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DECISION INFORMATION – to be completed by Project Owner for all Decisions		
1. DECISION TITLE	LSIP – Statement of Support	
2. DECISION No.	ODN317-2021	
3. DECISION DATE	24/05/2021	
4. FORM AUTHOR	Fliss Miller Fliss.miller@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk	
5. DESCRIPTION OF DECISION	Other:	
6. AUTHORITY FOR DECISION	Chief Executive – General – Chapter 17, Paragraph 4.12 4.12 To exercise the general power of competence on behalf of the Combined Authority in the absence of any specific delegation acting in the best interests of the Combined Authority, subject to: (a) consultation with the Monitoring Officer and the Chief Finance Officer; and (b) reporting to the next meeting of the Combined Authority Board on the exercise of that power.	
7. DECISION TYPE	Officer	
8. DECISION OWNER	Chief Executive	
9. KEY DECISION INFORMATION	FORWARD PLAN DATE	Xx/xx/xxxx
	FORWARD PLAN NUMBER	xxx
	DATE OF DECISION	Xx/xx/xxxx
	DATE REPORT PUBLISHED	Xx/xx/xxxxx
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	EXEMPT INFO/ ANNEX	e.g. personal data, commercially sensitive data
DECISION OVERVIEW – to be completed by Project Owner for all Decisions		
10. SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS	<p>For the Combined Authority to issue a statement of support for the Cambridgeshire’s Chamber of Commerce Expression of Interest to become a Local Skills Improvement Plan (LSIP) Trailblazer.</p> <p>The Department for Education is calling for Employer Representative Bodies (ERBs) to lead on the new LSIPs via an EOI process that closes on 25th May at midday. For the Chamber to be able to submit their application they must have a statement of support from the Combined Authority.</p>	
11. PROJECT BACKGROUND	<p>The Skills for Jobs White Paper published in January 2021 set out the Government’s blueprint for reshaping the technical skills system to better support the needs of the local labour market and the wider economy.</p> <p>The Skills Accelerator programme, incorporating LSIP Trailblazers and SDF pilots, is a core part of delivering this vision.</p> <p>Led by ERBs, LSIPs will set out the key changes needed to make technical skills training more responsive to employers’ skills needs within a local area, i.e., within the local economic geography that ERBs identify as most conducive to developing a credible LSIP, reflecting the key drivers of local economies, including skills.</p> <p>LSIPs will be created by employers and providers, with employers setting out a credible and evidence-based assessment of their skills needs, to which providers will be empowered to respond.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>The Skills for Jobs White Paper published in January 2021 set out the Government’s blueprint for reshaping the technical skills system to better support the needs of the local labour market and the wider economy.</p> <p>The Skills Accelerator programme, incorporating LSIP Trailblazers and SDF pilots, is a core part of delivering this vision.</p> <p>Led by ERBs, LSIPs will set out the key changes needed to make technical skills training more responsive to employers’ skills needs within a local area, i.e., within the local economic geography that ERBs identify as most conducive to developing a credible LSIP, reflecting the key drivers of local economies, including skills.</p> </div>	



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The DfE are running a pilot programme until March 2022. They will support 6-8 Trailblazer local areas as part of the pilot programme.

LSIPs will be a new part of the skills infrastructure that will:

- Deliver a clear, credible, evidence-based assessment of priority skills needs aligned to local strategies for inclusive sustainable growth
- Bring together colleges and other providers to reshape provision individually and collectively so that local education and training systems deliver the skills demanded by employers when and where they are needed
- Enable providers to access support in reshaping provision and government to invest with greater confidence that it will deliver good outcomes for employers, learners and the taxpayer

In the longer-term, it is DfE's intention that LSIPs will support and complement the governments reforms to the funding system, which will give providers more autonomy to use government funding to meet the skills needs of local employers, including those articulated in LSIPs.

It is expected that the Skills Advisory Panels will be discontinued at the end of this financial year and that LSIPs will lead the development of the skills plans in the region.

If the EOI is successful it will mean that the current Employment and Skills will be combined to form the LSIP Board.

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The statement of support is attached for reference.

The Combined Authority supports the EOI on the premise that the LSIP will not be given funding powers, nor will devolved powers currently given to MCAs be removed.

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VALUE OF DECISION

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12. FINANCE INFORMATION	BUDGET CODE(S)	e.g. XX0000
	BUDGET DESCRIPTION(S)	n/a
	FUNDING TYPE	n/a
	FUNDING APPROVAL	n/a
	FUNDS AVAILABLE	n/a
	OTHER COMMENTS	n/a
13. PROCUREMENT CONSIDERATIONS	DIRECT AWARD JUSTIFICATION	n/a
	REGULATION RISKS	n/a
	VFM JUSTIFICATION	n/a
14. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS	LEGAL RISKS	<p>This is EOI stage, hence a full application is likely. The guidance states 'In MCA areas, this process will require that LSIPs are accompanied by a statement from the MCA when they are sent to Government for sign-off.'</p> <p>It is anticipated that Government sign-off is at a later stage. Further there is no reference within the guidance to a statement needed at EOI stage however Officers are proceeding with the statement now. As the CPCA is not submitting the EOI, there is no direct legal implication for the CPCA, this is merely confirmation of support.</p>
	CONTRACT/ GRANT INFORMATION	n/a
15. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST/ MITIGATION	n/a	
16. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION	Statement of Support LSIP Prospectus	



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17. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION	n/a	
DECISION APPROVAL/ CONSULTATION- to be completed by consulted officers for all Decisions		
PROCUREMENT	NAME	Saffron Bamforth
	DATE	24.05.2021
	COMMENT	Approved
FINANCE	NAME	Vanessa Ainsworth and Jon Alsop (CFO)
	DATE	24.05.2021
	COMMENT	No financial implications
LEGAL	NAME	Rochelle Tapping
	DATE	24.05.2021
	COMMENT	See above
CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER	NAME	Robert Parkin
	DATE	24.05.2021
	COMMENT	Approved.
OVERALL APPROVAL		
DECISION MAKER	NAME	Kim Sawyer
	DATE	24/05/2021
	COMMENT	Approved