

TEES VALLEY COMBINED AUTHORITY (TVCA) CABINET

Friday May 28th 2020 at 10am

Under the provisions of the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 this meeting took place via video link.

<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
Councillor Mary Lanigan	Leader, Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council
Councillor Bob Cook	Leader, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Paul Booth	Chair, Tees Valley Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)
<u>Associate Members</u>	
David Soley	Vice Chair, Tees Valley Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)
Graham Robb	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Zoe Lewis	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Angela Howey	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Jerry Hopkinson	Member of Tees Valley LEP
James Ramsbotham	Business Organisation Representative, Tees Valley LEP
<u>Apologies for Absence</u>	
Mayor Andy Preston	Mayor of Middlesbrough
Annabel Turpin	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Brenda McLeish	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Mark South	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Nigel Perry	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Professor Paul Croney	Member of Tees Valley LEP
<u>Officers and Others in Attendance</u>	
Julie Gilhespie	Chief Executive, Tees Valley Combined Authority (TVCA)
Andrew Nixon	Monitoring Officer, TVCA
Gary Macdonald	Director of Finance & Resources, TVCA
Alison Fellows	Director of Commercial & Delivery
Chris Beck	Director of Business & Skills, TVCA
Tom Bryant	Head of Transport & Infrastructure, TVCA
Neal Smith	Head of Communications & Marketing, TVCA
John Hart	Governance Manager, TVCA
Sally Henry	Governance Officer, TVCA
Chris Rowell	Policy Advisor to the Tees Valley Mayor
John Sampson	Managing Director, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council

Paul Wildsmith	Managing Director, Darlington Borough Council
Julie Danks	Managing Director, Stockton Borough Council
Denise McGuckin	Director of Regeneration & Neighbourhoods, Hartlepool Borough Council

TVCA 76/19	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Apologies for absence were submitted as detailed above.</p>
TVCA 77/19	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>The Tees Valley Mayor, Graham Robb and Cllr Mary Lanigan placed on record their membership of the Board of the South Tees Development Corporation (Item 80/19).</p>
TVCA 78/19	<p>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on March 13th 2020 were confirmed as a true record.</p>
TVCA 79/19	<p>MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>None.</p>
TVCA 80/19	<p>TVCA GROUP GOVERNANCE</p> <p>The Tees Valley Mayor introduced a paper updating Cabinet on TVCA Group Governance arrangements, incorporating necessary amendments to give effect to the evolving Group structure and South Tees Development Corporation (STDC) Board composition and reflect the negotiated compromise agreement with SSI/Thai Banks, the successful Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) process and the associated joint venture arrangements.</p> <p>Cabinet was recommended to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Approved proposed amendments to the Group Governance arrangements and roles and responsibilities of Senior Officers and delegated the authority to the Tees Valley Mayor to approve any further necessary changes, provided their impact remained within the funding envelope detailed in the TVCA Medium Term Financial Plan; ii. Approved proposed changes to the membership of the STDC Board and agreed consequential changes to the STDC Constitution to enact this; iii. Delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with the Director of Finance and Resources and the Monitoring Officer, the authority to make the necessary administrative arrangements to coordinate and manage the proposed amendments. <p>RESOLVED that: Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.</p>
TVCA 81/19	<p>MAYOR'S UPDATE</p>

	<p>The Tees Valley Mayor introduced a report providing a general update on the key activities of the Mayor and Combined Authority since the last Cabinet meeting, in particular setting out the Combined Authority’s response to the COVID-19 outbreak.</p> <p>RESOLVED that: Cabinet agreed to note the report.</p>
<p>TVCA 82/19</p>	<p>RESPONSE TO GOVERNMENT FREEPORTS CONSULTATION</p> <p>The Tees Valley Mayor introduced a report detailing the Combined Authority’s proposed response to the Government’s Freeports Consultation.</p> <p>Cabinet was recommended to support the submission of the consultation response to Government.</p> <p>Cllr Mary Lanigan expressed support for the proposals and praised the report.</p> <p>Jerry Hopkinson, Local Enterprise Partnership thematic lead for Transport & Infrastructure, commented on the “profound impact” the proposal could have on the Tees Valley economy.</p> <p>Cllr Shane Moore thanked officers for incorporating feedback received from the Local Enterprise Partnership Board.</p> <p>RESOLVED that: Cabinet approved the recommendation and delegated to the Tees Valley Mayor the authority to make final revisions to the consultation response in consultation with local authority leaders.</p>
<p>TVCA 83/19</p>	<p>TRANSPORT INVESTMENT PROSPECTUS</p> <p>Under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Tees Valley Mayor proposed that the public be excluded from the meeting for the duration of the following item.</p> <p>Tom Bryant, Head of Transport & Infrastructure, introduced a report setting out Combined Authority proposition for a share of the five-year transport funding settlement for eight Mayoral Combined Authorities announced in the Budget.</p> <p>Cabinet was recommended to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Approve the Transport Investment Prospectus. ii. Authorise the Chief Executive and Tees Valley Mayor to engage with Government and make any necessary amends to the Transport Investment Prospectus in consultation with Tees Valley Management Group. iii. Approve an allocation from the TVCA Investment Plan 2019-2029 as a local contribution to the new A19 Tees Crossing, subject to the production of a Full Business Case and due diligence in line with the Assurance Framework. <p>Graham Robb queried whether more funding should be made available to support the installation of electric vehicle charging points at places of work. Tom Bryant stated that funding levels in the prospectus were currently indicative only, and that funding for project of this nature was expected from other channels, with an emphasis on the development of a public network.</p>

	<p>Paul Booth and Jerry Hopkinson expressed support for the proposals and requested that members be provided with additional information with regards to the development of hydrogen vehicles in the Tees Valley and digitisation of the regional transport network. The Tees Valley Mayor recognised that requests may require specific additional submissions to the government.</p> <p>RESOLVED that: Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.</p>
<p>TVCA 84/19</p>	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday July 24th 2020