



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE  
& PETERBOROUGH**  
COMBINED AUTHORITY

Officer Decision/Mayoral Decision No.:	ODN154-2019
<b>DECISION TITLE:</b>	
Execution of the Implementation Agreement with Network Rail Infrastructure for the new Soham Railway Station	
<b>NAME OF OFFICER/MAYOR EXERCISING DELEGATED POWERS:</b>	
Dermot Pearson, Interim legal Counsel/Monitoring Officer	
<b>DATE OF OFFICER/MAYORAL DECISION:</b>	
21 October 2019	

Responsible Director/Mayor:	Dermot Pearson, Monitoring Officer
Report Author and contact details:	Dermot Pearson, Monitoring Officer
Is it a key decision?	No [Implements a key decision taken at the meeting of the Combined Authority Board on 24/9/19]
All reports will be published on the CA website. Does your report include exempt or confidential information?	YES
<b>KEY DECISIONS ONLY</b>	<b>This section only needs to be completed if the decision is a key decision. Only the Mayor can make key decisions</b>
Insert forward plan ref number	<b>Key Decision No: xxxxxx</b> The key decision must be on the forward plan for at least 28 days before the decision is made. Please insert reference number from the published forward plan. If it is not in the forward plan, please contact the Governance Team for advice. (Debbie Forde or Anne Gardiner)
Date when Mayor intend to make decision.	<b>xx/xx/xxx</b> Insert date when the Mayor intends to make the decision. The date should be the date it is published on the website. It is your responsibility to ensure it is on the website. The decision cannot be implemented on the date of publication as it is subject to call in. Normally only the Mayor can make a key decision.
Date report published on the website	<b>xx/xx/xxx</b> Send copy of report to Scrutiny Manager for circulation to Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
Implementation Date	<b>xx/xx/xxx</b> Insert the proposed date for implementation. The decision cannot be implemented until 5 clear working days



	after the date the decision was taken and published on the website. The decision is subject to call in during that period, so you need to check with the Scrutiny Manager that it has not been called in at the end of the call in period.
Does the report have any annex that contains exempt information?	<b>YES / NO</b> If yes, specify number of exempt annex (eg Annex 1), the reason for exemption and explain the application of the public interest test. Keep the exempt information separately from this report on the shared drive.

Decision taken	<p><i>Please provide the exact details of the decision taken.</i></p> <p>The Monitoring Officer agreed to:</p> <p>Execute the Implementation Agreement with Network Rail Infrastructure for build out of the new Railway Station at Soham</p>
Authorisation ( <i>delete as appropriate</i> )	<p>This decision has been taken under specific delegation:</p> <p>At its meeting on 25/9/19 the Combined Authority Board considered a report "SOHAM RAIL STATION – DETAILED DESIGN &amp; CONSTRUCTION" and resolved, among other things to:</p> <p><i>Agree in principle the Implementation Agreement for the development and delivery of the single platform for Soham station (Phase 1), and delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer and Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Chair of the Transport Committee to approve this document once finalised</i></p>
Background Information	<p>Give details of background information Give more information about the proposed decision</p> <p>This project will reinstate the railway station at Soham, providing a direct link to Ely. That will bring sustainable transport benefits to the growing market town of Soham and support growth. It has significant public and partner support. The design will provide an attractive approach and setting to the new station, as well as facilitating access. In October 2017 and March 2018, the Combined Authority Board approved a programme of transport projects, including an enabling budget of £1.75 million for Soham Station. In September 2018, the Board approved additional</p>




	<p>funding of £1.7 million to complete the GRIP 3 development phase. The latest cost estimate for the detailed design and construction phase following completion of the GRIP 3 process is £18.6 million. This scheme is the first phase leading in due course to a two-platform solution based on twin-tracking the permanent way between Soham and Ely; on a standalone basis it provides a positive net present value (NPV) and Benefit Cost Ratio (BCR) higher than 1; the modelled NPV and BCR of the full scheme are significantly better. The Combined Authority has now taken on responsibility for the Soham Rail Station project. A Novation Agreement transferring the contractual relationship with Network Rail from the County Council to the Combined Authority has been finalised. This decision implements the approval from the Combined Authority Board to commence detailed design and construction of the Soham Rail Station Phase 1 project by authorising Network Rail (NR) to proceed into GRIP (Governance for Railway Investment Projects) 4 to 8 by executing the Implementation Agreement required to do so.</p>	
<p>Alternative options considered.</p>	<p><i>List alternative options considered and rejected and the reasons for rejection. Do not leave this section blank or put 'None'. There is always an alternative even if it is to do nothing.</i></p> <p>This decision record implements specific delegation granted by the Combined Authority Board.</p>	
<p>Financial Implications</p>	<p><i>Please include the total costs and how the project will be funded. Please include budget codes for your directorate</i></p> <p>At its meeting on 25/9/19 the Combined Authority Board considered a report "SOHAM RAIL STATION – DETAILED DESIGN &amp; CONSTRUCTION" and resolved, among other things, to:</p> <p><i>Approve additional budget of £18,636,899 with a potential termination clause liability of up to a maximum of 10%.</i></p> <p>Budget Code: tbc</p>	
<p>Consultation</p>	<p>The delegation to officers is subject to consultation with the Chair of the Transport &amp; Infrastructure Committee.</p> <p>The Chair has been consulted.</p>	<p>See email of 21/10/19 from Rob Jones to the Mayor and response.</p>



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	Chief Executive	
	Responsible Director/Chief Officer	Paul Raynes, Director of Strategy & Delivery
	Monitoring Officer	Dermot Pearson
	S73	Jon Alsop
	Portfolio Holder	James Palmer, Mayor
	Other	Peter Geach, Legal
Declarations / Conflicts of Interests (only if the decision falls under the 'Express Authorisation' category)	<i>List the names of any member who has been consulted on and declared an interest in relation to the decision.</i>  None	
Supporting documentation	<i>List any supporting documentation available in relation to this decision (all of this information must be retained for public inspection for a period of at least 4 years – there is no provision for the release of exempt/confidential information).</i>  Committee Report at:  <a href="#">Soham Station Report</a>	

Officer/Mayor signature	Dermot Pearson, Monitoring Officer 	Date
<b>Once signed please file in the electronic file Documents/Governance/ office decision notice and enter details in the register.</b> <b>If a public report, pass to Democratic Services and we will arrange publication.</b>		