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(CCC) PPA with Greater Cambridge Partnership and Cambs County Council

FOI Full Disclosure Request for copy of PPA with Greater Cambridge Partnership and Cambs County Council referred to by Stephen Kelly in his report on (GCP) Infrastructure Projects to Cllr Thornburrow 21 March, 2023

I would like to obtain a copy of the PPA with GCP and CCC referred to by the Director of Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service in item 6.1 in his report below to Councillor Thornburrow , Exec Cllr for Planning , Cambridge City Council

Update on Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) Infrastructure Projects to Councillor Katie Thornburrow, 21 March 2023
<https://democracy.cambridge.gov.uk/documents/s62264/GCP%20Update%20Report%20March%202023%20FINAL.pdf>

6.1

The consideration of and support to the Council in responding to these significant infrastructure projects forms part of the existing funding and responsibilities of the Shared Planning Service. In line with best practice and reflecting the complex technical nature of proposals such as this and the level of specialist engagement required, the Shared Planning Service has entered into a PPA with GCP and CCC to programme and, where required, fund specialist resources to support the Councils consideration and response to projects.

In addition, the Council would expect to secure expert legal advice to ensure effective representation at any forthcoming TWA order public inquiry. The cost of and need for such advice has been considered in the service's budget insofar as it is possible to do so at this stage. This report raises no implications for the cost of delivery of that response

The PPA referred to by the Director of Greater Cambridge Shared Planning in his report to Cllr Thornburrow has not hitherto been made public, to the best of my knowledge.

Please would you provide:

1) A copy of the PPA

Note: Given that the council may be minded to refuse release of the PPA itself given that this may also include financial information. In that event, please treat our request as having consent to receiving a copy of the PPA with the figures redacted, in order to remove any barrier to release of the wording.

2) A copy of / link to the minutes of the public meeting of councillors at which the making of a PPA with GCP and CCC was discussed and approved, or if this was not done, confirmation as such.

3) A copy of the minutes of any internal meeting at which officers from GCP,

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Cambs CC, Shared Legal Services, Cambridge City Council and/or the Combined Authority formally agreed to pursue the making of a PPA with GCP and Cambs CC

4) The name and position(s) of the Councillor (s) who authorised the PPA with GCP and CCC

5) The post title of the officer (s) from GCP, Cambs CC, Greater Cambs Shared Planning Service, Shared Legal Services, Cambridge City Council and/or Cambridge and Peterborough Combined Authority who authorised and agreed the PPA.

6) The date on which the PPA was agreed and/or signed, if not stated in the agreement itself.

Response

Question 1 - Please see attached document, which is the signed PPA referred to in the committee report.

Question 2 - Minutes are accessible via the following link: Browse meetings - Planning - Cambridge Council

Question 3 - We do not hold this information.

Question 4 – Councillors are not involved in the authorisation of PPAs.

Question 5 – See section 11.0 for details of the officers who signed the agreement.

Question 6 – The PPA is dated 02 March 2020.

Further queries on this matter should be directed to foi@cambridge.gov.uk
