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OFFICER DECISION TITLE: Financing of Interim Finance Strategic Support Resources
NAME OF OFFICER EXERCISING DELEGATED POWERS: Interim Finance Director / s151 in agreement with the Chief Executive, Officer of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority
DATE OF OFFICER DECISION: 30th March 2018

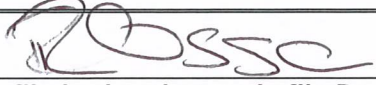
Responsible Director:	Rachel Musson, Interim Finance Director & s151 Officer
Is this a public report? If a key decision, it will be a public report and will be published on the CA website.	NO
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Decision taken	The Interim Finance Director and s151 Officer has contracted with CIPFA Penna for provision of interim Strategic Finance support to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) for the period to 3 rd April to 30 th September 2018.
Authorisation (<i>delete as appropriate</i>)	General authorisation (those decisions delegated to officers as per the Constitution).
Background Information	<p>The Interim Finance Director and s151 Officer identified the need to engage additional senior resource to deliver a range of financial policies and processes which are essential to managing the financial arrangements of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority. The package of duties will be agreed with the resource recruited and is expected to target delivery on creation of an accurate Medium Term Financial Plan, development of Monitoring and Evaluation processes in the context of the wider Assurance Framework process adopted by the Combined Authority, combined with effective support for ongoing projects and programmes delivered by the Combined Authority.</p> <p>The resource agreed with CIPFA Penna is Simon Wasteney CPFA, who offers a broad range of experience of public sector finance support and transformation, working in both the public and private sectors. Simon has recently provided finance support to Peterborough City Council, so has awareness of the Combined Authorities creation and objectives and therefore provides a strong fit to deliver the financial development needs of the Combined Authority.</p> <p>Over the April to September period, based on an average 4 day per week delivery and known periods away for vacation. The charge rate for this is in line with market rates.</p>



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Alternative options considered.	Alternative options include recruitment of a permanent appropriate resource, which was discounted on the basis that the supply of suitable candidates in the marketplace is limited and consequent lead times means that it would be unlikely for a resource to support development in the Combined Authority before July 2018. There was also further work required to establish the ongoing resource requirements of the team. Substantial progress is required in advance of that date, especially considering the interim nature of the Finance Director and s151 Officer and recruitment of permanent roles in the planned revised organisational structure.
Consultation	No
Declarations / Conflicts of Interests (only if the decision falls under the 'Express Authorisation' category)	None
Supporting documentation	None

Officer signature		Date 30/3/18
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