



## Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) Executive Board 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020

### Agenda Item 4: GCP Executive Board Membership Supplementary Information

The GCP Executive Board members have received a letter from the Chair of the Business Board, which formally proposes the recommendations agreed at the Business Board meeting on 19th October 2020. Had the letter been available when the GCP Executive Board agenda was published it would have been included as an appendix to the report. It is therefore being published as a supplementary document.



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Dear Members of the Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board,

### **Business Board Nomination to the GCP Executive Board**

You will recall that a report on nomination from the Business Board to the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) Executive Board was originally scheduled for the September meeting of the Business Board but subsequently withdrawn in light of the correspondence received from the GCP business representatives to Andy Neely.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020, an extraordinary meeting of the Business Board was convened and at that meeting, the Business Board unanimous approved the following recommendations:

- (a) Nominate the Chair of the Business Board to be a non-voting co-opted member of the GCP Executive Board;
- (b) Note that the Chair of the Business Board will be co-opting Dr Andy Williams of AstraZeneca as a non-voting member of the Business Board; and
- (c) Propose to the GCP that it invite Dr Andy Williams to join the GCP Executive Board as a second non-voting member from the Business Board.

This letter formally proposes (c) above. I note that the proposal sits outside the scope of the current terms of reference and standing orders for the Executive Board, however I trust that arrangements can be made to accommodate.

The City Deal document, which is available <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/city-deals-greater-cambridge>, includes the following:

*It is envisaged that the membership of the Executive Board will comprise the leaders or the nominated representative of Cambridge City Council, Cambridgeshire County Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council, one the Pro-Vice Chancellors of the University of Cambridge, and the Chair of the Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership or their nominated representatives.*

*Including the Local Enterprise Partnership as a member of the Executive Board, will ensure close alignment between the objectives and plans of the City Deal and the Enterprise Partnership. Officers*

*and members of the authorities will also maintain close liaison with the Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Enterprise Partnership to encourage that alignment.*

It is clear that the purpose of having a Business Board representative on the GCP Executive Board is to ensure that there is close alignment between the objectives and plans of the Executive Board and the Business Board. As you are aware, both the GCP and the Business Board are in receipt of substantial amounts of central government funding and it is unsurprising that government expects the objectives and plans of both bodies to be closely aligned. Having the Business Board engaged with the GCP Executive Board's decision making enables better co-ordination between the two bodies. Additionally, the Business Board is well placed to understand the implications of GCP decision making on businesses across the wider Cambridgeshire and Peterborough area. Projects such as the CAM and its co-ordination with East West Rail clearly have implications for business well beyond the footprint of Greater Cambridge.

There is provision in our Constitution for me, in my role as Chair, in consultation with the Business Board, to appoint a co-opted member for a period of 12 months, where specific skills or abilities are required which are not available among existing members. Members co-opted in this way do not have voting rights. Co-opting Andy to the Business Board will improve partnership working and consider the needs of the Business Community. Andy is a business representative that lives and works in the area, bringing both his experience as a member of the Greater Cambridge business community as well as the specialist knowledge of transport issues in Greater Cambridge, acquired as a member of the GCP Joint Assembly. The proposal in its entirety was discussed with Andy, prior to presenting it to the Business Board and Andy expressed his approval. Having consulted with members at the meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020, I am now in a position to co-opt Andy to the Business Board.

Further, the need for a substitute member logically falls away as there would be two Business Board members (Andy and I) on the GCP Executive Board if the proposal is accepted. Lastly, it should be appreciated that there are advantages in the same person chairing the Business Board, sitting as a member of the Combined Authority Board and also sitting on the GCP Executive Board.

I trust that in light of all the advantages detailed above, the proposal will be accepted by the Executive Board with suitable arrangements adopted for implementation.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely

Austen Adams  
Chair of the Business Board