



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

PAUL BRISTOW MAYOR
OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH

Reports from Constituent Council Representatives on the Combined Authority

The following meetings have taken place in June 2026

Combined Authority Board, AGM, 3 June 2026

Councillor: [REDACTED]

Decision Summary Link: [Combined Authority Board, AGM \(June\)](#)

Combined Authority Board, Ordinary, 3 June 2026

Councillor: [REDACTED]

Decision Summary Link: [Combined Authority Board, Ordinary \(June\)](#)

Skills Committee, 15 June 2026

Councillor: [REDACTED]

Decision Summary Link: [Skills Committee \(June\)](#)

Staffing Committee, 15 June 2026

Councillor: [REDACTED]

Decision Summary Link: [Staffing Committee \(June\)](#)

Transport Committee, 17 June 2026

Councillor: [REDACTED]

Decision Summary Link: [Transport Committee \(June\)](#)

Funding Committee, 22 June 2026

Councillor: [REDACTED]

Decision Summary Link: [Funding Committee \(June\)](#)

Growth Committee, 23 June 2026

Councillor: [REDACTED]

Decision Summary Link: [Growth Committee \(June\)](#)

Staffing Committee, 24 June 2026

Councillor: [REDACTED]

Decision Summary Link: [Staffing Committee \(June\)](#)

Audit and Governance Committee, 25 June 2026

Councillor: [REDACTED]

Decision Summary Link: [Audit and Governance Committee \(June\)](#)

Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 30 June 2026

Councillor: [REDACTED]

Decision Summary Link: [Overview and Scrutiny Committee \(June\)](#)



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1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Shabina Qayyum (with Councillor Mohammed Jamil substituting) and from Shaun Grady.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 18 March 2026 were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Mayor. The action log was noted.

3. Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

5. Appointment of the Deputy Mayor(s)

The Mayor announced the appointment of Councillor Anna Bailey as Statutory Deputy Mayor.

6. Membership of the Combined Authority

It was resolved to:

- A Note the Members and substitute Members appointed by constituent councils to the Combined Authority for the municipal year 2026-27 (Appendix A)
- B Confirm that the following bodies continue to be given co-opted member status for the municipal year 2026-27:
 - i. The Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire.
 - ii. Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority.
 - iii. Central East Integrated Care Board.
- C Note the named representative and substitute representative for each organisation as set out in the report.
- D Agree that any late notifications of appointments to the Monitoring Officer shall take immediate effect.

7. Appointments to Thematic Committees, including the appointment of Chairs.

It was resolved to:

- A Note and agree the Mayor's nominations to Chairs of committees for 2026-27
- B Note the Committee Members and substitute Members appointed by constituent councils to the Combined Authority's thematic committees for the municipal year 2026-27.

- C Note and agree the Membership for the Funding Committee for 2026-27
- D Note that Audit and Governance members and Overview & Scrutiny members can attend Funding Committee as observers.
- E Note and agree the Membership for the Staffing Committee for 2026/27.

8. Appointment of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

It was resolved to:

- A Confirm that the size of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee should be 14 members; two members from each constituent council and two substitute members for the municipal year 2026-27.
- B Agree the political balance on the committee as set out in Appendix A.
- C Confirm the appointment of the Member and substitute Member nominated by constituent councils to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the municipal year 2026-27 as set out in Appendix B.

9. Appointment of the Audit and Governance Committee

It was resolved to:

- A Confirm that the size of the Audit and Governance Committee should be nine members; one member and one substitute from each Constituent Council and two independent persons.
- B Agree the political balance on the committee as set out in Appendix A.
- C Confirm the appointment of the Member and substitute Member nominated by constituent councils to the Committee for the municipal year 2026-27 as set out in Appendix B.
- D Appoint the Independent Person, Mr Rhys Jarvis as Chair for the municipal year 2026/27.

10. Appointments to Outside Bodies

It was resolved to:

- A Confirm the existing appointments to outside bodies outlined in para 2.1 and 2.2.
- B Appoint the Executive Director, Place and Economy, to the vacant director position on the board of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Business Growth Company Ltd.
- C Note the log of officer appointments.

11. Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report

It was resolved to:

- A Note the Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

12. Audit and Governance Annual Report

It was resolved to:

- A Note the Annual Report of the Audit and Governance Committee for 2025/26.

13. Member Attendance Statistics

It was resolved to:

A Note the Member Attendance Statistics for 2025/26

14. Member Development Annual Report

It was resolved to:

A To note the Member Development sessions held in 2025/26

15. Calendar of Meetings

It was resolved to:

A Note the approved calendar of meetings for the 2026/27 Municipal Year.

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2. Declaration of Interests

There were no declaration of interests made.

3. Public Questions

One public question was received. The question is published [here](#).

4. Petitions

No petitions were received.

5. Forward Plan

It was resolved to:

- A Approve the Forward Plan for June 2026

6. Chief Executive Highlights Report

It was resolved to:

- A Note the content of this report

7. State of the Region

It was resolved to:

- A Note the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough State of the Region Review in Q1 2026/27, forming the Combined Authority's evidence base to support investment decisions, business case development, policy and strategy-making.
- B Note and comment on plans to disseminate the report and further develop the report and data portal.
- C Note and comment on the Authority's national and pan-regional data leadership activity.

8. English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act Update

It was resolved to:

- A Note the update on key aspects of the English Devolution & Community

Empowerment Act that are relevant to the Combined Authority.

- B Note the update on wider legislation relevant to increased Devolution and the Combined Authority.
- C Note current work underway to apply for Established Mayoral Strategic Authority status and the intention for Board approval to be sought in July 2026.

9. Updates to the Constitution

It was resolved to:

- A Approve the changes to the Constitution as proposed.

10. Draft Outturn Budget Monitoring Report 2025/26 [KD2026/034]

It was resolved to:

- A Note the unaudited draft outturn position of the Combined Authority for the 2025/26 financial year.
- B Approve the carry-forward requests from 2025/26 to be profiled across the Medium-Term as set out in the report, paragraphs 3.9 and 4.11.

11. Update from Business Board

It was resolved to:

- A Note the summary report from the Business Board meeting held on 13 May 2026

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1 Apologies for Absence

None.

2 Declaration of Interests

Councillor M Davey declared an interest by virtue of his role as a Director of Cambridgeshire United Football Club.

3 Appointment of Vice-Chair

On being proposed by Cllr L Nethsingha and seconded by Cllr E Murphy, Cllr E Wilson was unanimously appointed as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

4 Minutes of the previous meeting

Subject to the inclusion of Councillor M Goldsack in the list of apologies, the Minutes of the meeting held on 9th March 2026 were approved as an accurate record.

The Action Log was noted by the Committee.

5 Public Questions

One public question was received. The question and response is published [here](#).

6 Forward Plan

RESOLVED:

A. To note the CPCA's Forward Plan.

7 Director's Highlight Report

RESOLVED:

A. To note the contents of the report.

8 Youth Guarantee Trailblazer Year One - Interim Evaluation Report

RESOLVED:

- A. To note the interim independent evaluation report produced by the Learning and Work Institute, outlining early findings from year one of the CPCA Youth Guarantee Trailblazer Programme to inform year 2.

9 Adult Skills Review 2024/25 and future planning

RESOLVED to: (Unanimous)

- A. Note the findings of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CA Adult Skills Funding Review 2024/25.
- B. Endorse the overall assessment and strategic direction set out in the report and recommended its approval to the Combined Authority Board. In particular there is a need for sharper prioritisation, stronger focus on progression and outcomes and more deliberate alignment with economic growth priorities.
- C. Recommend that the Combined Authority Board agrees that the findings of the review are used to inform and shape future commissioning, performance management and strategic planning for adult skills in the period 2026-29.

