

TEES VALLEY COMBINED AUTHORITY (TVCA) CABINET

**Cavendish House, Teesdale Business Park, Stockton-On-Tees at 10.00am on
Friday 25th October 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
Councillor Heather Scott OBE	Leader, Darlington Borough Council
Councillor Shane Moore	Leader, Hartlepool Borough Council
Mayor Andy Preston	Mayor of Middlesbrough
Councillor Mary Lanigan	Leader, Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council
Councillor Bob Cook	Leader, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
<u>Associate Members</u>	
David Soley	Vice Chair of Tees Valley Local Enterprise Partnership
Angela Howey	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Zoe Lewis	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Annabel Turpin	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Brenda McLeish	Member of Tees Valley LEP
<u>Apologies for Absence</u>	
Paul Booth	Chair of Tees Valley Local Enterprise Partnership
Nigel Perry	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Professor Paul Croney	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Graham Robb	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Mark South	Member of Tees Valley LEP
<u>Officers and Others in Attendance</u>	
Julie Danks	Chief Executive, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Denise McGuckin	Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods, Hartlepool Borough Council
Rob Mitchell	Head of Policy and Performance, Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council
Tony Parkinson	Chief Executive, Middlesbrough Council
Julie Gilhespie	Chief Executive, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Gary MacDonald	Director of Finance and Resources, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Chris Beck	Director of Business and Skills, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Martin Waters	Goosepool Executive Director, Tees Valley Combined Authority
John Hart	Governance Manager, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Alison Fellows	Director of Commercial and Delivery, Tees Valley Combined Authority

Tom Bryant	Head of Transport and Infrastructure, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Neal Smith	Head of Communications, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Mike Russell	Business Finance Manager, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Alan Weston	Senior Project Manager, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Councillor Norma Stephenson OBE	Chair of Tees Valley Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee/Stockton Borough Council
Councillor Denise Rooney	Vice Chair of Tees Valley Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee/Middlesbrough Council.

TVCA 26/19	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies for absence were submitted as detailed above.
TVCA 27/19	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None.
TVCA 28/19	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 26 th July 2019 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.
TVCA 29/19	MATTERS ARISING None.
TVCA 30/19	MAYOR'S UPDATE Cabinet considered the Mayor's Update report. In addition to the report as tabled the Mayor asked that Cabinet note the passing of Alan Chapman, Head Teacher of Catcote Academy, Hartlepool. On behalf of the Cabinet, the Mayor paid tribute to Mr Chapman, whose school was named SEND Champion of The Year at the recent National Careers Awards. Further to the report as tabled, the Mayor updated members that the Business Case for a new Tees Crossing had now been submitted to the Department of Transport and suggested members encourage their networks to make representations supportive of the Business Case. RESOLVED that the Mayor's Update be noted.
TVCA 31/19	GOVERNANCE AND APPOINTMENTS The report set out appointments including the Chair and Vice Chair nominations for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Audit and Governance Committee.

	<p>It also requested that Cabinet noted the resignation of Alby Pattinson from the Tees Valley Local Enterprise Partnership and changes to Statutory Officers of the Combined Authority necessitated by the recent organisational restructure.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>The Combined Authority Cabinet agreed and noted the appointments as set out in the report.</p>
<p>TVCA 32/19</p>	<p>INVESTMENT PLAN - £30M BUSINESS GROWTH PROGRAMME</p> <p>Mike Russell, TVCA Business Finance Manager introduced a report requesting Cabinet approval for plans for the delivery of a programme of business support and funding to be implemented from January 2020. The plans included the establishment of a new Business Gateway service, providing local businesses with a single point of entry to the range of business support, funding and finance options available to them regardless of business size, sector or nature of need, and a £20m flexible fund providing capital grants and working capital loans to businesses.</p> <p>The Mayor stated that the aim of the plans was to allow more targeted interventions supporting local business growth, more specific to the needs of the Tees Valley than currently permitted.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Cabinet approved the allocation of the £30m Business Growth Programme as detailed: ii. Cabinet approved that, in line with the Assurance Framework, decisions on the individual schemes within the programme and approval of their business cases would be delegated to the Combined Authority Chief Executive in consultation with the S73 Officer, the Monitoring Officer and Tees Valley Management Group, with performance reported through the quarterly Investment Plan performance report.
<p>TVCA 33/19</p>	<p>INVESTMENT PLAN DELIVERY REPORT</p> <p>Julie Gilhespie, TVCA Chief Executive, introduced a report updating members on the delivery of the Combined Authority ten-year investment programme.</p> <p>Councillor Heather Scott welcomed the new format of the report.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>Cabinet noted the report</p>
<p>TVCA 34/19</p>	<p>NORTHERN SCHOOL OF ART, NEW MIDDLESBROUGH SITE/FACILITY</p> <p>Alison Fellows, TVCA Director of Commercial and Delivery, introduced a report asking Cabinet to consider a request from The Northern School of Art for £14.85m investment to enable the relocation of its existing Further Education facility from Acklam in Middlesbrough to a town centre location, supporting its ambition to become a specialist university.</p>

