



Reports from Constituent Council Representatives on the Combined Authority

The following meetings have taken place in December 2024

Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee, 11 December 2024

Councillor:

Decision Summary Link: [Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee \(December\)](#)

Combined Authority Board, 13 December 2024

Councillor:

Decision Summary Link: [Combined Authority Board \(December\)](#)

Investment Committee, 16 December 2024

Councillor:

Decision Summary Link: [Investment Committee \(December\)](#)



Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee: Decision Summary
Meeting: Wednesday, 11 December 2024
Published: Thursday 12 December 2024

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1	Apologies for Absence
	Apologies were received from the Chair, Cllr Smith and from the Business Board Representative, Tim Jones.
2	Declaration of Interests
	No declarations of interests were made.
3	Minutes of the previous meeting
	The minutes of the meeting on 25 October 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.
7	Fenland Soil
	RESOLVED: A. To note the presentation from Fenland Soil.
8	Director's Highlight Report
	RESOLVED: A. To note the Director's Highlight Report.
9	Local Nature Recovery Strategy Update
	RESOLVED: A. To note that a consultation draft of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) will be presented to the Environment & Sustainable Committee for approval for consultation at its June meeting that follows the end of the election period in May. B. That the Committee proceed to oversee and approve a revised LNRS timetable with an eight-week consultation commencing July and target date of adoption by 31 December 2025.

10	Climate Programme Delivery
	RESOLVED: A. To note the progress on the Climate Action Plan review B. To note the progress on the Climate Programme and on funding projects in line with the Single Assurance Framework C. To note the update on the launch of the Opportunity Fund bidding round.
11	GSENZH Overview of Programmes, Finance and Governance
	RESOLVED: A. To note the report.
12	Budget and Performance Report
	RESOLVED: A. To note the financial position of the Environment and Sustainable Communities Division for the financial year 24/25 to the end of the second quarter, September 2024.
13	Work Programme
	RESOLVED: A. To note the Committee Work Programme.
14	Date of Next Meeting
	The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 29 January 2025.

Notes:

- a) Statements in **bold type** indicate additional resolutions made at the meeting.
- b) Five Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee may call-in a key decision of the Mayor, the Combined Authority Board or an Officer for scrutiny by notifying the Monitoring Officer, except for any key decision on a matter dealt with under the special urgency provisions set out in the Constitution which may be implemented immediately.



Combined Authority Board: Decision Summary
Meeting: Friday, 13 December 2024
Published: Friday, 13 December 2024
Decision Review Deadline: Monday, 20 December 2024

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1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Darryl Preston, John O'Brien, Councillor Bridget Smith (Councillor John Williams substituting) and Councillor Dennis Jones (Councillor Angus Ellis substituting).

2 Declaration of Interests

There were no declaration of interests made.

3 Proposal for Local Bus Fare Cap [KD2024/068]

It was resolved to:

- A To retain the bus fare cap at £2 per single journey for those participating operators in the Combined Authority area from 1 January 2025 to 31 March 2025.
- B To delegate authority to the Assistant Director for Transport (Public Transport Services) to engage with local operators to ensure the new local fare cap is implemented.
- C To note that any consideration on extending the fare cap beyond 31 March 2025 will be part of the 2025/26 budget setting report in January 2025.

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Investment Committee: Decision Summary
Meeting: Monday, 16 December 2024
Published: Monday, 16 December 2024

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1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from the Mayor (Cllr Anna Smith substituting), Cllr Nick Thulbourn (Cllr Mohammed Jamil substituting), Cllr Simon Smith (Cllr Richard Robertson substituting) and Cllr Haq Nawaz.

2 Declaration of Interests

Councillor Richard Robertson declared a potential interest in item 5 as a trustee of an organisation who may apply for a grant from the social impact fund.

Regarding item 4, in the interest of transparency, Councillor Alan Sharp declared that the Littleport Business and Community Centre report went through the Finance and Assets Committee at East Cambridgeshire District Council, which he chairs.

3 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes from the meeting held on 21 October 2024 were approved as an accurate record.

The Action Log was noted.

4 Investment Committee Concept Papers - Littleport Business and Community Centre

The Investment Committee resolved:

- A To note and comment upon the Littleport Business and Community Centre concept papers prior to their presentation CPCA Board at its meeting on 22 January 2025.

5 Single Assurance Framework Business Case Approvals - Investment Committee Decisions

The Investment Committee resolved:

- A To approve the Full Business Case and £1.5m Capital to deliver the Peat Soil Affected Roads project
- B To approve the Full Business Case and £1m Revenue to deliver the Greater Cambridge Impact Investment Fund project
- C To approve the Full Business Case and £2.15m Capital to deliver the Delivery of Digital Connectivity Strategy 2025-29 (year one) project

6 Single Assurance Framework Business Case Approvals - Chief Executive Decisions

The Investment Committee resolved:

- A To note the Chief Executive business case decisions for projects less than £1m under the Single Assurance Framework.

7 Single Assurance Framework: Reporting of Most Complex Programmes and Projects

The Investment Committee resolved:

- A To note the performance report on major projects and risk

8 Appointment of Investment Committee member to the Social Impact Investment Fund Panel

On being nominated by Councillor Anna Smith and seconded by Councillor Richard Robertson it was unanimously resolved to appoint Councillor Sam Wakeford as the Investment Committee member to sit on the Social Impact Fund Panel

9 Work Programme

The Investment Committee resolved:

- A To note the Investment Committee's Work Programme

10 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 13 January 2025.

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