

CAMBRIDGESHIRE & PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY
INDEPENDENT IMPROVEMENT BOARD OVERVIEW AS AT MAY 2024

The Independent Improvement Board (IIB) met on 7th May and reviewed the Combined Authority's progress with its plan to address the areas of improvement set out in the Best Value Notice dated January 2024. This included taking account of insights provided by the Combined Authority's Chief Executive as well as a review of the latest highlight reports and evidence pack.

Overall, the IIB continues to be encouraged by the progress being made and the evidence provided to support this.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough's planned presence at UKReiFF has been used constructively to drive a focus on compiling an investment prospectus for the region which has been developed in partnership and, similarly, there has been constructive engagement by most parties in the crystallisation of a set of shared ambitions. The IIB has reiterated the importance of these two products being aligned and the work on the later will then need to drive the prioritisation of investment priorities.

Meanwhile, the IIB has spent time with the Chair of the Combined Authority's Audit Committee. This has provided further assurance that the appropriate governance and ways of working are being embedded within the Authority.

In addition, successful appointments have been made to senior management roles which provide re-assurance about the permanent capacity and leadership the Combined Authority, whilst there is an appropriate focus on the cultural development of the organisation and on addressing issues raised through the recent staff survey.

Whilst there has been an understandable focus on the operation of the Board of the Combined Authority in which some are more engaged than others, the important work of the committees that sit underneath it should not be overlooked in which there are high levels of engagement across the constituent councils.

Finally, given the stage reached in the electoral cycle, the Chief Executive and his team are appropriately planning for potential scenarios.