10 Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Local Skills Improvement Plan, Submission and Transition to Delivery

RESOLVED to:

- A. Note that the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Local Skills Improvement Plan (LSIP) 2026–2029 has now been submitted to Skills England and is pending approval by the Secretary of State. This is expected in June/July 2026.
- B. Note the transition from LSIP development to implementation, including the agreed governance and delivery approach.
- C. Endorse the proposed role of the Skills Board in stewarding the LSIP through a Priority Sponsor model, ensuring continued employer-led oversight and system leadership.

11 Skills Bootcamps

RESOLVED to: (Unanimous)

- A. Note that Skills Bootcamp funding for 2026/27 is now devolved to the Combined Authority and forms part of the consolidated Adult Skills Fund.
- B. Recommend that the Combined Authority Board approves the utilisation of £2m, of the total £13.4m 2026/27 Adult Skills allocation, to deliver Skills Bootcamps in 2026/27 (including Wave 6 extensions and Wave 7 provision).
- C. Recommend that the Combined Authority Board delegates authority to the Executive Director of Place and Economy working with the Assistant Director for Skills and Employment, in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer, to:
 - (i) Extend and vary existing Wave 6 contracts where appropriate, in

accordance with contract provisions and funding conditions;

- (ii) Enter into grant funding agreements and contracts for the delivery of Skills Bootcamps within the approved budget allocation;
- (iii) Undertake a relevant procurement exercise and subsequently award and enter into contracts with the successful bidders.

12 Post 16 Capacity Skills Capital Funding

RESOLVED to:

- A. Note the development of the Full Business Case for the Post-16 Capacity and Construction Skills Capital Programme ahead of submission through the Combined Authority's Single Assurance Framework (SAF).
- B. Provide feedback and commentary, including any questions or suggestions, to inform ongoing programme design and delivery.

13 Thematic Committees: Review of Terms of Reference

RESOLVED to: (Unanimous)

- A. Review and comment on proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference as shown in Appendix A.
- B. Recommend to the Combined Authority Board that the revisions are accepted and incorporated in to the Combined Authority's Constitution.

14 Budget & Performance Report

RESOLVED to:

- A. Note the financial position of the Skills Division for the financial year 2025/26 to March 2026.

15 Skills Board Update

RESOLVED to:

- A. Receive the Action Sheets of the meetings of the Skills Board held on 27th April and 18th May 2026.

16 Work Programme

RESOLVED to:

- A. Note the Committee's Work Programme.

17 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 14 September 2026 at 10am in the

CPCA Meeting Room, Pathfinder House, Huntingdon PE29 3TN.

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1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Brian Milnes, no substitute, Cllr Sarah Conboy, substituted by Councillor Lara Davenport-Ray and Cllr Hemraj, substituted by Councillor Angus Ellis.

2 Declaration of Interests

There were no declaration of interests made.

3 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 16th February 2026 were approved as an accurate record.

4 Report on increase to HMRC approved mileage rates

The Committee approved the uplift to current mileage rates to reflect the new HMRC approved rates.

5 Exclusion of the Press and Public

It was resolved that the press and public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that the next report contains exempt information under Part 1 of Schedule 12A the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, and that it would not be in the public interest for this information to be disclosed. The public interest in maintaining the exemption must be deemed to outweigh the public interest in its publication.

6 Shortlisting for the Role Executive Director for Transport

The Committee received the report from the AD Human Resources

RESOLVED

Recommend the shortlisting of 4 candidates to go forward to interview for the role of Executive Director for Transport.

7 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 24th June at 10am. The meeting venue is CPCA

Meeting Room, Pathfinder House.

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1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Brian Milnes, with Councillor Mark Lunn attending as substitute.

2 Declaration of Interests

Councillor Chris Seaton declared an interest as he was a trustee of FACT Community Transport and Chair of Hereward Community Partnership. Councillor Chris Boden declared an interest as he was a trustee of FACT Community Transport.

3 Election of Vice-Chair

On being proposed by Councillor Chris Boden and seconded by Councillor Chris Seaton it was resolved unanimously to elect Councillor Alex Beckett as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

4 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 4 March 2026 were approved as an accurate record. The action log was noted by the Committee.

