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Response sent

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(CCC) Chalk Streams Project

I am writing to request all information held in relation to the application made to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority for funding for the Chalk Streams Project. This application was considered by the Combined Authority on 26 January 2022.

This request specifically includes any information held documenting which officer or member decided to make the application and the delegation arrangements under which that decision was made.

Response

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority held a Leaders' strategy session in early December 2021, during which they circulated information in regard to an opportunity for Local Authorities to submit bids for potential grant funding. Cambridge City Council's Leader and CEO issued early information on this opportunity on 7th December.

The timing was extremely tight with a submission date of 31st December 2021. The City Council's Leader delegated the Member role for coordination of the bids to Cllr Mike Davey, Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources, with Senior Officer support from Andrew Limb, Assistant CEO. (Email group 1 attached). Cllr Davey coordinated the Executive response including inviting proposals and the Chalkstreams project was proposed by Executive Cllr for Planning and Transport, as a potential joint project with SCDC (Email group 2 attached) .

The chalkstreams bid was led by a City Council Environment team officer with support from the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning team. Assistant CEO updated Lead Exec etc on proposals on 22/12/21 (email 3 attached) Cllr Davey updated the Executive on the list of proposed project bids, including the chalkstream project on 22/12/21 (email group 4 attached) Owing to the tight deadlines for submission, with ongoing work on bids over the Christmas period, the officer coordination role was subsequently passed Fiona Bryant, Director of Enterprise and Sustainable Development who met with Cllr Davey on 23rd December to discuss bids and to initiate further work on proposals with CPCA coordinating officer).

The Director had a final meeting with Cllr Davey to approve the final submissions on 30th December (email group 5), before submitting them to CPCA on 31st December . (email group 6) The Chalkstreams project, as agreed, was submitted as a joint City and South Cambs project. The initial project bid for the chalkstreams project is separately attached.

A small amount of redaction is applied to material we are obliged not to disclose under our obligations as regards s40(2) - personal data of third parties.

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We aim to provide a high-quality service to you and hope that you are satisfied with this response. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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