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**GREATER CAMBRIDGE PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE BOARD
SHIRE HALL, CAMBRIDGE
WEDNESDAY, 19th FEBRUARY 2020
2:00 p.m. – 5:40 p.m.**

DECISION STATEMENT

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Claire Ruskin.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the previous Executive Board meeting, held on 3rd October 2019, were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Seven public questions had been accepted and it was agreed that the questioners would be called to address the Board at the start of the relevant agenda item.

5. FEEDBACK FROM THE JOINT ASSEMBLY

The Executive Board received a report from the Chairperson of the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) Joint Assembly, Councillor Tim Wotherspoon, which summarised the discussions from the Joint Assembly meeting held on 30th January 2020.

6. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GREATER CAMBRIDGE CITIZENS' ASSEMBLY

The Executive Board resolved to:

- a) Thank the participants of the Citizens' Assembly for their work, note the full report and recommendations from the Citizens' Assembly, which considered how to reduce congestion, improve air quality and provide better public transport, and note the strong support for action to address these issues; and
- b) Agree to bring forward a detailed response to the recommendations of the Citizens' Assembly by Summer 2020 at the latest, and agree to the Assembly's request for regular reviews of progress in the longer-term.

7. PUBLIC TRANSPORT IMPROVEMENTS AND CITY ACCESS STRATEGY

The Executive Board resolved to:

- a) Note the work to develop major improvements to the bus network, and agrees to use this as the basis for further work to identify how a significant uplift in public transport could be delivered including consideration of funding sources;
- b) Note the detailed technical work to assess the options for demand management and potential impacts within this report, including:
 - A technical assessment of the list of interventions tabled by Cllr Bates at the Executive Board meeting in June;
 - Traffic modelling of pricing and physical interventions, which demonstrate comparative impacts of illustrative interventions on traffic volumes, journey times and modal shift; and
 - An Integrated Impact Assessment and baseline and scoping report, identifying possible impacts for consideration as part of any future package, including potential impacts in a do nothing scenario;
- c) Develop a refined set of packages that provide options for different levels of intervention, taking together the technical work undertaken and recognising the feedback from the Citizens' Assembly and other public engagement activity, and reflecting the Joint Assembly's recommendation, for consideration at the June meeting. Options would:
 - Offer packages of intervention based on different cost levels, referring to the major improvements to the bus network set out in the Systra report as well as offering walking and cycling enhancements and exploring options for lower fares;
 - Include measures to accelerate the uptake of ultra-low and zero emission vehicles, particularly in the bus and commercial fleets;
 - Support delivery of the vision of the Making Space for People project, identifying opportunities to re-allocate highway space for public realm that is safer, healthier and more conducive to walking and cycling, including an assessment of road changes in central Cambridge;
 - Be developed in the context of the Board principles for city access agreed at the June 2019 meeting, and the recommendations from the Citizens' Assembly; and
 - Consider specific impacts and mitigations in the context of each package, and potential phasing; and
- d) Agree to prioritise and implement the measures set out at paragraph 12.4 of the report, to support the uptake of sustainable travel options, following a short report for Executive Board and Joint Assembly members assessing the costs and benefits of these and proposing a prioritised programme of measures that is consistent with a longer-term strategy encouraging more journeys to be undertaken by public transport, walking and cycling.

8. GREENWAYS

The Executive Board resolved to:

- a) Note the progress made in developing the Greenways, working with local communities and stakeholders to date;
- b) Support the proposed prioritisation process, and the principle of bringing a small number of Greenways to each of the next three Board meetings, to ensure thorough scrutiny and debate;
- c) Approve an outline budget for the Waterbeach scheme of £8m;
- d) Approve an outline budget for the Fulbourn scheme of £6m;
- e) Approve the use of Compulsory Purchase Order powers to secure the necessary land, if required, should this not prove possible and/or timely through negotiation; and,
- f) Note the outline milestones.

9. GCP QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

The Executive Board resolved to:

- a) Note progress across the GCP programme;
- b) Approve a proposal to part-fund a pilot Modern Methods of Construction (MMC) project to provide six temporary housing units for homeless residents at a cost of £70k, as set out in sections 7 and 10 of the report;
- c) Note the CBC Transport Study and agree to continue working with campus to support delivery of the action plan, as set out in section 22 of the report;
- d) Approve a proposal to continue to allocate to Cambridgeshire County Council, 50% (£531,000) of the lost annual income resulting from the removal of the £1 parking charge at Park and Ride sites in the GCP area from 1st April 2020, and to review this before the end of 2020/21, as set out in section 23 of the report;
- e) Delegate to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Executive Board, the authority to approve the specialist legal services required to support the powers and consenting processes associated with major transport scheme approval, as set out in section 24 of the report; and
- f) Approve the proposed 2020/21 Budget, as set out in section 28 of the report.

10. BETTER PUBLIC TRANSPORT: CAMBOURNE TO CAMBRIDGE

The Chairperson informed the Executive Board that consideration of agenda item 10, Cambourne to Cambridge Better Public Transport Project, had been deferred to a future meeting.

11. BETTER PUBLIC TRANSPORT: WATERBEACH TO NORTH EAST CAMBRIDGE PROJECT

The Executive Board resolved to:

- a) Note the work to date and to consider the next stage of work including the Consultation and Engagement Strategy;
- b) Endorse plans for further informal public and stakeholder engagement in early 2020 to inform the Options Appraisal Report (OAR) stage; and
- c) Note that a further report on the scheme will be considered in June setting out proposals for formal public consultation in Summer 2020 to inform the Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC) which will allow a preferred set of measures to be presented for approval.

12. BETTER PUBLIC TRANSPORT: EASTERN ACCESS PROJECT

The Executive Board resolved to:

- a) Note the work to date and approve the proposed Consultation and Engagement Strategy based on:
 - (i) Further informal public and stakeholder engagement in early 2020 to inform the Options Appraisal Report (OAR) stage; and
 - (ii) Formal public consultation in the Autumn 2020 to inform the Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC) which will allow a preferred set of measures to be presented for approval; and
- b) Note that a further report on the scheme will be brought to the June meeting setting out the options appraisal and detailed proposals for formal public consultation.

13. WHITTLESFORD STATION TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY

The Executive Board resolved to:

- a) Note the responses from the public consultation; and
- b) Support a draft delivery plan for the Whittlesford Station Transport Investment Strategy (WSTIS), shown in Appendix 1 of the report, as a basis for further engagement with key stakeholders.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Executive Board noted that the next meeting would be held at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday 25th June 2020 at the Guildhall, Cambridge.