5 Public Questions

Eight public questions were received in advance of the meeting. The questions are published [here](#).

6 Forward Plan

It was resolved to:

- A Note the Forward Plan for June

7 Director's Highlight Report

It was resolved to:

- A Note the contents of the report.

8 Development Funding For Bus Services

It was resolved to:

- A Recommend to the CA Board to approve the allocated spend of proposed Section 106 developer funds, with delegated authority to the Assistant Director of Public Transport in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and

Monitoring Officer, subject to further detailed design of service improvements and enhancements.

- B Recommend to the CA Board to approve the award to Stagecoach East with a grant funding agreement (GFA) to maintain the socially necessary route, the Cambridge – Northstowe Citi 5 service, via S106 funding, subject to the successful completion of a subsidy control assessment by the Assistant Director of Public Transport.
- C Recommend to the CA Board to approve the allocated spend of S106 funds within Northstowe and Sawtry, when it relates to ongoing community transport projects with delegated authority to the Assistant Director of Public Transport in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer to enter into grant funding agreements.
- D Note the follow-on work and detailed design of available developer funding into the Network Reimagining project and the future pipeline of CPCA S106 detailed in 'caseload four' in s.3.2.

9 Management of the Local Transport Delivery Plan and Wider Capital (Transport) Programme

It was resolved to:

- A Note the progress made since approval of the Local Transport Delivery Plan (LTDP) in March 2026.
- B Note the arrangements being established to monitor and report delivery of the LTDP against the Department for Transport's Local Transport Outcomes Framework and associated funding requirements.
- C Note that six-monthly performance and monitoring updates will be brought to the Transport Committee, aligned where possible with wider corporate reporting arrangements.
- D Note the commencement of the Major Capital Programme Review and the proposed approach to reviewing and prioritising the existing programme.

10 Greater Cambridge Transport Strategy

It was resolved to:

- A Note progress to date on the Greater Cambridge Transport Strategy (GCTS) and the planned route to formal approval in November 2026, in accordance with the agreed Statement of Intent
- B Recommend to the Combined Authority Board to approve the accompanying interim technical report prepared by Steer as the agreed interim strategic position for the emerging GCTS, recognising that further work will be required in the lead-up to completion in November 2026 (Appendix B).

11 Transport Strategy Update

It was resolved to:

- A Note progress to date on the Transport Strategy workstream.
- B Note and provide comment on the Draft Freight Strategy scope.

12 Community Transport Review

It was resolved to:

- A Note the programme plan based on the findings of the commissioned review of community transport and progress to date on individual projects, including disbursement of S106 funding for appropriate projects,
- B Recommend to the Combined Authority Board to continuing to support the local Dial a Ride and Volunteer Car Schemes arrangement through an annual grant funded agreement, and to delegate authority to the Executive Director Transport (including the Interim Executive Director Transport), in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer to enter in the grant funded agreements as detailed in Appendix B: CT Schemes by Parish, and such other agreements as required.
- C Recommend to the Combined Authority Board not to expand the provision of Taxi Voucher provision for which the CPCA has inherited responsibility (the South Cambridgeshire Scheme) and to continue with the current arrangements (subject to means testing of all existing members in 27/28 with no new applications being accepted) and to delegate authority to the Executive Director, Transport (including the Interim Executive Director, Transport) to enter into these agreements on an annual basis, in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer

13 Bus Network Reimagined Project - Update

It was resolved to:

- A Note the progress of the Bus Network Reimagined Project and the emerging network proposals developed as part of the review of supported bus services across the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority area.
- B Note the stakeholder engagement activity undertaken to date, including engagement with neighbouring local authorities, operators and local stakeholders.
- C Note the next stages of work, including ongoing consultation, further affordability assessment and continued development of the proposed network changes.

14 Update on Transport Focus' 2025 Your Bus Journey Survey

It was resolved to:

- A Note the key findings from Transport Focus' 2025 Your Bus Journey Survey, the related improvements being introduced across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough for bus users, and the approach to monitoring through Corporate Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).

