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CITY DEAL**

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7 March 2017

To: Members of the Greater Cambridge City Deal Executive Board:

Councillor Lewis Herbert	Cambridge City Council (Chairman)
Councillor Francis Burkitt	South Cambridgeshire District Council (Vice-Chairman)
Phil Allmendinger	University of Cambridge
Councillor Ian Bates	Cambridgeshire County Council
Mark Reeve	Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Enterprise Partnership

Dear Sir / Madam

Please find a supplementary report for the next meeting of **GREATER CAMBRIDGE CITY DEAL EXECUTIVE BOARD**, which will be held in **THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHIRE HALL, CAMBRIDGE** on **WEDNESDAY, 8 MARCH 2017** at **4.00 p.m.**

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AGENDA

4. Questions from Members of the Public

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Agenda Item 4

Questions to City Deal Board of 8 March 2017

2. Antony Carpen

The City Deal Board announced an award of £50,000 of funding for research into the Cambridge Bullet Bus (reported at <http://www.cambridge-news.co.uk/news/cambridge-news/city-deal-invests-futuristic-120-12124803>). I have not been able to find any explanation into this project online - the complete opposite of the case for Rail Haverhill and for Cambridge Connect Light Rail.

Please can the City Deal Board:

1) release a formal document explaining at least the basics of what the bullet bus project actually is, and the considerations made before approving the release of £50,000 of funding for research for this project (which seemed to come out of the blue)

2) please comment on whether they will be willing to fund the necessary technical and financial feasibility studies for Rail Haverhill and the Cambridge Connect proposals in tranche 2 as part of the research budgets. I find it astonishing that such proposals were swept aside in tranche 1 given the levels of growing public support for both projects which have had extended publicity on the work already done, compared to the bullet bus project

3) please comment on how you will ensure the public - and in particular the academic community & experts in & around Cambridge will be able to scrutinise the assessments you make on the cost/benefits of proposals put forward given the disquiet of your conclusions originally for the rail haverhill project.

3. Barbara Taylor – For agenda item 6 – City Deal Progress Report

In Note number 3 under Appendix 2 on page 26, it states that the delivery plans for the bus, cycling and walking improvements for Milton Road 'assume two further rounds of consultation in late 2017 and early 2018'. However in the Milestones Plan, on page 29, it shows only one consultation event to take place in quarter 3 of 2017/18.

Can we be assured that there will indeed be two further rounds of consultation and that these will be reflected in the Milestones Plan?

4. Stephen Coates

Mark Reeve is on the Board of the City Deal and is Chair of the LEP. Senior figures like Steve Barclay MP and Steve Count, Leader of Cambs CC, are asking serious questions about business conflicts at the LEP. They both do not feel they have had adequate answers from Mark Reeve. **Can Lewis Herbert explain why he is not taking action on this as Chair of the City Deal?**

Through FOI, we have now established the clear intent of the Barton Road Landowners to get a busway crossing their land. Regardless of Cambridge University being a minority member of NBRLOG this seems to contradict prior statements by Nigel Slater. **Will Lewis Herbert examine the 800 pages of evidence we have obtained and then reconsider whether he has handled this conflict properly?**

The Board has a duty to examine conflicts. Yet these are never on the Board's agenda. **How can the Board and the Assembly deny questions on this and also decline questions on the cost of the A428 project?**

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