



**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 July 2025

#### **Transport Committee, 8 July 2025**

Councillor:

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

#### **Audit and Governance Committee, 15 July 2025**

Councillor:

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

#### **Combined Authority Board, 22 July 2025**

Councillor:

Decision Summary Link: [Combined Authority Board \(July\)](#)



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**3 Election of Vice-Chair**

On being proposed by the Chair and seconded by Cllr McDonald, Cllr Alex Beckett was unanimously elected as Vice-Chair of the Committee

**4 Minutes of the previous meeting and Action Log**

The minutes of the meeting on 5 March 2025 were approved as an accurate record.  
The Action Log was noted by the Committee

**6 Forward Plan**

RESOLVED

To note the Combined Authority Forward Plan.

**7 Recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

RESOLVED

A. To endorse the recommendation from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and to instruct officers to look to bid for further capital to allow more work to be done around innovated digital real time information being made available.

**8 Director's Highlight Report**

RESOLVED

To note the content of the report

**9 Bus Network Update**

RESOLVED

A. ~~Recommend to the Combined Authority Board to approve the revision of the local bus fare cap scheme and give delegated authority for the Executive Director of Place and Connectivity to ensure the Combined Authority ceases the local bus fare cap with bus operators from 1 September 2025.~~

B. Recommend to the Combined Authority Board to approve the strategic objective of **a more sustainable, long term public subsidy** ~~for the a new, permanent Tiger Pass set out in 2.2.~~

C. Recommend to the Combined Authority Board:

a) to approve the proposal as set out in section 2.1 for the extension of the temporary Tiger Pass scheme ~~with the removal of cross boundary journeys to~~

31 March 2026, **with further consideration to be given to funding.**

~~funded by a virement of £1.4m from the Local Fare Cap budget, subject to the approval of recommendation A, and a drawdown of c£0.3m from the Passenger Transport Operational Reserve.~~

- b) to give delegated authority for the Executive Director of Place and Connectivity to ensure the Combined Authority implement the proposals from 1 September 2025 to 31 March 2026.
- D. To note and comment on the three options for the permanent Tiger pass scheme (post March 2026) for feedback and discussion to inform further development work for proposals to be presented in the autumn aligned to the Medium-Term Financial Plan from 2026/27 to 2029/30.
- E. To note the 2024/25 assessment of contracted bus services and the proposed further framework to be developed for services above a defined benchmark to be conducted by officers prior to the Transport Committee in September 2025.
- F. To note the review of implementation pathways on bus franchising. G To note the progress of the Board approvals from 4 June 2025.

#### **10 Local Electric Vehicles Infrastructure (LEVI) Update**

##### RESOLVED

- A. To take note of the progress on Electric Vehicles (EVs) and Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI).

#### **11 Ely to Cambridge Corridor Study**

##### RESOLVED:

- A. To note progress on the Ely to Cambridge Corridor Study.

#### **12 Transport Strategy Update**

##### RESOLVED

- A. To take note of the progress on transport strategy workstreams.

#### **13 A141 - Consultation Update**

##### RESOLVED

- A. To note the update on A141 & St. Ives Improvement Study project progress including the next stage of public consultation exercise.

#### **14 Budget and Performance Report**

##### RESOLVED

- A. To note the outturn financial position of the Transport Division for the financial year 2024/25 and Board approved carry forwards.
- B. To note the Transport Division budget for the next 4 years updated for approved carry forwards.)

## 15 Work Programme

### RESOLVED

A. To note the Work Programme

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**1 Apologies for Absence**

Apologises from:

Cllr Christy and Cllr Wallwork substituted by Cllr Nawaz

**2 Declaration of Interests**

No declaration of interests were made.

**3 Chair's Announcements**

The Chair made the following announcements:

The Chair advised members that they would need to move into an exempt session for the final item of the agenda.

**4 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025 were approved as an accurate record.

The Action Log was noted by the Committee.

**5 Presentation on Bus Franchising Implementation**

The Committee noted the presentation from the Executive Director of Place and Connectivity on Bus Franchising Implementation.

**6 2024/25 Treasury Management Outturn Report**

The Committee noted the 2024/25 Treasury Management Outturn Report.

**7 Internal Audit - Progress Report**

The Committee noted the Internal Auditor's Progress Report

**8 Standing Items**

The Committee received no updates on Fraud Prevention.

The Committee received no updates on Health and Safety.

## **9 Work Programme**

The Committee noted the Work Programme.