15 Budget and Performance Report

It was resolved to:

- A Note the outturn financial position of the Transport division for the financial year 25/26 and Board approved carry-forwards.
- B Note the Transport division budget for the next 4 years updated for approved carry-forwards.

16 Work Programme

It was resolved to:

- A Note the Transport Committee Work Programme.

17 Exclusion of the Press and Public

It was resolved that the press and public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that the next item contains exempt information under Part 1 of Schedule 12A the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, and that it would not be in the public interest for this information to be disclosed.

18 Bus Franchising: Independent Review into Bus Franchising Implementation Pathways, Strategic Delivery Plan and Next Steps

It was resolved to:

- A Note the Mayor's Independent Review into Implementation Pathways for the CPCA Bus Franchising Scheme and the recommendations set out in the report.
- B In response to the findings of the Independent Review, officers have produced a Strategic Delivery Plan (SDP) to address the key concerns identified. Members are asked to note the plan and provide any feedback or comments.
- C Note the additional work to be undertaken in regard to the development of the SDP (further consultation on Service Permits and changes to the original outline business case).
- D Recommend to the Combined Authority Board to delegate authority to the Assistant Director Public Transport in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer to procure and enter into contracts for consultant and contractor services required to support bus franchising implementation, including works associated with the development of the Peterborough bus depot

19 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 9 September 2026.

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3 Election of Vice-Chair

RESOLVED: (Unanimous)

That Cllr Keith Horgan be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

4 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes from the meeting held on 5 January 2026 were approved as an accurate record.

5 CPCA Committees: Review of Terms of Reference

RESOLVED:

A To review and comment on proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference as shown in Appendix A.

B To recommend to the Combined Authority Board that the revisions are accepted and incorporated into the Combined Authority's Constitution.

6 Single Assurance Framework Business Case Approvals: Officer Decisions

RESOLVED:

A To note the Officer Decisions for projects under the Single Assurance Framework delegation from Funding Panels held on 03 March, 15 April, and 02 June 2026.

7 Single Assurance Framework Business Case Approvals: Funding Committee Decisions

RESOLVED: (Unanimous)

A To recommend to the Combined Authority Board the approval of the Business Case for delivery of the Skills Capital Programme (Post-16 Capacity) to March 2030 and totalling £15,143,069 - noting that the individual projects will return for approval as part of the programme.

8 Project Progress Report

RESOLVED

A To note the project progress report including the Strategic Projects Dashboard and Portfolio Dashboard.

9 Work Programme

RESOLVED:

- A. To note the Work Programme.

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3 Election of Vice-Chair

RESOLVED:

A. That Cllr Hathorn be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

4 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 11 March 2026 were approved as an accurate record.

The Action Log was noted by the Committee.

7 Director's Highlight Report

RESOLVED:

A To note the content of the report.

8 Spatial Development Strategy (SDS) - KD2025/078

RESOLVED:

A To recommend that, ***taking into account the comments made by the Committee and as approved by the Chair***, the Combined Authority Board approve the Statement of Intent for the preparation of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Plan (the Spatial Development Strategy).

*text in **bold** denotes additional wording to the recommendation.

9 Local Growth Plan

RESOLVED:

A To note the update and next steps on the Local Growth Plan.

10 Strategic Place Partnership (SPP) Update

RESOLVED:

A To note the progress in the first year of the Strategic Place Partnership (SPP) work with Homes England to undertake significant work to drive forward the delivery of homes across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to meet Government Housing targets and those of the Local Growth Plan.

