



Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board

Decision Summary of the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) Executive Board
Thursday 6 November 2025
4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting.
The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear
in the formal minutes of the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mayor Paul Bristow.

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Cameron Holloway declared a non-statutory disclosable interest in relation to Agenda Item 9 (Greenways Overall Programme Update), as he had previously submitted a Local Highways Improvement (LHI) application for improvements to Burrells Walk Bridge, and he confirmed that he would abstain on the vote for that recommendation.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the previous Executive Board meeting, held on 10 July 2025, were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

4. Membership

The Executive Board resolved to:

Confirm the interim appointment of Sir John Aston as a member of the GCP Executive Board, representing University of Cambridge.

5. Public Questions

One public question had been accepted by the Chairperson, who had agreed that the question would be taken at the start of the relevant agenda item.

6. Feedback from the Joint Assembly

The Executive Board noted the report from the Chairperson of the GCP Joint Assembly, Councillor Simon Smith, which summarised the discussions from the Joint Assembly meeting held on 16 October 2025.

7. Quarterly Progress Report

The Executive Board resolved to:

Endorse the multi-year budget strategy as outlined in Section 13, including the detailed GCP budgets for 2026/27. This includes a request of an additional £367k to sustain the Smart programme for the next twelve months.

8. GCP Infrastructure Programme Biodiversity Net Gain Approach

The Executive Board resolved to:

- (a) Agree the proposed delivery phases and approve the overall BNG approach;
- (b) Approve the delivery of offsite habitat, as appropriate in line with legal, value for money and procurement rules, for GCP projects which require offsite area and hedgerow habitat. As set out in Section 4.7-4.8 this will include investigating Lower Valley Farm as an option for offsite habitat;
- (c) Approve the next stage of work to deliver linear aquatic habitat on awarded watercourses managed by Cambridge City Council, beginning with the Sheep's Green scheme; and
- (d) Note the potential opportunities related to surplus habitat and approve the next stage of work to assess the full implications, cost, and benefits, of any eventual sale.

9. Greenways Overall Programme Update

The Executive Board resolved to:

- (a) Note the Greenways programme for delivery in 2026;
- (b) Approve the Barton village crossing amendment to the Barton Greenway;
- (c) Approve the new starting point of the Swaffham Greenway.
- (d) Note the online stakeholder engagement to be held about Burrells Walk Bridge for the Comberton Greenway; and
- (e) Agree to delegate authority to the Interim Director of the GCP to enter into the required construction contracts to build the scheme.

10. Date of Future Meetings

The Executive Board noted that the next scheduled meeting was due be held on Thursday 5 March 2026.