

COUNCILLOR APPOINTMENT TO THE A505 ROYSTON TO GRANTA PARK STRATEGIC GROWTH AND TRANSPORT STUDY STEERING GROUP

To: Economy and Environment Committee

Meeting Date: 17 October 2019

From: Steve Cox: Executive Director, Place and Economy

Electoral division(s): Duxford, Linton, Melbourn and Bassingbourn, Sawston and Shelford,

Forward Plan ref: n/a **Key decision:** No

Purpose: To consider the establishment of an A505 Royston to Granta Park Strategic Growth and Transport Study Member Steering Group and to appoint three Cambridgeshire County Councillors to the Steering Group

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Economy and Environment Committee:

- i) approve the establishment of the A505 Royston to Granta Park Strategic Growth and Transport Study Steering Group
- ii) appoint three County Councillors to the Steering Group
- iii) appoint three substitute Members to the Steering Group
- iv) invite Hertfordshire County Council to nominate a representative to the Steering Group

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1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CA) presented a paper at its 27 March 2019 Board meeting that gave funding approval of £1 million for Cambridgeshire County Council to procure and deliver a study to understand in detail the options to deliver multi-modal transport improvements to address current problems and future transport demand between Royston and the A11.
- 1.2 The study will consider what transport improvements and policy interventions are required to support and enable the continued success of the internationally important life sciences cluster to the southeast of Cambridge, including aspirations for expansion of the Research Campuses and Science Parks. It will also take account of aspirations for new housing and development opportunities in the wider area. Ensuring the study is comprehensively aligned with the Combined Authority's emerging Cambridge Autonomous Metro (CAM) project and the Greater Cambridge Partnership's Cambridge South East Transport Study (CSETS) is fundamental.
- 1.3 Consultant resource is currently being procured by the Council through an ESPO framework, with work due to begin in October.

2 MAIN ISSUES

- 2.1 Member and stakeholder involvement will be essential throughout the study, which is in the early stages of development and so the project team wish to set up the Member Steering Group in preparation for Councillor involvement being required. The proposal is for this advisory group to comprise three Cambridgeshire County Councillors, the same number from South Cambridgeshire District Council, and a Hertfordshire County Councillor.
- 2.2 A communication and engagement strategy will be developed to guide stakeholder and public input.

A Member Steering Group

- 2.3 The study will soon reach a stage where Councillors need to be involved. Guidance on how the Group will make recommendations will be clarified in the Terms of Reference that will be agreed when the Group first meet. For information, a draft Terms of Reference is in Appendix 1.
- 2.4 It is envisaged that the Member Steering Group will make recommendations to the County Council's Economy and Environment Committee and to South Cambridgeshire District Council's Cabinet.

3. ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES

3.1 Thriving places for people to live

The following bullet points set out details of implications identified by officers:

- To enable further growth in the internationally important growth area. This is both housing and employment growth which would be to the benefit of all local residents.

- To reduce congestion and improve safety across the area which will result in economic benefits.

3.2 A good quality of life for everyone

The following bullet points set out details of implications identified by officers:

- Improve access in the area which will assist with providing better links to employment, health and education.
- Ensure that consideration is given to sustainable forms of transport which have health benefits.

3.3 The best start for Cambridgeshire’s children

There are no significant implications for this priority.

4. SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Resource Implications

There are no significant implications for this priority.

4.2 Procurement/Contractual/Council Contract Procedure Rules Implications

There are no significant implications for this priority.

4.3 Statutory, Legal and Risk Implications

There are no significant implications for this priority.

4.4 Equality and Diversity Implications

There are no significant implications for this priority.

4.5 Engagement and Communications Implications

There are no significant implications for this priority.

4.6 Localism and Local Member Involvement

Local members from wards in the study area are to be consulted for inclusion in the Steering Group.