B To note the findings from Volterra on the work to date covering North Huntingdon and the recommendation to work to establish a growth board or task force for future phases of work

C To note the work completed on a SPP business plan and one year delivery plan noting the proposed focus in 2026/27 on

- Pipeline Development (triage and prioritisation)

- Pipeline delivery and performance management- key projects- this will build on the place-based work completed to date.
 - Affordable housing delivery
 - Communication and partnership
- D To recommend to the Combined Authority Board that CPCA forms and joins the Peterborough City Centre Growth Board and that the Executive Director of Place and Economy be delegated to finalise the Terms of Reference and the arrangements for CPCA 's participation in the Board in consultation with the Monitoring Officer, Chair of Growth Committee and the Mayor
- E To recommend to the Combined Authority Board to agree the conclusions of the SPP Board meeting in April for the revenue funding (RDEL) from Homes England for 2026/27 to be allocated to the key projects as below based on the Homes England funding assessment process to support projects relating to (in priority order):
- Peterborough –next steps for the development framework and delivery models for the city centre regeneration overseen by the Growth Board
 - Further work linked to North Huntingdon opportunity zone specifically around RAF Wyton and the A141 and Alconbury Station
 - Brownfield land opportunities (which is subject to a separate paper at the committee) • Next steps for Fenland Triangle which will be advised by a roundtable
- F To recommend that the Combined Authority Board delegates authority to the Executive Director for Economy and Place in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer to procure activity and enter contracts in line with the terms of the Homes England funding, in consultation with the CPCA SPP board representatives (Mayor and Chair of Growth Committee) to utilise the 2026/27 RDEL fund.

11 Local Nature Recovery Strategy Delivery Plan

RESOLVED:

- A To recommend to the Combined Authority Board to approve the Local Nature Recovery Strategy Delivery Plan.

12 Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Destination Management Plan (DMP)

RESOLVED:

- A To note that Cambridgeshire and Peterborough's LVEP application was approved by Visit England in May 2026. This means our region can access to the national LVEP Growth Programme and emerging Department for Culture Media and Sports (DCMS) 'Visitor Economy Growth Strategy'.
- B To note and comment on progress to develop a Destination Management Plan (DMP), which is a condition of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough receiving Local Visitor Economy Partnership (LVEP) accreditation.
- C To note progress and comment on the themes of the Regional Visitor Brand and Narrative for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, to ensure it is fit for purpose in strengthening the region's identity, enhancing visitor appeal, and supporting delivery of DMP priorities.
- D To provide feedback on the implementation plans, with the aim that the DMP and Regional Brand and Narrative function as effective strategic tools for driving sustainable investment, innovation, employment growth, and civic pride, consistent with local priorities and VisitEngland guidance.
- E ***To recommend to the CA Board that the LVEP Board reports into the Growth Committee.***

- F ***To establish a working group with members of the Growth Committee to help shape the LVEP Terms of Reference.***

*Text in **bold** denotes additional recommendations.

13 **Brownfield Housing Fund**

RESOLVED:

- A To note the allocation of £26.1m capital funding to the Combined Authority, subject to agreeing and signing the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG), to deliver a minimum of 870 new home starts on brownfield sites by 2031
- B To recommend to the Combined Authority Board Delegated Authority to the Executive Director of Place and Economy, in consultation with the Section 73 Officer and Monitoring officer, to finalise and sign the MOU on behalf of the Combined Authority once agreed with MHCLG
- C To recommend to the Combined Authority Board to note the ~~request to MHCLG officials~~ to release of revenue funding to enable to delivery of this capital fund while noting the staffing resources to mobilise and programme manage the Brownfield Housing Fund capital allocation. Further details will be provided to Committee and Board in the full breakdown of exact amount to be determined in the Outline Programme Business Case.
- D To note the proposed initial approach to utilising the joint Strategic Place Partnership (SPP) prioritised pipeline of Brownfield housing sites, development of the programme delivery plan and bring forward the Programme Business Case through Single Assurance Framework (SAF) process, in July.

~~Text~~ in bold denotes a change to the recommendation

14 **Budget and Performance Report**

RESOLVED:

- A To note the outturn financial position of the Growth Committee's budgets for the financial year 25/26 and Board approved carry-forwards.
- B To note the Growth Committee's budgets for the next 4 years updated for approved carry-forward

15 **Work Programme**

RESOLVED

- A To note the Work Programme

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1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Conboy substituted by Cllr Davenport Ray, Cllr Qayyum substituted by Cllr Hemraj and Cllr Milnes.

