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<b>OFFICER DECISION TITLE:</b> <b>Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Economic Review (CPIER)</b>
<b>NAME OF OFFICER EXERCISING DELEGATED POWERS:</b> <b>Kim Sawyer, Monitoring Officer and Legal Counsel</b>
<b>DATE OF OFFICER DECISION:03/05/18</b>


Responsible Director:	<i>Kim Sawyer, Legal Counsel and Monitoring Officer</i>
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><i>Please provide an overview of the decision taken.</i></p> <p>The Monitoring Officer and Legal Counsel has authorised the expenditure of up to £30,285.00 to Cambridge Ahead in order that work underway to produce the CPIER will proceed to a point where the CA Board will strategically consider the project in May 2018.</p>
Authorisation ( <i>delete as appropriate</i> )	<b>General authorisation</b> (those decisions delegated to officers as per the Constitution)
Background Information	<p>In June 2017 the Combined Authority Board approved the creation of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Commission (CPIEC) in order to provide expert, strategic, and objective advice to inform economic strategy and decision making for the Combined Authority.</p> <p>The June CA Board decision simultaneously launched the first product of the Commission, the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Economic Review (CPIER). This is the most in-depth economic analysis, modelling, public consultation, and engagement exercise ever undertaken for the whole county area. It is the primary route by which the Combined Authority will develop the Local Industrial Strategy, which national policy has called for.</p> <p>The June 2017 Board report approved funding for the first year of the CPIER project, and a report is being brought to the May 2018 CA Board to seek approval for the remaining 18/19 and 19/20 funding. This timing is to deliberately coincide with the publication of the Interim CPIER on 9 May 2018.</p>



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	Therefore there are two months' worth of project costs which are required to continue the work of the CPIER in advance of the May report. This ODN seeks approval of these.
Alternative options considered.	The alternative to this would be to halt the activity of the CPIER project which is not deemed possible from a practical or reputational point of view. Not least because the Combined Authority and the Business Board have expressed an absolute desire to develop a Local Industrial Strategy at the earliest possible possibility.
Consultation	The Monitoring Officer, The Chief Executive, and other officers within the Business and Skills Directorate
Declarations / Conflicts of Interests (only if the decision falls under the 'Express Authorisation' category)	<i>None</i>
Supporting documentation	<i>None</i>

<b>Officer signature</b>		<b>Date</b> <b>03/05/2018</b>
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