

Officer Decision/Mayoral Decision No.: ODN	ODN100/2019
DECISION TITLE: Completion of Memorandum of Understanding For Wisbech Rail study.	
NAME OF OFFICER/MAYOR EXERCISING DELEGATED POWERS: The Chief Executive	
DATE OF OFFICER/ DECISION: 14 February 2019	

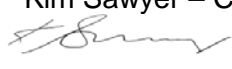
Responsible Director/:	Chris Twigg
Report Author and contact details:	<i>Mike Kelly</i>
Is it a key decision?	NO
Is this a public report? If a key decision, it will be a public report and will be published on the CA website.	NO
KEY DECISIONS ONLY	This section only needs to be completed if the decision is a key decision. Only the Mayor can make key decisions
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Decision taken	<p><i>Please provide the exact details of the decision taken.</i></p> <p>The Chief Executive agrees to</p> <p>(a) The signing of the project instruction Form which will allow for the completion of the MOU confirming Cambridgeshire County Council as the project delivery partner and managers of the Wisbech rail Study.</p>
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<p>Authorisation (<i>delete as appropriate</i>)</p>	<p>When the CPCA Board considered a report on the release of funds for the Wisbech rail project in November 2018</p> <p>It was resolved to - .</p> <p>a) approve the budget of £1,500,000 (£1,300,000 estimated cost and £200,000 contingency for Chief Executive Officer/Chief Finance Officer discretionary release) as a proportion of the £3.25m indicated in March 2018 as part of the potential £6.5m Wisbech Garden Town funding,</p> <p>b) agree to delegate authority to the Transport Director to appoint a supplier to deliver the study as successful tenderer in the current procurement exercise;</p> <p>c) agree to delegate authority to the Transport Director to negotiate with all relevant stakeholders both in regard of the exploration of the rail link and low cost non- heavy rail alternative, in consultation with the Chairman/woman of the Transport Committee.</p> <p>The current Transport Director who would normally be able to sign off the Project instruction holds the post on an interim basis under a secondment agreement. The terms of that agreement do not give the interim postholder authorisation to complete documents or enter into contracts on behalf of the CA. In these circumstances it has become necessary to seek the approval of the CA s chief officer to sign off the Wisbech MOU.</p>
<p>Background Information</p>	<p>The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority CPCA is a Local transport Authority for the Wisbech/ March area and the body tasked with strategic transport planning initiatives for this area.</p> <p>The CPCA and its partners wish to explore further the reopening of the disused rail line between Wisbech and March for primarily public transport to access March and the wider mainline rail network. An accelerated delivery programme is sought, drawing in best practice and challenging traditional major scheme delivery to bring this forward quickly,</p> <p>The focus of this particular work is on the procurement of a study to develop and assess a heavy rail or non-heavy rail solution, and a supporting business case to complement the work already completed at GRIP 2 stage and identify and produce a single option solution.</p> <p>The CPCA wishes to develop a robust case for investment to bring forward improvements to the currently disused line, establish an evidence base and assessment of the options for the establishment of a new station location at Wisbech, a crossing of the A47 and a solution for the level crossings between Wisbech and March.</p>

	<p>In addition it is hoped to establish the viability of a service between Wisbech and March.</p> <p>CCC will be engaged under the MOU as the CPCA delivery partner and accept responsibility for project managing delivery of this project on behalf of the CPCA, within the cost value of £1,500,000.</p> <p>The CPCA retains for its consideration control of the risks and issues as to time cost and quality and will provide instruction on how to proceed.</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><u>Do nothing option:</u></p> <p>The Wisbech rail study is a high priority initiative and a key element of the Mayors transport strategy.</p> <p>As it is identified as a priority project it is not possible to pursue a do-nothing option.</p> <p><u>The risk of a delay in the programme</u></p> <p>The Contractors Mott Mc Donald have already started preliminary work so as to avoid project delay and to achieve a reporting date of late Spring 2019.</p>	
<p>Financial Implications</p>	<p>Please include the total costs and how the project will be funded. Please include budget codes for your directorate</p> <p>A budget for the Wisbech Garden study was identified in a report that went to the CA board in March 2018 That allocated a total of 6.5 million for various studies in this area.</p> <p>A further report to the Board in November 2018 sought a draw down for these studies which was approved as per the resolution above.</p> <p>The total budget for the rail link the station location and passenger analysis is £1,500,000 (£1,300,000 authorised for spend, £200,000 as a contingency requiring additional CEO/CFO authority to spend).</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><i>Name and Date approved (or indicate if not applicable) – N/A as this is expenditure of already approved sums for scope proposed.</i></p>
	<p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>Yes</p>

	<i>Responsible Director/Chief Officer</i>	Yes
	<i>Monitoring Officer</i>	The Monitoring Officer has been consulted given the requirements of the Contract Procedure Rules in relation this variation. Given the circumstances, he agrees that this course of action is necessary
	<i>S151</i>	Noel O'Neill
	<i>Portfolio Holder</i>	N/A
	<i>Other</i>	
Declarations / Conflicts of Interests (only if the decision falls under the 'Express Authorisation' category)	<i>List the names of any member who has been consulted on and declared an interest in relation to the decision.</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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Constitution of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority 2. CPCA Board Report March 2018 ay 2018 3. CPCA Board Report 28 November 2018 	

Officer/Mayor signature	Kim Sawyer – Chief Executive 	Date 14 February 2019
<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>		