2 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 15th June 2026 were approved as an accurate record.

3 Declaration of Interests

There were no declaration of interests made.

4 Exclusion of the Press and Public

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5 Interviews for Director of Transport

The Committee agreed to appoint the preferred candidate for the role of Director for Transport and to recommend that the CA Board note the appointment on the 15th July 2026.

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Audit and Governance Committee: Decision Summary

Meeting: Thursday, 25 June 2026

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1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Mark Inskip with Councillor Christine Whelan substituting and Councillor Gary Inskip.

2 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest made.

3 Chair's Announcements

The Chair welcomed new and returning members of the Committee to the first meeting of the municipal year.

4 Appointment of Vice-Chair

On being proposed and seconded Councillor Paul Hodgson-Jones was appointed as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

5 Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2026 were approved as an accurate record.

The Action Log was noted by the Committee, together with progress made against the actions identified within the Review of Effectiveness.

6 Exclusion of the Press and Public

It was resolved that the press and public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that the next item contains exempt information under Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, and that it would not be in the public interest for this to be disclosed.

7 Bus Franchising: Independent Review into Bus Franchising Implementation Pathways, Strategic Delivery Plan and Next Steps

The Committee:

- A. Noted the Mayor's Independent Review into Implementation Pathways for the CPCA Bus Franchising Scheme and the recommendations set out in the report.
- B. In response to the findings of the Independent Review, officers have produced a Strategic Delivery Plan (SDP) to address the key concerns identified. Members noted the plan and provided feedback and comments.

- C. Noted the additional work to be undertaken in regard to the Strategic Delivery Plan (further consultation on Service Permits and changes to the original outline business case).

8 Re-Admittance of Press and Public

It was resolved to re-admit the press and public.

9 Audit and Governance Committee - Review of Terms of Reference

It was resolved to:

- A. review the updated Terms of Reference as set out at Appendix A and recommended their approval to the Board.

10 CPCA Update

The Executive Director for Resources provided an update on recent CPCA activities.

11 Monitoring Officer Update on the Administration of the Ethical Framework, including the Code of Conduct and Gifts and Hospitality and Ombudsman's Annual Review Letter

It was resolved to:

- A. Note the update from the Monitoring Officer and the details of Code of Conduct complaints dealt with during the period 1 June 2025 to 31 May 2026.
- B. Make comments and recommendations to the Monitoring Officer regarding the administration of the ethical framework as required.
- C. Recommend to the Combined Authority Board that the updates to Chapter 16 of the CPCA Constitution and the Code of Conduct at Appendix A and B be adopted into the Constitution.
- D. **Subject to the proposed level at which gifts and hospitality should be registered remaining at £50**, approve the updated Gifts and Hospitality Policy for the Mayor, Elected Members and Co-Opted Members at Appendix E and make recommendations as appropriate to the Combined Authority Board on any consequent changes to the Constitution.
- E. Consider and note the letter received from the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman.

12 Updates to the Constitution

The Committee noted the recent changes to the Constitution as a result of the enactment of the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026 and agreed to reconvene the Constitution Working Group to consider further updates to the Constitution.

13 2025/26 Treasury Management Outturn Report

The Committee reviewed and noted the actual performance for the year to 31 March 2026 against the adopted prudential and treasury indicators.

14 Draft Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement 2025/26

The Committee noted the draft Annual Governance Statement 2025/26 and the draft Statement of Accounts 2025/26.

15 External Audit - 2025/26 Provisional Audit Planning Report

The Committee noted the External Audit – Provisional Audit Planning Report 2025/26.

16a Internal Audit - Progress Report

The Committee noted the Internal Auditor's progress report.

16b Internal Audit - Draft Annual Internal Report 2025/26

The Committee noted the draft Annual Report and Internal Audit Opinion.

16c Internal Audit Strategy 2026/27 - 2028/29, including the 2026/27 Internal Audit Plan

It was resolved to:

- A. approve the Internal Audit Plan and the associated Internal Audit Charter.

