

TEES VALLEY COMBINED AUTHORITY CABINET

**Cavendish House, Teesdale Business Park, Stockton-On-Tees at 10.00am on
Thursday 31st January 2019**

These minutes are in draft form until approved at the next Cabinet meeting and are therefore subject to amendments.

<u>ATTENDEES</u>	
<u>Members</u>	
Mayor Ben Houchen (Chair)	Tees Valley Mayor
Mayor David Budd	Mayor of Middlesbrough
Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher	Leader, Hartlepool Borough Council
Councillor Bob Cook	Leader, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Councillor Stephen Harker	Leader, Darlington Borough Council
Councillor Sue Jeffrey	Leader, Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council
<u>Associate Members</u>	
David Soley	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Darren Hankey	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Professor Paul Croney	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Angela Howey	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Alby Pattison	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Brenda McLeish	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Jerry Hopkinson	Member of Tees Valley LEP
James Ramsbotham	Observer, on behalf of the Tees Valley Business Representative Bodies
<u>Apologies for Absence</u>	
Paul Booth	Chair, Tees Valley LEP
Vikki Jackson-Smith	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Mike Matthews	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Mark South	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Nigel Perry	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Annabel Turpin	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Siobhan McArdle	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Graham Robb	Member of Tees Valley LEP
<u>Officers</u>	
Richard McGuckin	Director of Economic Growth and Development, Stockton on Tees Borough Council
Gill Alexander	Chief Executive, Hartlepool Borough Council
Amanda Skelton	Chief Executive, Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council
Julie Gilhespie	Chief Executive, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Andrew Nixon	Monitoring Officer, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Sarah Brackenborough	Governance Manager, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Martin Waters	Head of Finance, Resources and Housing, Tees Valley Combined Authority

TVCA 58/18	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>Professor Paul Croney, Teesside University, declared a personal interest as a partner in the Middlesbrough District Energy Scheme.</p>
TVCA 59/18	<p>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <p>Councillor Sue Jeffrey asked why the minutes from the special Cabinet on the 24th January had not been brought to the meeting for approval. It was confirmed that the decision record for the meeting had been published, as required, however the short timescales between the meetings had meant it was not possible to bring the draft minutes. They would be brought to the 15th March meeting.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 30th November be confirmed and signed as a correct record.</p>
TVCA 60/18	<p>MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>The Mayor noted that the acquisition of land at the South Tees Development Corporation would be completed around the end of February and the acquisition of the airport would be the end of February/beginning of March.</p>
TVCA 61/18	<p>TEES VALLEY MAYOR'S UPDATE</p> <p>Cabinet considered the Mayor's update report.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be noted.</p>
TVCA 62/18	<p>TVCA COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS</p> <p>Cabinet considered the appointments report.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillor Paddy Brown (Hartlepool) be appointed to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p>
TVCA 63/18	<p>APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICERS 2020</p> <p>Cabinet considered the appointment of returning officers for 2020.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Julie Danks, the local returning officer of Stockton-On-Tees Borough Council, be appointed as the Combined Authority Returning Officer in relation to the Tees Valley Combined Authority Mayoral Election 2020.</p>
TVCA 64/18	<p>OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE BUDGET CONSULTATION REPORT</p> <p>Cabinet considered the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in relation to the Combined Authority Budget 2019/20.</p> <p>Councillor Sue Jeffrey questioned whether the Overview and Scrutiny Committee had been given the opportunity to review the budget since the special Cabinet meeting on 24th January. The Head of Finance and Resources, Martin Waters, confirmed that this hadn't taken place due to the timescales.</p>

	<p>The Chief Executive, Julie Gilhespie, noted that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's Budget Task and Finish Group meets regularly throughout the year, and there would be further opportunity to discuss the Combined Authority's budget at these meetings.</p> <p>Councillor Sue Jeffrey asked for confirmation that all procedures had been followed correctly. The Monitoring Officer, Andrew Nixon, confirmed that all procedures had been followed correctly.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The process undertaken by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Finance and Resources Sub-Committee to scrutinise the budget be noted; ii. The report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted.
<p>TVCA 65/18</p>	<p>BUDGET 2019-20 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN</p> <p>Cabinet considered the budget for the Combined Authority, following a period of consultation.</p> <p>Councillor Sue Jeffrey noted that the consultation responses had not been published alongside the papers. She also commented that there were several areas in the consultation responses that needed further consideration, such as the skills agenda. Julie Gilhespie apologised for the oversight and noted that responses would be published on the website as soon as possible.</p> <p>Mayor David Budd also raised the issue of replacement funding for the European funds and stressed the need for the Tees Valley to continue to lobby for replacement funds to be at the same levels.</p> <p>The Cabinet requested that a letter be sent to government stressing the need for the Tees Valley's share of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund to be equal to our current levels of EU funding.</p> <p>It was confirmed that the Treasury Management Strategy would be brought to the March cabinet meeting.</p> <p>Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher stressed the need for an early decision on the Business Compass service to ensure no gap in provision.</p> <p>The operating Model for implementation of the Careers funding was reported to the cabinet.</p> <p>Julie Gilhespie noted that a number of workshops would be arranged with the cabinet to discuss the key themes in the investment plan and the most immediate priorities.</p> <p>Councillor Sue Jeffrey noted the rate of pay for apprentices within the pay policy statement, as Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council pay a minimum level of £5.00p/h. The Chief Executive, Julie Gilhespie agreed that the Combined Authority would review this.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The budget 2019 – 20 be approved; ii. The pay policy statement be noted.

TVCA 66/18	TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY MID-TERM REVIEW Cabinet considered the mid-term review of the treasury management strategy. RESOLVED that the report be noted.
TVCA 67/18	INVESTMENT PLAN DELIVERY REPORT Cabinet considered the investment plan delivery report. RESOLVED that the report be noted.
TVCA 68/18	TRANSPORT – LOCAL MAJOR SCHEME UPDATE Cabinet considered a report outlining an update on the Outline Business Cases for the New Tees Crossing and Darlington Northern Link Road and a proposed approach for continued development for the schemes. Councillor Stephen Harker noted the importance of starting to look at bus, cycling and walking schemes. Councilor Sue Jeffrey also commented on the need to bring forward public transport initiatives more quickly. RESOLVED that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. progress in developing proposals for a New Tees Crossing (NTC) and the Darlington Northern Link Road (DNLR) be noted; ii. the additional £500,000 of funding recently confirmed from the DfT together with an additional £250,000 from uncommitted resources identified in the Combined Authority’s Investment Plan for Transport, be applied to complete Stage 2 of design development, leading to a Preferred Route Announcement of the NTC scheme in Summer/early Autumn 2019, for consideration for entry in to Highways England’s second Road Investment Strategy (RIS2); iii. formal public consultation be undertaken in March 2019 on the NTC scheme (as part of the Stage 2 work); and iv. the development of the DNLR proposals continues to ascertain value for money, before further decisions are taken once more information is available on the DfT’s Major Road Network (MRN) proposals, to keep proposals ready for investment the allocation of an additional £50,000 from uncommitted resources.
TVCA 69/18	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Friday 15 th March 2019.