

## **East West Main Line Partnership Strategic Board**

**6 October 2022**

### **Agenda Item 9: Revising Partnership terms of reference and administrative update**

**Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board:**

- a) Receives a verbal update on the Partnership's mid-year financial position**
- b) Agrees the revised terms of reference as set out below**
- c) Welcomes Cambridge City Council to the Partnership**

#### **Context**

- 1.1. At the mid-year point in the financial year, EEH business manager Fiona Foulkes will provide the Partnership Board with a verbal update.
- 1.2. The terms of reference for the Strategic Board have not been updated since 2018 and relate to the East West Rail Consortium.
- 1.3. They have therefore been updated and are available in annex 1.

#### **2. Amendments**

- 2.1. Changes made to the terms of reference include:
  - Updating language to reflect the change in name to East West Main Line Partnership and removing paragraphs that are no longer relevant, for example, in relation to meetings or roles which no longer exist.
  - Ensuring the purpose of the Partnership matches the six key areas of interest agreed by the Board and contained within the Introducing the East West Main Line Partnership published September 2021
  - Revising the membership section to clarify that local authority members – which pay an annual subscription – are the full members of the Board, while other members are ex-officio
  - Introducing a section on the Eastern Section Board.
  - Shortening the terms of reference – for example, by removing an explanation about sub-national transport bodies.
  - Removing the specific requirement that the Chair and Vice-Chair must, in combination, 'reflect the geographical breadth' of the Partnership: it is for Board members to decide whether to take this into consideration when electing the Chair and Vice-Chair.

#### **3. Cambridge City Council**

- 3.1. In August the EWMLP secretariat was approached by Cambridge City Council which expressed an interest in joining the Partnership.
- 3.2. Advice was sought from the Chair who has confirmed his support in principle for Cambridge joining the Partnership.
- 3.3. Given Cambridge City Council's core relevance to East West Rail it is recommended that the Board formally agrees and welcomes them to the Partnership.

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