17 Internal Audit Action Tracker Report

The Committee noted and endorsed progress on the implementation of internal audit actions.

18 Procurement and Grant Update

The Committee considered and noted the contents of the report.

19 Standing Items - Updates and Comments

The Committee received an update on Fraud Prevention and Local Government Reorganisation.

There were no Health and Safety Updates to report.

(The Committee update covering Fraud was undertaken in Exempt Session).

20 Work Programme

The Committee noted the draft work programme for the 2026/27 municipal year. It was suggested that the Spatial Development Strategy be included as a potential area for inclusion.

21 Date of Next Meeting

The Committee noted that their next meeting was scheduled for 10am on Thursday 10th September 2026 at Pathfinder House, Huntingdon.

22 Exclusion of Press and Public

It was resolved that the press and public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that the next item of business contains exempt information under Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended and that it would not be in the public interest for this to be disclosed.

23 Corporate Risk Register and Deep Dive

(At this point, the meeting had become inquorate. The remaining business was therefore noted for discussion only, with no decisions taken).

The Committee noted the Corporate Risk Register, Dashboard and Heatmap for May 2026 (Appendices A-C).

The deep dive into Peterborough Station Quarter (PSQ), unable to deliver to time / cost, was deferred to a future meeting.

(The discussion on the Deep Dive was undertaken in Exempt Session).

24 Future Provision of Internal Audit

Members considered and commented upon the proposal to secure new internal audit services as outlined within the report.

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1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Woollard, substituted by Cllr Foice-Beard.
Apologies were also received from Cllr Clough.

2 Declaration of Interests

There were no declaration of interests made.

3 Election of Chair

Cllr Van De Weyer was elected Chair for the municipal year 26/27.

4 Election of Vice Chair

Cllr Neish was elected Vice Chair for the municipal year 26/27.

5 Public Questions

One public question was received. The question is published [here](#).

6 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 3 March 2026 were approved as an accurate record.

The Action Log was noted by the Committee.

7 Appointment of Scrutiny Lead Members

Cllr Neish was agreed as the scrutiny lead member for Transport Committee.

Cllr Vellacott was agreed as the scrutiny lead member for Growth Committee.

Cllr Cahn was agreed as the scrutiny lead member for Skills Committee.

8 O&S Work Programme

The Committee noted the draft work programme for the municipal year 2026/27.

The Committee agreed the terms of reference for the Interim Outcomes Framework Working Group which included the appointment of members to sit on the working group.

The Committee also agreed the terms of reference for the Budget Working Group which included the appointment of members to sit on the working group.

The Committee appointed the Bus Depot Working Group. The Committee requested that the terms of reference to be brought back to September's meeting.

The following members were appointed to the working groups:

- The Interim Outcomes Framework Working Group: Cllr Van De Weyer, Cllr Clough and Cllr Vellacott
- Budget Working Group: Cllr Hodgson-Jones, Cllr Harvey and Cllr Clough
- Bus Depot Working Group: Cllr Bradnam, Cllr Hay and Cllr Vellacott

9 O&S Terms of Reference

The Committee received the report on the changes to the O&S Committee Terms of Reference.

The Committee recommended to the CA Board to adopt the further amendments for the O&S Terms of Reference in relation to the dismissal of mayoral commissioners as prescribed by MHCLG guidance.

10 Corporate Performance Report Q4 2025/26

The Committee discussed and noted the report.

11 Scrutiny Lead Member Reports

The Committee received updates from the scrutiny lead members for the Thematic Committee.

12 Forward Plan

The Committee noted the CA Forward Plan.

13 Recommendations/Questions to the CA Board

The Committee did not make any recommendations for the CA Board

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15 Bus Franchising: Independent Review into Bus Franchising Implementation Pathways, Strategic Delivery Plan and Next Steps

The Committee received the report on the Bus Franchising: Independent Review into Bus Franchising Implementation Pathways, Strategic Delivery Plan and Next Steps.

16 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 8th September.

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