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Officer Decision/Mayoral Decision No.:	ODN107/2019
DECISION TITLE: East of England Forecasting Model	
NAME OF OFFICER/MAYOR EXERCISING DELEGATED POWERS: Jon Alsop, Head of Finance	
DATE OF OFFICER DECISION: 9/5/2019	

Responsible Director/Mayor:	Paul Raynes, Director of Delivery and Strategy
Report Author and contact details:	Adrian Cannard, Strategic Planning Manager
Is it a key decision?	NO
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Decision taken	The Director of Delivery and Strategy agreed to the annual contribution to the East of England Forecasting Model for 2018/19 to the sum of £8,000 + VAT
Authorisation (<i>delete as appropriate</i>)	<p>This decision has been taken under:</p> <p>General authorisation (<i>those decisions delegated to officers as per the Constitution</i>):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. As part of the Non-statutory Strategic Spatial Framework approved at Board in June 2018, £30,000 was identified for research and technical evidence.2. Delegation to a Chief Officer as per Chapter 17 paragraph 3.3. in Constitution on award of contracts between £5,000 and £50,000.
Background Information	The East of England Forecasting Model (EEFM) provides economic-based forecasts for population, employment and housing to 2045 across the local authority/Local Economic Partnership areas which are either wholly or partly in the East of England. Forecasts are provided at local authority level, the Business Board area, and the Combined Authority area. It was set up and is owned by the East of England Local Government



	<p>Association (EELGA) and is a vital tool for local authorities, LEPs and other organisations who are planning for the delivery of public services, infrastructure, housing and economic development in their area. The Combined Authority and its partner authorities use the EEFM as a reference forecast alongside the CPIER forecasts for considering its economic, spatial and transport strategies.</p> <p>During the first half of 2018/19 the EEFM model informed early work of the Business Board in its Growth Prospectus. In November the Combined Authority also received the CPIER recommendations, which include economic scenarios to 2050. These takes different assumptions from the EEFM – by having the two perspectives the CPCA is able to see the sensitivities of the various forecasts to different assumptions.</p> <p>The production of EEFM is competitively tendered at regular intervals – it is currently produced by Cambridge Econometrics. It is hosted by Cambridgeshire County Council on their Cambridgeshire Insight web-site (https://cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/EEFM). The model was enhanced in 2017-18 to include forecasts for skills requirements by area to 2045, funded by New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership and the Cambridgeshire Research Group – production of these new forecasts in future years has now been absorbed into the core cost of producing the model on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>The EEFM is conceived as a collectively funded model because it brings both cost savings on forecasts to individual partners, and provides consistency on evidence over time.</p> <p>Contribution to the EEFM for 2018/19 was anticipated as part of £30,000 identified for research and technical evidence in the Non-statutory Strategic Spatial Framework budget approved at Board in June 2018.</p>
<p>Alternative options considered.</p>	<p>(a) Not to make a contribution to EEFM – this was rejected as it would remove the Combined Authority's and the Business Board's access to the EEFM forecasting work. It would also negatively impact on the viability of collectively funding EEFM, with potential additional cost to the partner authorities of CPCA.</p> <p>(b) Tender for a separate model and set of forecasts – this was rejected as EEFM is already competitively tendered by a</p>



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	public sector body, with CPCA benefiting from the economies of scale that would not be achievable through an individual tender.	
Financial Implications	£8,000 + VAT Revenue from 2018/19 Non-statutory Strategic Spatial Framework budget. Budget code: CX0071	
Consultation	List any relevant consultation undertaken in relation to the decision.	Name and Date approved (or indicate if not applicable)
	Chief Executive	N/A
	Responsible Director/Chief Officer	Email confirmation 9/5/2019
	Monitoring Officer	N/A
	S73	Signed this ODN
	Portfolio Holder	N/A
	Other	N/A
Declarations / Conflicts of Interests (only if the decision falls under the 'Express Authorisation' category)	None.	
Supporting documentation	https://cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/EEFM	

Officer	Jon Alsop signature: <i>Section 73 NP on 15/5/19</i>	Date <i>15/5/19</i>
<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>		