The Committee requested a further update on the Bus Franchising implementation be added to the work programme for a future meeting.

## **10 Corporate Risk and Deep Dive**

The Committee endorsed the Corporate Risk Register, Dashboard and Heatmap for June 2025

The Committee undertook the respective risk deep dives and the deep dive schedule for the year.

## **11 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 1,2 & 5 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.

## **12 Date of Next Meeting**

The Committee noted that their next meeting is scheduled on Thursday 18th September 2025 at 10am in the CPCA Meeting Room, Pathfinder House, Huntingdonshire District Council.

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## **Combined Authority Board: Decision Summary**

**Meeting: Tuesday, 22 July 2025**

**Published: Wednesday, 23 July 2025**

**Decision Review Deadline: Wednesday, 30 July 2025**



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### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Darryl Preston, Police and Crime Commissioner.

### **2. Minutes of the previous meetings**

The minutes of the meetings held on 4 June 2025 were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Mayor.

### **3. Declaration of Interests**

No interests were declared.

### **4. Announcements**

The Mayor wished all a very wonderful summer and expressed hope that the current attitude of working together is moved forward and continued.

### **5. Public Questions**

Four public questions were received. The questions are published [here](#).

### **6. Petitions**

One petition was received and presented to the Combined Authority Board in accordance with section 5.34 of the Constitution.

### **7. Forward Plan**

It was resolved to:

- A Approve the Forward Plan for July 2025

### **8. Combined Authority Membership Update**

It was resolved to:

- A Note the (temporary) appointment of a member from Peterborough City Council on the Combined Authority's Skills Committee.
- B Note the change in membership from East Cambridgeshire District Council on the Combined Authority's Skills Committee.
- C Note the (temporary) substitutes at the Combined Authority's Audit and Governance Committee on 19 June 2025.
- D Note the (temporary) appointment of a member from Peterborough City Council on the Combined Authority's Growth Committee.
- E Note the appointment of a member and a substitute from Fenland District Council to the Combined Authority's Funding Committee.
- F Note the (temporary) appointment of a member from Cambridgeshire County Council on the Combined Authority's Funding Committee.
- G Note the confirmation of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority as their representative and substitute on the Combined Authority Board.
- H **Note the confirmation from Peterborough City Council of their substitute members on the Combined Authority's Overview and Scrutiny Committee.**

## **9. 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 Note the log of officer appointments at appendix A.

## **10. Chief Executive Highlights Report**

It was resolved to:

- A Note the content of the report

## **11. Audit and Governance Annual Report**

It was resolved to:

- A Note the Annual Report of the Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee for 2024/25 (Appendix A).

## **12. Local Growth Plan - KD2025/25**

It was resolved to:

- A Note progress with the preparation and development of the Local Growth Plan for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

## **13. Local Remediation Acceleration Plan KD2025/037**

It was resolved to:

- A Approve the Local Remediation Acceleration Plan 2025 (LRAP) as the strategic framework for remediation activity across the region.
- B Approve the drawdown of the £225,000 grant allocation to support staffing, data monitoring, and regulatory coordination as outlined in the LRAP (see appendix) and include it within the Authority's budget. The funding is intended to be used in the 2025/26 and 2026/27 financial years and aims to support the vital role of coordinating regulatory activity to deliver the LRAP. This includes access to the Joint Inspection Team, guidance, training, and engagement.
- C Delegate authority to the Executive Director – Place and Connectivity to enter into a Grant Funding Agreement with the Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service (CFRS) in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer and oversee implementation and reporting, including quarterly updates to Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHCLG) and strategic partners.
- D Note the alignment of the LRAP with the Combined Authority's strategic objectives on resilient communities, good growth and high performance.

## **14. New Corporate Plan 2025-2029, Progress Update**

It was resolved to:

- A Note and comment on progress to develop a new 2025-29 Corporate Plan
- B Approve the Corporate Plan covering a four- year period, the duration of the Mayoral term.
- C Approve the integration of previously separate "Mayoral Ambition" and "Strategic Vision" into one new "Purpose" – "Getting Cambridgeshire & Peterborough moving"
- D Approve six new headline objectives: Connectivity, Growth, Jobs, Homes, Resilience and Performance, with descriptions and deliverables to be developed.

## **15. Corporate Risk Report**

It was resolved to:

- A Note the Corporate Risk Register, Dashboard and Heat Map
- B Note progress of Audit & Governance Deep Dives schedule for the year



**16. Get Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Working Plan**

It was resolved to:

- A Note progress with the preparation and development of the Local Get Britain Working Plan

**17. Review of Funding Committee Papers - KD2025/024**

It was resolved to:

- A Approve the concept paper for the Adult Skills Fund
- B Note the Chief Executive Approval decisions from June 2025.
- C Note the decisions from Funding Committee held on 30 June 2025.

