
Devolution for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

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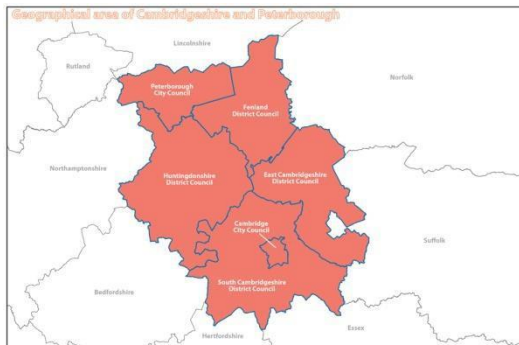
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The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Devolution Briefing

Key Objectives of Presentation:

- To outline the devolution process
- To explain what we have done to date
- To share the headlines of the offer
- To explain where next



What is Devolution?

- Transfer of powers & budgets from central government to Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.
- Opportunity to review local governance which may lead to further local government reorganisation.
- Offers the potential to add value to local public services across Cambridgeshire & Peterborough.
- Opportunity to secure powers and budgets that would not be possible outside of a devolution deal.



Why Devolution...

...across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough we face major challenges...

- We need to accelerate the economic success of Cambridge and Peterborough
- We need to deliver and share the benefits of economic growth right across our area
- We need to build new homes that meet a mix of housing needs
- Our transport systems need substantial investment and stronger integration
- We have considerable skills shortages in key areas that businesses need
- We have a growing and aging population which generates a major financial challenge

Why go for a Devolution Deal?

- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough - one of the fastest growing and economically significant parts of the UK.
- Forecast population growth of 130,000 over the next 15 years, with an increase in GVA of around £10bn, 60,000 new jobs and 94,000 new homes.



