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We now have a Devolved Authority with Cambridgeshire and Peterborough combining to deliver infrastructure. The Shadow Devolved Authority has met which seemed to go well, although the Greens were anxious about Scrutiny arrangements. The voting for the position of Mayor will take place in May with James Palmer from East Cambs the Conservative Candidate.

A request for building sites has generated possible space for 4,500 new homes. To be accepted these sites must have stalled for one reason or another and the houses must be deliverable within 5 years.

England's Economic Heartland Alliance is progressing. And is likely to be the lead in the delivery of the Oxford- Cambridge Railway and Expressway and the government is interested in amalgamating for infrastructure development Norfolk, Suffolk, Herts and maybe Essex.

Greater Cambridge City Deal (GCCD) This is being revamped with a new interim Chief Executive Rachel Stopard, with a dedicated Comms Team and Transport Team with members totally dedicated to the City Deal and not trying to run CCC transport as well. There is a proposal that large areas of Cambridge City will have residential parking with the start-up costs being met by the GCCD money. This could potentially disperse up to 5,000 vehicles, but there are no alternative ideas such as enhanced public transport. Clearly this is only one piece in the jigsaw.

Hospital Discharge and Patient Flow. CCC has made good progress in tackling delayed discharge attributable to Adult Social Care but more needs to be done and social care capacity is under considerable strain in dealing with patients with complex needs. CCC is committed to improve its position and support the NHS to improve patient flow. Several key measures have been taken.

1. CCC has contracted a new home care service that specialises in home care recruitment to create capacity in the winter months.
2. Discharge planning teams. Some more social workers have been relocated in the hospitals to augment the service teams and expedite discharge planning.
3. Care Homes and Domiciliary Care Incentive schemes. Because winter has such a high demand CCC has introduced an incentive scheme to encourage timely assessments.
4. 7 day working. The discharge planning operates 7 days a week for each of the acute hospitals.
5. The re-ablement teams (people who go into frail people's homes and encourage them and give them confidence to look after themselves) also work 7 days a week and they work collaboratively and closely with the discharge planning team.
6. Doddington Court. CCC has agreed to fund and manage 9 intermediate flats for people who would need to occupy acute beds.
7. CCC has facilitated a meeting between Addenbrookes and Care Home managers to improve the discharge process.
8. CCC has doubled the size of its block contracts to 402 residential and nursing beds.

Sustainable solutions in the long term.

1. CCC Peterborough and CCG are working to increase the capacity to support people at home. This includes greater use of assisted technology and new models of service delivery. There is an outline proposal to expand residential and nursing facilities by 450 beds. A business case has been approved to implement a neighbourhood care project along the principle of the Dutch Buurzorg project.

Budget for next year. CCC is meeting 14<sup>th</sup> Feb to agree next year's budget. Watch this space!