

Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee: Decision Summary

Meeting: Friday, 25 October 2024

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Any key decision/s set below will come into force and may be implemented after 5.00pm on the fifth clear working day after publication of the decision, unless they are called-in [see note on call in below], with the exception of any key decision on a matter dealt with under the special urgency provisions set out in the Constitution which may be implemented immediately.

1	Announcements, Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest Apologies were received from the Chair, Cllr Bridget Smith and Tim Jones, Business Board member. In Cllr Smith's absence the Vice-Chair of the Committee, Cllr Davenport-Ray chaired the meeting.
2	Declarations of Interest No declarations of interest were made.
3	Minutes and Action Log The minutes of the meeting on 31 July 2024 were approved as an accurate record. The action log was noted by the Committee.
4	Public Questions No public questions were received.
5	Combined Authority Forward Plan RESOLVED: A. To note the Combined Authority Forward Plan
6	Great Ouse Valley Trust RESOLVED: A. To note the presentation on the Great Ouse Valley Trust
7	National Highways (A428 Environmental Enhancements) RESOLVED: A. To note the presentation by National Highways on the A428 Environmental Enhancements
8	Director's Highlight Report RESOLVED A. To note the Director's Highlight Report
9	Affordable Housing Programme – Update on Implementation RESOLVED: A. To note the update in the report
10	Local Nature Recovery Strategy RESOLVED: A. To note the update on the progress of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) and updated timeline

11	<p>Infrastructure Delivery Framework – Final Draft</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>A. To recommend to the Board to approve the final report of the Infrastructure Delivery Framework (IDF).</p> <p>B. To approve the next steps of the CPCA working with Place Directors, across the constituent authorities to develop project concepts and an action plan to address infrastructure issues.</p>
12	<p>Climate Programme Delivery</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>A. To note and endorse the approach to the further development of the Climate Action Plan review for 2025-30 and in particular to ensure the Plan is co- produced and co-owned</p> <p>B. To note the progress on developing the projects within the Climate Programme since the last Committee in July 2024</p> <p>C. To note the plans for the launch of the Opportunity Fund bidding round later this year.</p> <p>D. To meet informally in January 2025 to review opportunity fund bids before they are presented to the Investment Panel in February*</p> <p>*text in bold denotes an additional recommendation</p>
13	<p>Greater South East Net Zero Hub Update</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>A. i) To note the national issues with delivery of previous retrofit schemes that the GSENZ Hub have delivered, the reputational and financial risk to the CPCA and the GSENZ Hub.</p> <p>ii) To agree to the GSENZ Hub undertaking a prompt engagement exercise with the Hub Board and consortia members alongside a risk assessment to inform a final decision whether to submit an expression of interest as the Contracting Authority and Accountable Body for the new Government’s Warm Homes: Local Grant.</p> <p>B. To recommend to the CA Board to delegate authority to the Executive Director of Place and Connectivity to work with the Chair of ESC to evaluate the engagement evidence and outcome of the risk assessment and to conclude whether to submit an Expression of Interest as the application timeline requires decision between committee dates.</p> <p>C. To recommend to the CA Board that the ‘GSENZ Hub is approved to apply on behalf of local authorities in the GSENZ Hub consortia to deliver the Warm Homes: Local Grant scheme’. On the condition that the outcome from recommendations A & B concludes this is the appropriate decision and to report this decision back to the CA Board.</p>
14	<p>Budget and Performance Report</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>A. To note the financial position of the Environment and Sustainable Communities Division for the financial year 24/25 to the end of the first quarter, June 2024</p> <p>B. To note the current Environment and Sustainable Communities budgets within the Combined Authority’s Medium-Term Financial Plan and Capital Programme</p>

15	Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee Work Programme RESOLVED A. To note the Committee Work Programme
16	Date of next meeting The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 11 December 2024.