

Responsible Director:	Keith McWilliams, Transport & Infrastructure
Is this a public report? If a key decision, it will be a public report and will be published on the CA website.	YES
Does the report have any annex that contains exempt information?	YES The fee proposal is commercially sensitive to Cambridge Connect and should be not shared publically. This information is included within Annex 1.

Decision taken	<p><i>Please provide an overview of the decision taken.</i></p> <p>The Chief Executive agreed to appoint Cambridge Connect to undertake the following activities:</p> <p>a) Production of a Scheme Definition Report for the Light-Rail proposal. This will encompass: Setting out key elements of the proposed Cambridge Light-Rail scheme including routes, stops, tunnel requirements, technologies, interchanges, integration with other transport modes. Acting as a more detailed conceptual plan that can be considered as part of the current Mass Rapid Transport feasibility report being undertaken by Steer Davies Gleave (SDG). Form a 'base case' of the Light-Rail proposal which can then be developed further on completion of the SDG study.</p> <p>b) To undertake a critical review of the Light-Rail elements of the current Mass Rapid Transport feasibility report being undertaken by SDG. This review will be undertaken via the Transport and Infrastructure Director rather than through direct engagement between Cambridge Connect and SDG.</p>
Authorisation (<i>delete as appropriate</i>)	<p>This decision has been taken under:</p> <p>The Chief Executive is operating under authority delegated by the Combined Authority Board as set out in the Constitution. The</p>



	<p>Chief Executive has authority to award contracts up to the value of £50,000 provided that any decision made by the Chief Executive is reported at the next Board meeting.</p>
<p>Background Information</p>	<p><i>Give details of background information</i></p> <p>Cambridge Connect is an independent, private sector consultancy aimed at creating an enduring system of rapid and sustainable transit that will help address the transport challenges facing Cambridge, while ensuring that the social and cultural qualities that define the City are maintained and enhanced.</p> <p>The Light-Rail proposal developed by Cambridge connect is strongly supported by the Mayor and is seen as a key component to delivering housing growth along transport corridors.</p> <p>The Combined Authority, in partnership with the Greater Cambridge Partnership, has procured an independent study looking at Mass Rapid Transport for Cambridge and the surrounding travel to work areas. This study is being undertaken by SDG and will conclude in November 2017.</p> <p>The additional study work proposed by Cambridge Connect is separate to this SDG study but provides an opportunity to provide the SDG report with a robust evidence base for Light-Rail. It is important to note that there are two key competing proposals – a bus based solution called Affordable Very Rapid Transport (AVRT) which is being promoted by GCP and the Light-Rail proposal being promoted by the Combined Authority. The AVRT proposal has already been funding by GCP and other bodies and could be considered to be further developed than the Light-Rail proposal. As a result, there are concerns that the lack parity in the development of these two proposals may adversely affect the consideration of the Light-Rail proposal. The additional Cambridge Connect work being requested is intended to provide greater parity between the two proposals.</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>Alternative consultants have not been considered as the current proposal is a development of the work that has already been undertaken by Cambridge Connect. Procuring such work through alternative consultants would lead to delays and would not enable the study to interface effectively with the SDG study. Furthermore, it is likely that additional costs would be incurred as the new consultant validates the work that has already been completed.</p>



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Consultation	<p>List any relevant consultation undertaken in relation to the decision. For example portfolio holders, other Chief Officers.</p> <p>The following have been consulted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• James Palmer, Mayor• Charles Roberts, Transport and Infrastructure Portfolio Holder• Martin Whiteley, CEO• Kim Sawyer, Monitoring Officer and Legal Counsel
Declarations / Conflicts of Interests (only if the decision falls under the 'Express Authorisation' category)	<p>List the names of any member who has been consulted on and declared an interest in relation to the decision.</p> <p>None</p>
Supporting documentation	<p>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).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Letter from Cambridge Connect to the Combined Authority, dated 5th October 2017• Cambridge Light Rail Proposal (Cambridge Connect), dated 25th September 2017. [Superseded but referenced by aforementioned letter]

Officer signature		Date
<p>Once signed please file in the electronic file Documents/Governance/ office decision notice and enter details in the register.</p> <p>If a public report, pass to Democratic Services and we will arrange publication.</p>		

Annex 1 – Information Exempt from Public Report

The fee proposal from Cambridge Connect for the sum of £49,779.00 is considered commercially sensitive and it is recommended that this information is not shared publicly.

As a result, it is also recommended that the commercial information included within the following documents be redacted or withheld from the public:

- Letter from Cambridge Connect to the Combined Authority, dated 5th October 2017
- Cambridge Light Rail Proposal (Cambridge Connect), dated 25th September 2017.
[Superseded but referenced by aforementioned letter]

