

**HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

<b>Title/Subject Matter:</b>	Greater Cambridge Partnership – Choices For Better Journeys Consultation
<b>Meeting/Date:</b>	Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Performance and Growth) – 2nd April 2019
<b>Executive Portfolio:</b>	Executive Councillor for Housing, Planning and Economic Development
<b>Report by:</b>	Democratic Services Officer (Scrutiny)
<b>Wards affected:</b>	All

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**Executive Summary:**

The Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) is the local delivery body for 'City Deal' and is a partnership of Cambridge City Council, Cambridgeshire County Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council and the University of Cambridge. It has launched a consultation titled '[Choices for Better Journeys](#)'. The GCP wants feedback on: the new public transport network for Greater Cambridge and beyond; ways to fund the public transport network and reducing congestion in order to improve air quality.

The relevance to Huntingdonshire is that there are a significant number of residents who commute to Cambridge each day. Added to that, there are residents who travel to Cambridge in order to enjoy the retail and recreational offering. Any change to public transport network would impact on these residents.

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Economic Review also reiterated that a large part of Huntingdonshire, including St Neots, Huntingdon and St Ives, are part of the Greater Cambridge Sub-Economy. Journeys from, as well as to, Cambridge will become increasingly important.

The proposals include improved bus services, investment in cycling and walking, and the development of the Cambridgeshire Autonomous Metro (CAM).

GCP asked for views on this consultation by the 31st March 2019, but as the documents make clear this consultation is part of 'continuing our big conversation'.

**Recommendation:**

That the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Performance and Growth) reviews the 'Choices For Better Journeys' consultation document and makes comment on the views that the District Council should make as part of this continuing conversation.