



Combined Authority Board

5 June 2024 - Ordinary Meeting

Title:	Combined Authority Annual Report 2023-24
Report of:	Rob Bridge, Chief Executive
Lead Member:	Mayor Dr Nik Johnson
Public Report:	Yes
Key Decision:	No
Voting Arrangements:	No vote required

Recommendations:

A	To note the content of the report.
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Strategic Objective(s):

The proposals within this report fit under the following strategic objective(s):

X	Achieving ambitious skills and employment opportunities
X	Achieving good growth
X	Increased connectivity
X	Enabling resilient communities
X	Achieving Best Value and High Performance

1. Purpose

1.1	This report provides an overview of the activity delivered by the Combined Authority in 2023/24 in line with our Corporate Strategy adopted by the Board in January 2023.
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2. Proposal

2.1	The aim of this annual report is to highlight the impact of the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority on employees, learners, businesses and communities during 2023/24. The report reflects the Combined Authority's focus on driving real outcomes for people and business across the whole region and ensuring we are working in partnership to support the development of a prosperous and sustainable Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.
2.2	The report highlights key achievements including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Supporting 254 business to start

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engaging 300 businesses in skills development and upskilled 1,8000 people • Creating over 800 apprenticeships and over 570 new employment opportunities • Supporting over 4,000 participants on numeracy courses • Replacing 1 million car trips and saving over 500 tonnes of CO2 emissions with the use of e-scooters and e-bikes • Securing £6.2m in funding for active travel across the region • Allocating almost £10m from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) enable the initiation of 38 projects across the region • Delivering 34 market towns projects • Establishing 3 social enterprise hubs
2.3	The Annual Report which showcases what we do will be shared with a wide range of local and national stakeholders and with existing and future potential partners, to highlight our continued progress and regional impact.

3. Background

3.1	Last year the Combined Authority produced its first Annual Report, which was presented to Combined Authority Board in June 2023 as an appendix to the Chief Executive's Highlight Report. Following positive feedback on the 2022/23 document it was agreed that an Annual Report would be produced at the end of year municipal year and presented to Combined Authority Board at the Annual General Meeting.
3.2	Work on the 2023-24 Annual Report started in March 2024, with Officers from across the Combined Authority engaged to develop a compelling narrative on our achievements during the municipal year. The draft Annual Report was presented to the Combined Authority's Corporate Management Team twice before CMT approved the Annual Report for sharing with Combined Authority Board Members at the AGM.
3.3	Last year the Annual Report was shared with colleagues within our Constituent Councils, Local MPs stakeholders and members of our Independent Improvement Board. We have improved our distribution plan for the 2023-24 Annual Report to ensure the document has a significantly increased reach this year. This will include sharing the Annual Report with Parish and Town Councils in the region via Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Council, sharing the report via the Member newsletter and sharing with a wider range of stakeholders and community groups who have supported the development of our Shared Ambition. Following the General Election, we will circulate the Annual Report to newly appointed Ministers and Shadow Ministers as well as Local MPs.

4. Appendices

4.1	Appendix A. Combined Authority 2023/24 Annual Report
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5. Implications

Financial Implications

5.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Legal Implications

5.2 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

Public Health Implications

5.3 There are no direct public health implications arising from this report.

Environmental & Climate Change Implications	
5.4	There are no direct environmental & climate change implications arising from this report.
Other Significant Implications	
5.5	There are no other significant implications.
Background Papers	
5.6	None