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Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) Executive Board

Thursday 1st July 2021

10:00 a.m. – 4:10 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. Election of Chairperson

The Executive Board resolved to:

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

2. Appointment of Vice-Chairperson

The Executive Board resolved to:

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

3. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

4. Declarations of Interest

Phil Allmendinger declared a non-statutory disclosable interest in relation to the Quarterly Progress Report (agenda item 11) due to his employment at the University of Cambridge.

5. Minutes

The minutes of the previous Executive Board meeting, held on 18th March 2021, were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

6. Executive Board Membership

The Executive Board resolved to:

- (a) Confirm the appointment of Austin Adams as the Business Board representative on the GCP Executive Board;
- (b) Confirm the appointment of Dr Andy Williams as the Business Board substitute representative on the GCP Executive Board;
- (c) Confirm that it supports the use of the discretion available to the Chairperson and voting members to allow both the Business Board representative and substitute member to attend future GCP Executive Board meetings; and
- (d) Request the Business Board to consider the appointment of Clare Ruskin to fill the vacancy on the Joint Assembly following the appointment of Dr Andy Williams as a substitute member of the Executive Board.

7. Public Questions

Thirty-two public questions had been accepted by the Chairperson who had agreed that the questions would be received at the start of the relevant agenda item.

8. 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 June 2021.

9. Better Public Transport – Waterbeach to Cambridge

The Executive Board resolved to:

- (a) Note the Public Consultation Report and Strategic Outline Business Case, noting the public support and a strong supporting strategic case for a new, high quality, segregated public transport route between the new town at Waterbeach and Cambridge.

- (b) Note that the Western route option received public support and also scored highest in the economic assessment and agree that this be taken forward as an option in the next stage of assessment and design work.
- (c) Agree that a revised Central route option is also taken forward to the next stage of assessment and design, for further development, engagement and consultation.
- (d) Note that both the Western and revised Central route options avoid impacting upon homes or allotments in the Waterbeach village area.
- (e) Agree that the next stage of the project should include a review of current park and ride provision within the corridor and develop options for future park and ride requirements.
- (f) Agree to seeking to secure a commercial agreement with RLW for the relocation of Waterbeach Rail Station, and delegate the final decision to the Chairperson and Chief Executive.
- (g) Collaborate with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority in the discussion of parallel plans to dual the A10.
- (h) Agree that project plans try to add benefits for surrounding local communities, in order to increase the number of people using the new route.

10. Better Public Transport – Cambridge Eastern Access Project

The Executive Board resolved that:

- (a) Improvements to Newmarket Road comprising a combination of Options A1 and A2, but excluding the relocation of the Park and Ride, should be further developed and subjected to further consultation in order to prepare an Outline Business Case.
- (b) The development of a new Park and Ride site located to the east of Airport Way and south of Newmarket Road should be pursued as a separate project. This should be progressed in advance of the remainder of the full Option B.
- (c) The development of the Option B1 proposals, with services via Coldhams Lane, should continue alongside the consideration of the Marshalls site in the development of the Greater Cambridge Local Plan (GCLP).
- (d) The GCP continue to engage with Network Rail, East West Rail Consortium, East West Rail Company and other stakeholders with regards to potential improvements to the Cambridge to Newmarket Line.
- (e) The GCP ensures close alignment between Eastern Access and the City Access programme in order that the potential impact of road space allocation

on Newmarket Road is complemented by measures on Coldhams Lane to ensure modal shift is achieved.

11. Quarterly Progress Report

The Executive Board resolved to:

- (a) Note the revised Assurance Framework.
- (b) Approve an extension to the centre for Business Research work until November 2022 at a cost of £60k.
- (c) Approve the proposed allocation of £150,000 from the city access budget for a secure cycle parking match funding pilot.

12. Cambourne to Cambridge Independent Audit

The Executive Board resolved to:

- (a) Approve the Preferred Route in the Outline Business Case (OBC) to proceed to the next stage in the process.
- (b) Request officers proceed with the EIA and associated consultation and provide a further report to the Board in due course.
- (c) Request officers, in line with the Independent Audit recommendation, to include the latest position on climate change, Covid-19, CAM, East West Rail, the new National Bus Strategy and integration with the emergent City Access strategy, in the next stages of the project.

13. Cambridge South East Transport Scheme

The Executive Board resolved to:

- (a) Note the response to the EIA consultation (Appendix 1 of the report).
- (b) Note a non-technical summary of the Environmental Statement (Appendix 2 of the report).
- (c) Agree the submission of a Transport & Works Act Order application to secure the necessary planning and consents for the scheme.

14. Date of Future Meetings

The Executive Board noted that the next meeting was due be held on Thursday 30th September 2021.