



Combined Authority Board

24 July 2024

Title:	Appointment to outside bodies
Report of:	Edwina Adefehinti, Director Legal and Governance and Monitoring Officer
Lead Member:	Cllr Edna Murphy- Governance
Public Report:	Yes
Key Decision:	No
Voting Arrangements:	Simple majority of voting members

Recommendations:

A	That Board decides which Member(s) is nominated and which member is appointed to the Outside Bodies detailed in the report.
B	That members appointed to external bodies provide updates to the CPCA Board at intervals agreed by the CPCA Board.

Strategic Objective(s):

The report improves the CPCA's corporate governance framework and helps to protect the interests of the CPCA and promote best value.

1. Purpose

1.1	To appoint representatives to outside bodies
1.2	To be made aware of decision making in the outside bodies appointed to, all members appointed to outside bodies will keep the CPCA Board informed of decision making, relevant issues and general updates.

2. Proposal

2.1	To appoint the Mayor as the CPCA representative on the Cambridge Growth Company Advisory Council
2.2	To require that members appointed to outside bodies provide a report to the CPCA Board at regular intervals, the period which will be agreed by the CPCA Board

3. Background

3.1	<p>Making appointments to outside bodies is the responsibility of the CPCA Board:</p> <p><u>An outside body</u></p> <p>This is either an incorporated or an unincorporated body which is not part of the CPCA's own governance structure but whose work helps in some way towards fulfilling the CPCA's own responsibilities and/or improving community life in the area of Cambridgeshire & Peterborough.</p> <p>The term embraces a diverse range of organisational purposes and structures. Outside bodies are categorised as either strategic, locality / ward-based or general in nature.</p> <p>Members appointed by the CPCA Board to an outside body will, when sitting on that body, often have duties to the organisation which take precedence over their duties to the CPCA. This will depend on the type of organisation on which they serve.</p> <p>Members will therefore wish to consider at any time when it appears that the organisation's interests may conflict with the CPCA's interests, whether that conflict prevents them from taking part in decision-making either at the organisation's meeting or at the CPCA's meeting. In such circumstances the Member should seek advice from the Monitoring Officer.</p>
3.2	<p>Cambridge Growth Company Advisory Council</p> <p>The Cambridge Development Group is a growth company established as a government team to advise on and drive forward the government's vision for Cambridge. The team is made up of policy professionals, surveyors, town planners, economists and development specialists, drawing on the expertise of Homes England and the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC). The Group's work to-date has involved working with local partners to inform and support the delivery of the government's vision for Cambridge as set out at Spring Budget.</p> <p>The Advisory Council members will provide views and perspective to the Growth Company Board on a range of issues relevant to the activities of the Growth Company for example transport, water, housing, business and innovation, finance and viability and community/wellbeing.</p> <p>In line with the remit of the Cambridge Growth Company, the Cambridge Development group Chair invite the Mayor to join the Advisory Council.</p>
3.3	<p>A list of officers representing the CPCA on outside bodies is attached as Appendix B.</p>
3.2	<p>Alternative options:</p> <p>Not to appoint. This option would not provide best value to the CPCA and its residents.</p>

4. Appendices

4.1	Appendix A. Advisory Council - Cambridge Growth Company (Homes England) Terms of Reference
4.2	Appendix B. Log of Officers appointments

5. Implications

Financial Implications

5.1 None

Legal Implications

5.2 Representation on outside bodies helps towards fulfilling the CPCA's own responsibilities and priorities and improving community life in its area.

In the Constitution, the CPCA Board has the reserved function of appointing members to committees.

Public Health Implications

5.3	None
Environmental & Climate Change Implications	
5.4	None
Other Significant Implications	
5.5	None
Background Papers	
5.6	None