	<p>Mayor Andy Preston highlighted the uniqueness of the facility's offer and potential for increased access and improved transport links to be delivered by the project. The Mayor of the Tees Valley highlighted the positive potential impact on the regeneration of central Middlesbrough.</p> <p>Councillor Bob Cook requested that more information be provided relating to alternative proposals rejected during the options appraisal. The Mayor gave assurances that these would be supplied to members, with consideration given to greater information of this nature being supplied in papers relating to similar proposals in future.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Cabinet agreed to approve the request for a £7.25m of non-repayable grant and up to a maximum of £7.25m repayable grant which has an initial repayment on sale of the existing site and further repayments if the agreed profit targets are met. ii. Cabinet authorised the Combined Authority Chief Executive to take all necessary steps to negotiate and complete appropriate funding agreements with the School on the basis set out in the report, taking account of any issues arising as a result of meeting the appraisal conditions <p>At the completion of this item the Mayor proposed a motion excluding the press and public from the remainder of the meeting due to the confidential nature of items, by virtue of paragraphs 3 of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.</p>
<p>TVCA 35/19</p>	<p>DEMAND RESPONSIVE TRANSPORT</p> <p>Tom Bryant, TVCA Head of Transport and Infrastructure, introduced a report requesting Cabinet approval for the awarding of a contract for the delivery of a new demand responsive bus service designed to provide better access for some of the rural communities in Darlington, Hartlepool, Redcar & Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees.</p> <p>Councillors Cook and Lanigan made suggestions relating to fares and rural service provision, with the Mayor proposing that Cabinet approve the awarding of the contract and delegate responsibility for investigating member suggestions to the Chief Executive prior to delivery.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Cabinet approved the awarding of the contract. ii. Cabinet delegated responsibility for final details relating to delivery of the scheme to the TVCA Chief Executive.
<p>TVCA 36/19</p>	<p>TEESSIDE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT</p> <p>Martin Waters, Goosepool Executive Director, introduced a report updating Cabinet on the implementation of the airport investment plan and presenting the annual airport Business Plan, as agreed by the Airport Board the previous day.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p>

	<p>Cabinet noted progress to date regarding implementation of the airport investment plan and approved the annual Business Plan.</p>
<p>TVCA 37/19</p>	<p>MIDDLESBROUGH DISTRICT ENERGY NETWORK UPDATE</p> <p>Alison Fellows, TVCA Director of Commercial and Delivery introduced a report updating Cabinet on the Middlesbrough District Energy Network Project.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Cabinet noted the update. ii. Cabinet noted that a further report will be tabled in January 2020 recommending formal approval for the Project.
<p>TVCA 38/19</p>	<p>TEES VALLEY RESIDUAL MUNICIPAL WASTE TREATMENT PROJECT</p> <p>Gary MacDonald, TVCA Director of Finance and Resources introduced a report providing Cabinet with details of an Outline Business Case developed to address the future treatment of municipal residual waste collected by the Tees Valley Local Authorities and thanked Denise McGuckin, Hartlepool Borough Council Director of Regeneration and Neighborhoods developing the Business Case.</p> <p>Councillors Lanigan, Moore, Scott and Cook welcomed the collaboration between the Tees Valley local authorities.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>Cabinet agreed that the Combined Authority should provide the Tees Valley Local Authorities a loan facility for project procurement, to be repaid over the length of the waste disposal contract.</p>
<p>TVCA 39/19</p>	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>Members held a discussion relating to Tees Valley Cultural Strategy.</p>
<p>TVCA 40/19</p>	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Friday January 31st 2020</p>