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GREATER CAMBRIDGE PARTNERSHIP (GCP) EXECUTIVE BOARD

THURSDAY 1st OCTOBER, 2020

4:05 p.m. – 5:50 p.m.

DECISION SUMMARY

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. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON

The Executive Board resolved to:

Elect Councillor Gough as Vice-Chairperson of the GCP Executive Board for the coming year.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Phil Allmendinger declared a non-statutory disclosable interest in relation to the 'GCP Quarterly Progress Report' (agenda item 12) due to his employment at the University of Cambridge.

4. JOINT ASSEMBLY MEMBERSHIP

The Executive Board resolved to:

Approve the appointment of University Representatives Karen Kennedy and Lucy Scott to the Joint Assembly.

5. MINUTES

The minutes of the previous Executive Board meeting, held on 25th June 2020, were agreed as a correct record and the Chairperson agreed to sign a copy when possible.

6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Two public questions had been accepted by the Chairperson who had agreed that the questions would be read out to the Board at the start of the relevant agenda item.

7. 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 10th September 2020.

8. GREENWAYS – BARTON, BOTTISHAM, HORNINGSEA, SAWSTON AND THE SWAFFHAMS

The Executive Board resolved to:

- (a) Note the progress made in developing the Greenways, working with local communities and stakeholders to date and the outcome of public consultations;
- (b) Approve the scheme proposals and note an outline budget of £10m for the Barton Greenway;
- (c) Approve the scheme proposals and note an outline budget of £5m for the Bottisham Greenway;
- (d) Approve the scheme proposals and note an outline budget of £2.5m for the Horningsea Greenway;
- (e) Approve the scheme proposals and note an outline budget of £9m for the Sawston Greenway;
- (f) Approve the scheme proposals and note an outline budget of £4.5m for the Swaffhams Greenway;
- (g) Approve £1.25m for the development of detailed scheme design in preparation for construction in 2020/21;
- (h) Approve the negotiation of the land and rights required for the delivery of the scheme; and
- (i) Note the commitment to ongoing dialogue with local stakeholders as part of the scheme development process.

9. BETTER PUBLIC TRANSPORT - WATERBEACH TO NORTH EAST CAMBRIDGE

The Executive Board resolved to:

- (a) Note the outcome of pre-engagement activities (July/August 2020) and emerging stakeholder feedback;
- (b) Approve the Options Appraisal Report as the basis to formally consult on the proposed route options for a segregated public transport route; and
- (c) Note the list of shorter term interventions that have been identified for further assessment, as set out in Section 7 of Appendix 1 of the report.

10. BETTER PUBLIC TRANSPORT - CAMBRIDGE EASTERN ACCESS PROJECT

The Executive Board resolved to:

- (a) Note the outcome of pre-engagement activities (July/August 2020) and emerging stakeholder feedback;
- (b) Approve the Options Appraisal Report as the basis to formally consult on the proposed route options for a segregated public transport route; and
- (c) Agree that packages of options should be presented in two phases:
 - Phase 1: improvements to the Newmarket Road corridor to address existing problems and issues relating to committed development.
 - Phase 2: longer term strategy to address the requirements of the Greater Cambridge Local Plan and delivery of CAM Phase 1.

11. COVID-19 – SKILLS AND EMPLOYMENT

The Executive Board resolved to:

- (a) Approve the scope for a new skills work package that seeks to directly address the likely impact of Covid-19 on the local skills base and labour market; and
- (b) Approve the proposal to procure a new Skills contract, over four years, from April 2021, worth up to £2m.

12. GCP QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

The Executive Board resolved to:

- (a) Note progress across the GCP programme;
- (b) Approve expenditure of £75k, to enable the provision of two new careers advisors for a 12 month period through the Greater Cambridge Apprenticeship Service, as set out in section 9;
- (c) Approve expenditure of £181k to enable delivery of skills interventions led by the New Meaning Foundation, as set out in section 10;
- (d) Approve expenditure of up to £100k, to progress to the scoping stage of the ongoing project to increase the capacity of the energy grid in the Greater Cambridge area, as set out in section 18; and
- (e) Approve a proposal to allocate up to £36k to fund the Centre for Business Research at the University of Cambridge to provide three sets of quarterly analyses of the strength of the Greater Cambridge economy in light of the current economic crisis, as set out in section 19.

13. DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The Executive Board noted that the next meeting would be held at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday 10th December 2020.