The challenges devolution needs to help address to deliver benefits

Housing supply & affordability

Skills gaps & Recruitment difficulties

Pressures that population growth brings to local services

Rising Social Care costs & demand pressures

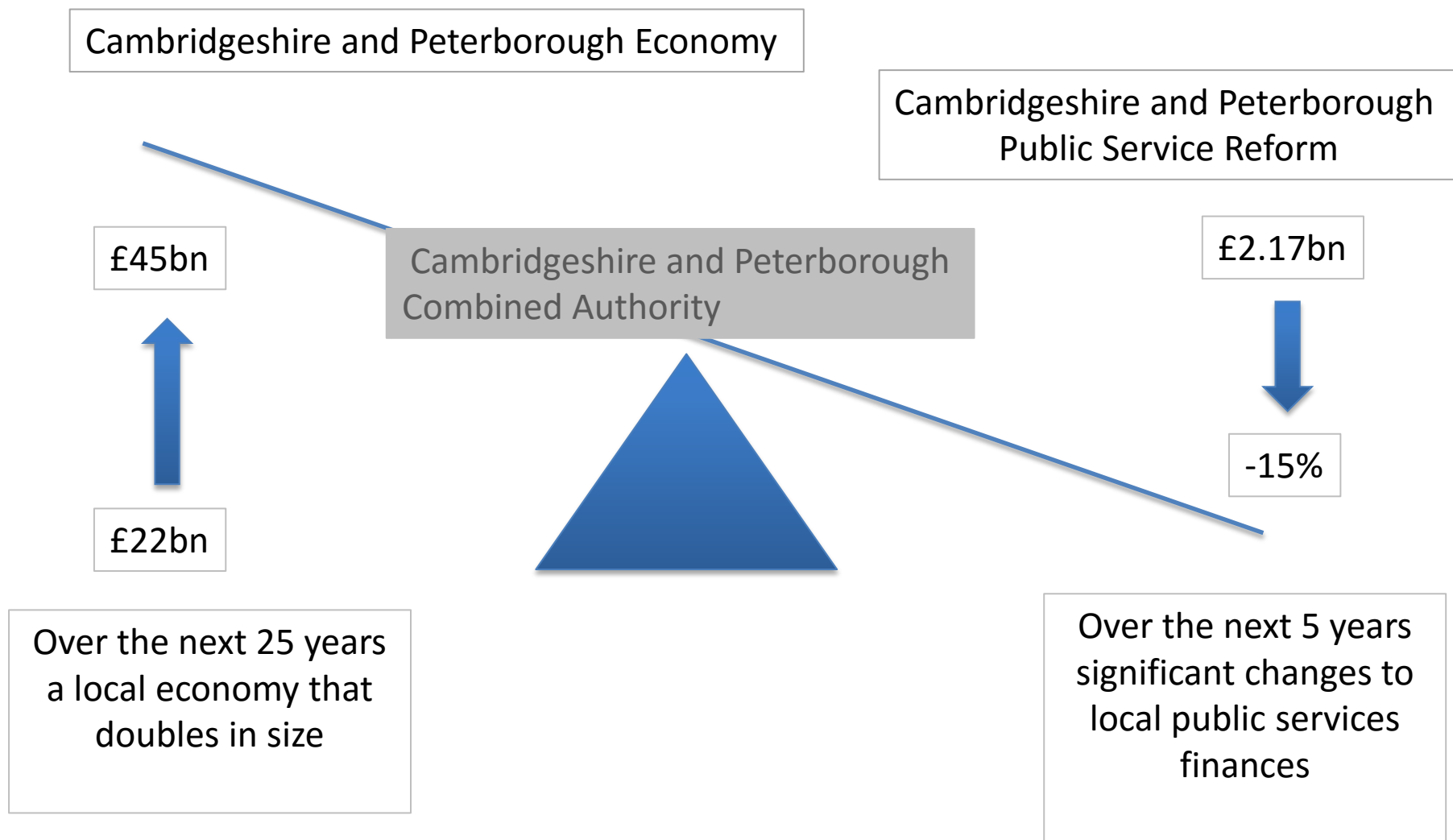
Pockets of multiple deprivation

Community Safety challenges

Road & Rail capacity

Challenged health economy

The Strategy of Devolution



Why Cambridgeshire and Peterborough?

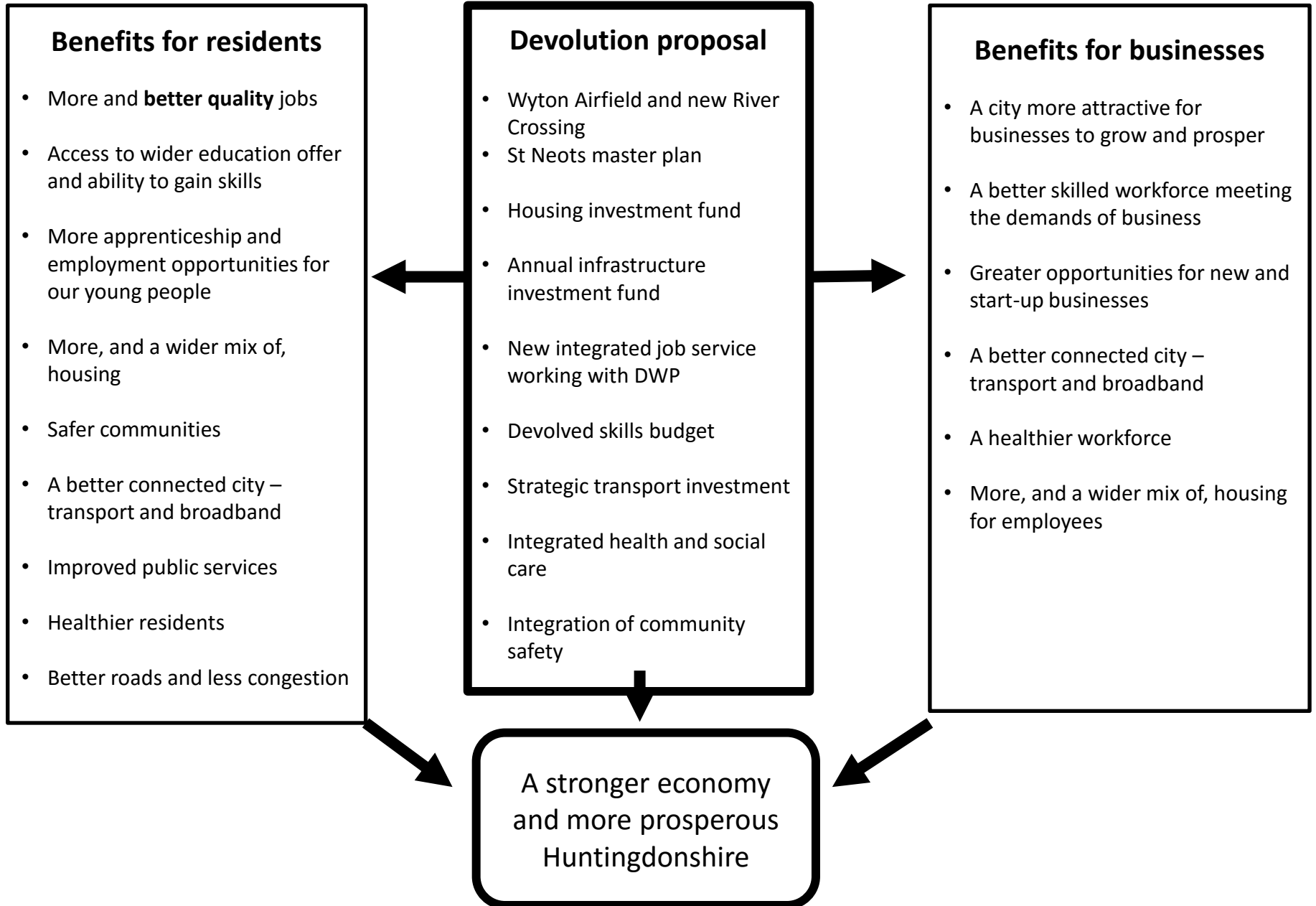
- In March the Chancellor published an offer to 22 local authorities and one LEP for East Anglia Devolution
- That deal was to form an East Anglia Combined Authority covering Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough
- Most Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Councils chose not to support the deal with Norfolk and Suffolk and to sponsor a deal for the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough communities instead
- The government listened to our positions and accepted the new proposition

