

Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board

Thursday 7 March 2024
4:00 p.m. – 6:03 p.m.

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting.
The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear
in the formal minutes of the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Diarmuid O'Brien.

2. Declarations of Interest

Andy Williams declared a general non-statutory disclosable interest, as a consultant to businesses on the Cambridge Biomedical Campus.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the previous Executive Board meeting, held on 4 January 2024, were agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairperson.

4. Membership

The Executive Board resolved to:

Confirm the appointment of Diarmuid O'Brien as a member of the GCP Executive Board, representing University of Cambridge.

5. Public Questions

Three public questions had been accepted by the Chairperson, who had agreed that the questions would be taken at the start of the relevant agenda item.

6. Feedback from the Joint Assembly

The Executive Board received a report from the Chairperson of the GCP Joint Assembly, Councillor Tim Bick, which summarised the discussions from the Joint Assembly meeting held on 15 February 2024.

7. Quarterly Progress Report and Budget Setting

The Executive Board resolved to:

- (a) Agree the multi-year budget strategy as outlined in Section 14, including the detailed GCP budgets for 2024/25 and the request to align the GCP's budget timings with those of the Accountable Body (Cambridgeshire County Council). The budget strategy will continue to be updated annually;
- (b) Note the delegation of authority to sign off Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) where objections have been received to the Director of Transport in consultation with the local County Councillor; and
- (c) Note the change to the delivery of the Autonomous Vehicle project and agree to proceed with the necessary procurements needed to support project delivery.

8. Capturing Wider Benefits of the City Deal

The Executive Board resolved to:

- (a) Note progress to date in supporting the achievement of the City Deal's objectives;
- (b) Note the work undertaken to understand the potential wider benefits of the City Deal and identify opportunities to augment or enhance these; and
- (c) Endorse the proposal to explore further the areas outlined at paragraphs 6.10-6.18, focusing on securing additional benefits from the current GCP programme.

9. City Access Programme Update

The Executive Board resolved to:

- (a) Note the updates on bus reform and wider transport strategy from the County Council and the Combined Authority;
- (b) Note the update on the City Access programme;
- (c) Note the response to the consultation on the revised road network hierarchy and agree that proposals require further consideration, including ensuring that bus journey times and reliability are protected. Any revised proposals would be developed through the Greater Cambridge Transport Strategy led by the

Cambridgeshire County Council in partnership with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, the GCP, the City of Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire, and central Government, subject to a detailed project plan for the development of the Greater Cambridge Transport Strategy coming to the June meeting;

- (d) Agree the updated objectives for the City Access programme set out in paragraph 11.6; and
- (e) Agree that officers should bring forward proposals for further quick win or demonstrator projects in the city that will help increase the reliability of bus journey times, demonstrate the benefits of people-focused spaces, support economic vibrancy, and maximise the impact of the wider GCP investment programme.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The Executive Board noted that the next scheduled meeting was due be held on Thursday 27 June 2024.