



CAMBRIDGESHIRE
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OFFICER DECISION TITLE:

Membership of England's Economic Heartland and Transport East

NAME OF OFFICER EXERCISING DELEGATED POWERS:

Transport Director

DATE OF OFFICER DECISION: 18 June 2018

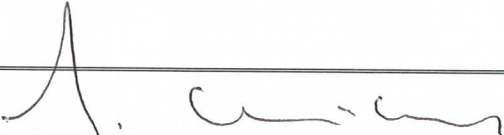
Responsible Director:	Keith McWilliams
Is this a public report? If a key decision, it will be a public report and will be published on the CA website.	Yes
Does the report have any annex that contains exempt information?	No

Decision taken	<p>Following discussions with the Combined Authority Board, the Chief Executive has agreed that the Combined Authority will join both England's Economic Heartland and Transport East on an observer basis. The annual cost of this membership is as follows:</p> <table><tr><td>England's Economic Heartland</td><td>£25,000</td></tr><tr><td>Transport East</td><td>£25,000*</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>£50,000</td></tr></table> <p>*Assumed. Membership costs have not yet been determined by Transport East but are due to be considered at the September Forum.</p>	England's Economic Heartland	£25,000	Transport East	£25,000*	Total	£50,000
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Authorisation (<i>delete as appropriate</i>)	<p>The Chief Executive is operating under authority delegated by the Combined Authority Board as set out in the Constitution. The Chief Executive has authority to approve payments of up to the value of £50,000 provided that any decision made by the Chief Executive is reported at the next Board meeting.</p>						
Background Information	<p>The Cities and Local Government Devolution Act 2016 created regulation to enable the establishment of Sub-National Transport Bodies (STBs) in any area of England outside of London.</p> <p>This provides regions with new powers to transform transport in their areas and supports the Government's drive to deliver economic growth. This recognises the strategic nature of transport and the importance of</p>						

	<p>considering such infrastructure over a much larger geography. DfT consider these STBs to be well placed to advise Transport Ministers on investment priorities within their own areas and on strategic transport schemes that will boost growth. Achieving statutory status also provides these organisations with the permanence they need to plan for the long term.</p> <p>The DfT recognise that the size and shape of these STBs will vary considerably and the emphasis has been on creating flexibility in how these organisations might be created.</p> <p>In this region there are two emerging STBs, neither of which are statutory bodies. These are England's Economic Heartland and Transport East.</p> <p>England's Economic Heartland was established in 2014 and has since grown. It currently covers the geography of Swindon, Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Central Bedfordshire, Bedford Borough, Luton, Northamptonshire; Milton Keynes, Luton and Hertfordshire.</p> <p>Transport East was established in 2017 and includes the geography of Essex, Suffolk and Norfolk.</p> <p>At this time it is unclear how the responsibilities of these emerging STBs and those of the Combined Authority align, overlap or conflict with one another. However, there is clear value to be gained from collaborating over a wider geography on strategic transport matters and in lobbying Government for greater investment in these areas.</p> <p>The geography of the Combined Authority within the wider region is important as it effectively links the geography of England's Economic Heartland and Transport East. Both organisations are, therefore, very keen to extend their membership to include the Combined Authority.</p> <p>Importantly, it is not possible to be a full member of more than one STB. Rather than give preference to one of these bodies it is proposed that the Combined Authority joins both on an observer basis. Depending upon how these bodies develop, the Combined Authority may wish become a full member of one in the future or explore the potential of a larger STB covering both these areas.</p>
Alternative options considered.	Not applicable
Consultation	Chief Executive Mayor
Declarations / Conflicts of Interests (only if the decision falls under the 'Express Authorisation' category)	None
Supporting documentation	None



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Officer signature		Date 5 7 18
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