

COMMENTS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (PERFORMANCE AND GROWTH)

ENGLAND'S ECONOMIC HEARTLANDS CONSULTATION RESPONSE

- 4.1 The Panel received the report on the Council's response to the England's Economic Heartlands Consultation at its meeting on 16th September 2020.
- 4.2 Councillor Cooper-Marsh asked about the East West Rail project, but Members were reminded that that whilst England's Economic Heartlands would like oversight on East West Rail, it is not the lead authority and is a consultee. The East West Rail consortium lead on that project.
- 4.3 Councillor Wells would like the response to emphasise that the Huntingdonshire section of the Cambridgeshire Autonomous Metro (CAM) should be given priority. In response, the Panel was informed that the Combined Authority are currently reviewing CAM as a whole project and that the Deputy Leader continues to emphasise the need for the prioritisation of the Huntingdonshire section.
- 4.4 Concern was raised, by Councillor Gardener, regarding HGVs using minor routes as short cuts and wanted reassurance that the response would emphasise a need for official routes for HGVs. In response, it was noted that the consultation as a whole takes a strategic look across the Cam-Ox corridor and that particular incidents of HGVs using minor routes, particularly through villages, should be taken up with the relevant Highway Authority.