Implications	Officer Clearance
Have the resource implications been cleared by Finance?	Yes Name of Financial Officer: Sarah Heywood
Have the procurement/contractual/ Council Contract Procedure Rules implications been cleared by the LGSS Head of Procurement?	Yes Name of Officer: Gus de Silva
Has the impact on statutory, legal and risk implications been cleared by LGSS Law?	Yes Name of Legal Officer: Fiona Macmillan

Have the equality and diversity implications been cleared by your Service Contact?	Yes Name of Officer: Elsa Evans
Have any engagement and communication implications been cleared by Communications?	Yes Name of Officer: Sarah Silk
Have any localism and Local Member involvement issues been cleared by your Service Contact?	Yes Name of Officer: Andy Preston
Have any Public Health implications been cleared by Public Health	Yes Name of Officer: Stuart Keeble

Source Documents	Location
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board Paper 27 th March 2019 – A505 Strategic Study	https://cambridgeshirepeterboroughcagov.cmis.uk.com/Document.ashx?czJKcaeAi5tUFL1DTL2UE4zNRBcoShgo=pURmvEeGSTsBBOFj0HwpEEx3c3594WTW62Jc7rsH9%2bpHKqyUvV0TA%3d%3d&rUzwRPf%2bZ3zd4E7lkn8Lyw%3d%3d=pwRE6AGJFLDNlh225F5QMaQWCtPHwdhUfCZ%2fLUQzgA2uL5jNRG4jdQ%3d%3d&mCTIbCubSFfXsDGW9IXnlq%3d%3d=hFfIUdN3100%3d&kCx1AnS9%2fpWZQ40DXFvdEw%3d%3d=hFfIUdN3100%3d&uJovDxwdjMPoYv%2bAJvYtyA%3d%3d=ctNJFf55vVA%3d&FgPIIEJYlotS%2bYGoBi5oIA%3d%3d=NHdURQburHA%3d&d9Qjj0ag1Pd993jsyOJqFvmyB7X0CSQK=ctNJFf55vVA%3d&WGewmoAfeNR9xqBux0r1Q8Za60lavYmz=ctNJFf55vVA%3d&WGewmoAfeNQ16B2MHuCpMRKZMwaG1PaO=ctNJFf55vVA%3d

Appendix 1: Draft Terms of Reference

A505 Royston to Granta Park Strategic Growth and Transport Study

Member Steering Group

Terms of Reference – DRAFT

1. The Member Steering Group has been established to assist in the review and development of schemes identified by the Royston to Granta Park Strategic Transport and Growth Study.
2. The aim of the Study is to understand in detail the options to deliver multi-modal transport improvements to address current problems and future transport demand between Royston and the A11. The study will consider what transport improvements and policy interventions are required to support and enable the continued success of the internationally important life sciences cluster to the southeast of Cambridge, including aspirations for expansion of the Research Campuses and Science Parks.
3. It will also take account of aspirations for new housing and development opportunities in the wider area. It is fundamental that the study is comprehensively aligned with the Combined Authority's emerging Cambridge Autonomous Metro (CAM) project and the Greater Cambridge Partnership's Cambridge South East Transport Study (CSETS).
4. This note sets out the roles that the Member Steering Group will fulfil during the study, with the main role of the Group to provide guidance regarding the general direction of the study, while representing the concerns of constituents within the limitations of the respective study remits. The group will be asked to comment on the schemes identified by the study using their local knowledge of transport and other issues.
5. A Communications Strategy will be developed to support the Terms of Reference document. This Strategy will set out protocols for communication of the study and Members have a role to adhere to the communications strategy to enable effective implementation of the study.
6. To ensure that the County and District Councils are all involved in the study, the Group will represent their respective authorities and play a role in disseminating information back to fellow Members where appropriate. Three nominated representatives for Cambridgeshire County Council, three nominated representatives for South Cambridgeshire District Council and a representative from Hertfordshire County Council will be able to attend the Member Steering Group meetings. Councillors will nominate a chairperson for the group from amongst its membership at the first meeting.
7. The A505 Royston to Granta Park Strategic Transport and Growth Study is funded by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, with power delegated to Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) to run and manage the study through the County Council's Economy and Environment Committee. It is envisaged that the Steering Group will make recommendations to the Economy and Environment Committee, which would in turn make recommendations to the Combined Authority.

8. In parallel, the Member Steering Group will make recommendations to South Cambridgeshire District Council's Cabinet to ensure that support is obtained from all authorities.