Main features of the proposal

- ✓ A deal for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough
- ✓ Infrastructure investment single pot £20m per annum over 30 years
- ✓ Housing Fund £100m over five years
- ✓ Cambridge Housing Fund £70m over five years
- ✓ New powers and finance for skills, transport, public services
- ✓ Democratically elected Mayor appointed

Strong local business support for the proposal

Benefits for residents and businesses



Connectivity and infrastructure

The Mayor and Combined Authority can get:

- Multi-year transport budget
- Responsibility for an identified key route network of local roads
- Stronger input into transport franchises
- Power to create transport solutions

The Mayor and Combined Authority can deliver:

- Infrastructure that fully supports housing and employment developments
- Connectivity that enables business to operate differently
- Integrated transport that enables growth
- Comprehensive super fast broadband for all residents and businesses

Growing our infrastructure fund

An illustration of how devolution can enable and accelerate infrastructure delivery

Top infrastructure priorities

• Greater Cambridge (including Wyton)	£340m
• Greater Peterborough	£250m
• Cambridge to Kings Lynn	£200m
• New homes	£100m
• Rural Growth	£200m
• Innovation & Skills	£100m
Total	£1,200m

Devolution – illustration

New deal investment

- £20m pa investment fund (for 30 yrs) £600m
- Housing investment fund (over 5 yrs) £100m

Devolved resources

- Skills budgets (over 3 yrs) £90m
- Transport tbd

Local taxes

- Supplementary Business Rate £380m

Potential further deal advantage

- Rail Investment £100m
- Government Investment £200m

Arrangements with other areas

We will set up collaborations/joint committees with Councils and CAs around us

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough
Devolution Agreement

Norfolk and Suffolk
Devolution Agreement

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Mayor

Norfolk and Suffolk Mayor

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough
Combined Authority

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Cambridgeshire Norfolk Peterborough Suffolk Committee