**18. Process for Review and Refresh of the Corporate Plan and the Settings of the Medium-Term Financial Plan (2026/27 to 2029/30)**

It was resolved to:

- A Approve the proposals for the review and revision of the Combined Authority's Medium Term Financial Plan from 2026/27 alongside a review and refresh of the Authority's Corporate Plan as summarised in this paper, which have been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- B Note the proposed scrutiny proposals relating to the development of a new Corporate Plan and MTFP, including member task and finish working groups for the Corporate Plan and MTFP respectively.
- C Note that there is a detailed report elsewhere on the agenda regarding the revision of the Corporate Plan on which this report draws.
- D Note the timeline for the setting of budget and that this may be subject to change in line with Government announcements or other factors.
- E Note the draft terms of reference for the budget task and finish working group as attached as appendix B.
- F Note the draft terms of reference for the Corporate Plan working group as attached at appendix C.

**19. Bus Network Update – KD2025/033**

It was resolved to:

- A **Approve the revision of the local bus fare cap scheme and give delegated authority for the Executive Director of Place and Connectivity to ensure the Combined Authority ceases the local bus fare cap with bus operators from 31 October 2025.**

~~Approve the revision of the local bus fare cap scheme and give delegated authority for the Executive Director of Place and Connectivity to ensure the Combined Authority ceases the local bus fare cap with bus operators from 1 September 2025.~~

- B **Approve the proposal for the extension of the temporary Tiger Pass scheme without the removal of cross boundary journeys to 31 March 2026, funded by the remaining local fare cap budget, underspend from concessionary fares and a use of reserves if applicable.**

~~Approve the proposal for the extension of the temporary Tiger Pass scheme without the removal of cross boundary journeys to 31 March 2026, funded by a virement of £1.4m from the Local Fare Cap budget, and a drawdown of c£0.3m from the Passenger Transport Operational Reserve.~~

- C **Note the options for a permanent Tiger pass set out in the paper, and the content of the discussion at the meeting, and ask that a wider set of options be developed over the summer and be presented to workshops for Board and Transport committee members in the autumn.**

~~To note the three options for the permanent Tiger pass scheme (post March 2026) for feedback and discussion to inform further development work for proposals. Consideration will~~

~~also be given to a scheme to support cheaper bus fare options for adults on the lowest incomes to be presented to Transport Committee in the autumn aligned to the Medium-Term Financial Plan from 2026/27 to 2029/30.~~

- D Approve a strategic objective for a more sustainable, long term subsidy for a new permanent Tiger Pass.
- E Approve the proposal as set out in section 2.1 of the report for the extension of the temporary Tiger Pass scheme to 31 March 2026, with further consideration to be given to funding.
- F Give delegated authority for the Executive Director of Place and Connectivity to ensure the Combined Authority implement the proposals from 1 September 2025 to 31 March 2026.

## 20. Proposals for Bus Route 9 and 31 [KD2025/038]

It was resolved to:

- A Note that officers have not been able to date to secure solutions for the No 9 and No 31 bus route within existing budget and contracts.
- B **Support the procurement of routes 9 and 31 with effect from December 2025 to be funded from within existing budgets and reserves and to delegate authority to the Executive Director for Place and Connectivity, in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer to make the necessary arrangements. To note that the current, high-cost bus services, including but not limited to the South Cambridgeshire DRT and the No. 15 and No. 8A routes, will be subject to ongoing review and the Combined Authority will present the results of an interim review no later than November 2025.**

~~To delegate authority to the Executive Director for Place and Connectivity, in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer, to take the contractual steps required to cease the following three services which show the highest costs per passengers in the 2024/25 table attached. Estimates are that termination of these contracts could annually save up to £531,000:-~~

- ~~• South Cambridgeshire DRT~~
- ~~• No 15 Haslingfield to Royston~~
- No 8A March to Cottenham

- C Delegate authority to the Executive Director for Place and Connectivity, in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer to commence procurement of replacement services for:
  - No 9 Littleport via Ely to Cambridge
  - No 31 Ramsey to Whittlesey

which were notified by Stagecoach to cease by 31 August 2025. The estimated costs for these services are £0.5m. The board should note that these services would likely commence late in 2025 with a successful tender process.

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