Combined Authority Board: Decision Summary
Meeting: Wednesday, 15 July 2026
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Any key decision/s set below will come into force and may be implemented after 5.00pm on the fifth clear working day after publication of the decision, unless they are called-in [see note on call in below], with the exception of any key decision on a matter dealt with under the special urgency provisions set out in the Constitution which may be implemented immediately.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Anna Bailey (Councillor Alan Sharp substituting), from Robin Porter (Dorothy Gregson substituting) from Shaun Grady and from Darryl Preston.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meetings held on 3 June 2026 were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Mayor. The action log was noted.

3. Declaration of Interests

Councillor Chris Boden declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 19 as a trustee of FACT community transport.

5. Public Questions

Five public questions were received. The questions are published here.

6. Petitions

No petitions were received.

7. Forward Plan

It was resolved to:

A Approve the Forward Plan for July 2026

8. Combined Authority Membership Update

It was resolved to:

A Note the confirmation of substitute from Peterborough City Council on the Combined Authority's Audit and Governance Committee

B Note the change in membership from Cambridge City Council on the Combined Authority's Growth Committee.

C Note the confirmation of Labour substitute from Peterborough City Council on the Combined Authority's Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

D Note the change in membership from Cambridge City Council on the Combined Authority's Growth Committee and Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

E Note the change in membership from Cambridgeshire County Council on the Combined Authority's Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

F Note the change in membership from Cambridgeshire County Council on the Combined Authority's Skills Committee.

G Note the appointments from the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority for the CA Board.

H **Note the temporary substitution from East Cambridgeshire District Council at the Combined Authority Board meeting on 15 July 2026**

9. Appointment to Outside Bodies

It was resolved to:

A Approve the appointment of the Mayor as the CPCA representative on the Greater Cambridge Development Corporation Board.

B Note that members appointed to external bodies provide updates to the CPCA Board at intervals agreed by the CPCA Board.

10. Chief Executive Highlights Report

It was resolved to:

A Note the contents of the report

11. Senior Appointment

It was resolved to:

A Note the appointment of the Executive Director of Transport

12. Gateway Review 2 Final Report

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.

13. Established Mayoral Status Application - KD2026/018

It was resolved to:

A Approve that the Mayor, on behalf of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, submits an application to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) seeking Established Mayoral Strategic Authority status for the Authority.

B Note the engagement with MHCLG, constituent councils and regional partners in support of the Established Mayoral Strategic Authority application and future Integrated Settlement readiness activities.

14. Q4 Corporate Performance Report

It was resolved to:

A Note performance information relating to the Combined Authority’s Key Performance Indicators in the Interim Outcomes Framework (IOF).

B Note progress on delivery of the Annual Business Plan.

15. Corporate Risk Report

It was resolved to:

A Note the Corporate Risk Register, Dashboard and Heatmap for May 2026

16a Business Case Approvals - Officer Decisions

It was resolved to:

A 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.

16b Business Case for Skills Capital Funding - KD2026/021

It was resolved to:

A Approve 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.

17a Spatial Development Strategy (SDS) - KD2025/078

It was resolved to:

A Approve the Statement of Intent for the preparation of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Plan (the Spatial Development Strategy).

17b Strategic Place Partnership Update - KD2026/022

It was resolved:

A 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

B 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

C To delegate 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.

17c Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) - KD2025/077

It was resolved to:

A Approve the Local Nature Recovery Strategy Delivery Plan

17d Brownfield Housing Fund - KD2026/047

It was resolved to:

A Delegate 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

B Note the request to MHCLG officials to release revenue funding to enable to delivery of this capital fund while noting the staffing resources Site 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.

17e Destination Management Plan - KD2026/031

It was resolved to:

A Note that Cambridgeshire and Peterborough's LVEP application was approved by Visit England in May 2026. This means our region can access the national LVEP Growth Programme and emerging Department for Culture Media and Sports (DCMS) 'Visitor Economy Growth Strategy'.

B Approve the Destination Management Plan (DMP), which is a condition of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough receiving Local Visitor Economy Partnership (LVEP) accreditation. Following CA Board approval, all LVEP partners will be invited to formally endorse the DMP by adding a signature to the final published document, as a demonstration of their commitment to its delivery.

C 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 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 Visit England guidance.

E Recommend to the CA Board that the reporting, monitoring and review of the LVEP Board (established Q3 2026/27) and LVEP activity is undertaken by the Growth Committee.

F Establish a working group drawn from members of the Growth Committee to help shape the LVEP Terms of Reference (Q2 – Q3 2026/27).

18a Adult Skills Review 2024/25 and future planning - KD2025/071

It was resolved to:

A Note the findings of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CA Adult Skills Funding Review 2024/25.

B Approve the overall assessment and strategic direction set out in the report. In particular there is a need for sharper prioritisation, stronger focus on progression and outcomes, and more deliberate alignment with economic growth priorities.

C Approve 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.

18b Skills Bootcamp Funding 2026 and Beyond - KD2026/040

It was resolved to:

A 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).

B Delegate authority to the Executive Director Place and Economy working with the Assistant Director for Skills and Employment, in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer to:

- Extend and vary existing Wave 6 contracts where appropriate, in accordance with contract provisions and funding conditions;
- Enter into grant funding agreements and contracts for the delivery of Skills Bootcamps within the approved budget allocation; and
- Undertake a relevant procurement exercise and subsequently awards and enter into contracts with the successful bidders

19a Development Funding for Bus Services - KD2026/020

It was resolved to:

A 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 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 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.

19b Greater Cambridge Transport Strategy - KD2026/041

It was resolved to:

A 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.

19c Community Transport Review – KD2026/023

It was resolved to:

A Approve continued support for 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.

B Approve 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

19d Bus Franchising: Independent Review into Bus Franchising Implementation Pathways, Strategic Delivery Plan and Next Steps – KD2025/051

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 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 depo

20. 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 contained 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.

21. Peterborough Bus Depot – KD2026/048

It was resolved to:

A Note progress with the planned acquisition of the site for the new Peterborough Bus Depot

B Delegate to the Chief Executive and Mayor in consultation with the S73 Officer and Monitoring Officer to negotiate and complete the acquisition of the site, subject to:

- The purchase price not exceeding the budget previously approved and not exceeding the independent valuation.
- Legal due diligence.
- Environmental due diligence.
- Positive planning pre-application response relating to the intended use.
- Agreed approach to managing the land upon ownership.

C **Approve the exercise of an 'Option to Tax' in respect of the site.**

D **Note that, following this decision, Officers will notify HMRC of the decision prior to the site being acquired.**

Notes:

Statements in **bold type** indicate additional resolutions made at the meeting.

Five Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee may call-in a key decision for scrutiny by notifying the Monitoring Officer, except for any key decision on a matter dealt with under the special urgency provisions set out in the Constitution which may be implemented immediately.

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