Lincolnshire Committee

Essex Committee

Rutland Committee

Strategic Boards for pan Regional
issues – e.g. Transport, Infrastructure

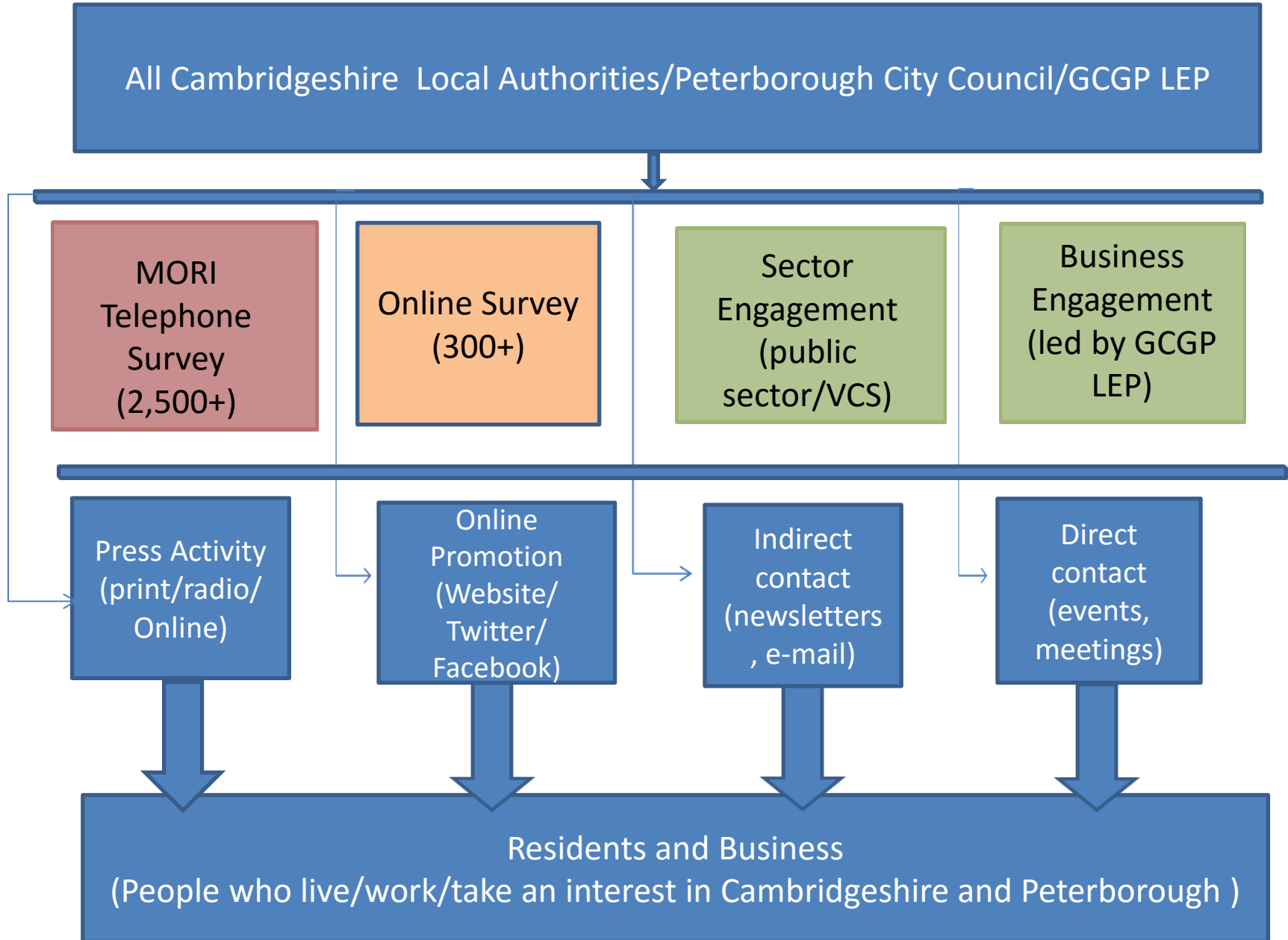
Combined Authorities establish
Committees to work together and with
other Combined Authorities / Areas

