

Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board

Thursday 9 March 2023
4:00 p.m. – 4:50 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

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Dave Baigent declared a general non-statutory disclosable interest as a member of the Cambridge Cycling Campaign (Camcycle).

3. Minutes

The minutes of the previous Executive Board meeting, held on 15 December 2022, were agreed as a correct record, and were signed by the Chairperson.

4. Public Questions

Two 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.

5. 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 16 February 2023.

6. Greater Cambridge Greenways – Barton, Horningsea, Melbourn, and Sawston

The Executive Board resolved to:

- (a) Note the results from the Public Engagement exercise and agree any changes to the scheme design resulting from the engagement;
- (b) Agree the Outline Business Cases for each Greenway;
- (c) Agree to the submission of the required Planning Applications, Permitted Development Applications, Section 25 and 26 Rights of Way creation Orders and Traffic Regulation Orders working with the County Council as necessary;
- (d) Agree to the use of Compulsory Purchase Powers for land where section 26 Highways Act 1980 powers cannot be used;
- (e) Agree the programme of delivery for the Barton, Horningsea, Melbourn and Sawston Greenway;
- (f) Agree to finalise schemes for construction and complete a Full Business Case; and
- (g) Agree to the construction of Early Works in 2023.

7. Electricity Grid Reinforcements: Update and Next Steps

The Executive Board resolved to:

- (a) Note and welcome the decision by UKPN to fund the required additional grid capacity to support the continues growth of Greater Cambridge; and
- (b) Agree a new approach to this project; that the GCP now maintains a facilitatory role in project delivery and supports local planning colleagues and UKPN to initiate project delivery, where appropriate and useful. It will also support, where useful and appropriate, planning for cable routing.

8. Smart Cambridge Innovation Prospectus

The Executive Board resolved to:

- (a) Note the development of an 'innovation prospectus'; and
- (b) Approve the approach of engagement with the market, to support Innovation as part of the wider GCP programme.

9. Quarterly Progress Report and GCP Budget Strategy

The Executive Board resolved to:

- (a) Note the progress across the programme; and
- (b) Agree the multi-year budget strategy as outlined, including the detailed GCP budgets for 2023/24. The budget strategy will continue to be updated annually.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The Executive Board noted that the next meeting was scheduled to be held on Thursday 29 June 2023.