

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....12th October 2017

1. Title of Item/Report

Transport for the North

2. Record of the Decision

This item was not included on the original published agenda, but the Chair had agreed that the item required an urgent Cabinet decision. This was because the Council had been advised by the Department for Transport that to delay would risk the statutory instrument needed to bring the organisation into existence not being given parliamentary time, due to the Brexit related matters that were likely to dominate the parliamentary timetable in the forthcoming period.

Consideration was given to a report on Transport for the North - Incorporation as a Sub National Transport Body.

The purpose of this report was for the Council as Local Highway Authority to consent to the making of Regulations by the Secretary of State to establish Transport for the North (TfN) as a Sub –National Transport Body under section 102J of the Local Transport Act 2008.

The consent of each Highway Authority within the area of each Combined Authority which was a Constituent Authority of TfN was required to the making of Regulations by the Secretary of State because the Regulations contained provisions giving TfN highway powers to be exercised concurrently with the Local Highway Authorities.

The Secretary of State had formally responded to the Proposal and had indicated that he was minded to make Regulations creating TfN as the first Sub-National Transport Body with the following functions :

- a. The preparation of a Northern Transport Strategy;
- b. The provision of advice on the North's priorities, as a Statutory Partner in the Department's investment processes;
- c. The coordination of regional transport activities, (such as smart ticketing), and the co-management of the TransPennine Express and Northern rail franchises through the acquisition of Rail North Ltd.:

RESOLVED that:

1. Consent be given to the incorporation of Transport for the North as a Sub–National Transport Body.
2. Delegation be given to the Director of Economic Growth & Development to confirm to the Secretary of State the giving of consent by the Council and to take such other steps that are required to bring the creation of Transport for the North as a Sub–National Transport Body into being.
3. Reasons for the Decision

To support the creation of Transport for the North as a Sub –National Transport Body.

To ensure the Tees Valley authorities via the Tees Valley Combined Authority maximise their potential to influence and positively shape the future transport services across Northern England.
4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None
5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None
6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A
7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight, 20 October 2017

Proper Officer  
16 October 2017