Summary

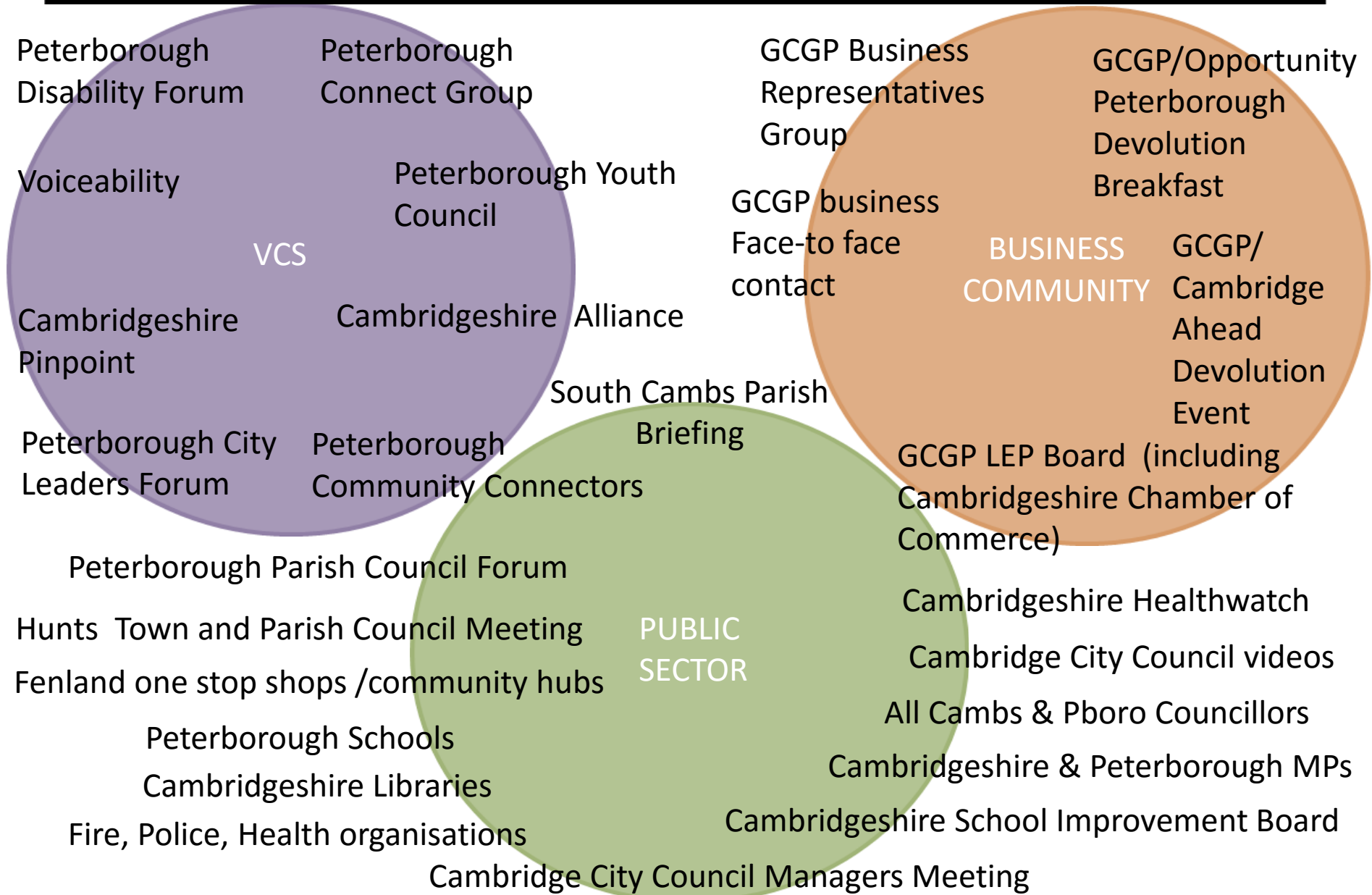
Key points:

- ✓ First mover advantage – size of the deal
- ✓ LEP growth funding – our position will be stronger
- ✓ At the top table for future deals e.g. Manchester now on deal 4
- ✓ There are substantial rewards – additional income and power
- ✓ Puts decision making back into local hands
- ✓ Local areas and experience can do things better

Consultation overview



Consultation – Engagement Map



Devolution timetable

- **July – August** – consultation with residents, businesses and other stakeholders
- **23rd August**- consultation ends
- **August – November** - detailed design including reflection on public consultation findings, development of governance model, government approval and Full Council commitment to arrangements to form a Combined Authority
- **4th November** - Legislative process to establish Combined Authority and Mayoral election

Why does the CA need a Mayor?

- Leader of a Place, not a Council
- Considerable local powers currently held by Whitehall
- National and International advocate for CA
- Strengthens relationships between existing authorities
- Mayor's powers will be well regulated
- Will be, at least cost neutral

Any questions?