

TEES VALLEY COMBINED AUTHORITY CABINET

Friday 22nd July 2022 at 10am

Teesside

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 Shane Moore	Leader, Hartlepool Borough Council
Councillor Mary Lanigan	Leader, Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council
Councillor Robert Cook	Leader, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Councillor Jonathan Dulston	Leader, Darlington Borough Council
Councillor Mieka Smiles	Deputy Mayor of Middlesbrough
Siobhan McArdle	Chair of Tees Valley LEP
<u>Apologies</u>	
Mayor Andy Preston	Mayor of Middlesbrough
<u>Officers and Others in Attendance</u>	
Julie Gilhespie	Group Chief Executive, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Peter Judge	Group Chief Legal Officer (Monitoring Officer), Tees Valley Combined Authority
Gary Macdonald	Group Director of Finances & Resources, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Chris Beck	Director of Innovation & Clean Growth, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Tom Bryant	Assistant Director Transport & Infrastructure Tees Valley Combined Authority
Shona Duncan	Head of Education, Employment & Skills Tees Valley Combined Authority
Denise McGuckin	Managing Director, Hartlepool Borough Council
Julie Danks	Managing Director, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Tony Parkinson	Chief Executive, Middlesbrough Council
Dave Winstanley	Director of Group Services, Darlington Borough Council
Cllr John Hobson	Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Cllr Sandra Smith	Vice Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Sally Henry	Governance Officer, TVCA
TVCA 01/22	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies for absence were submitted as detailed above.
TVCA 02/22	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

	<p>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING None.</p> <p>BUSINESS MEETING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The members of Hartlepool and Middlesborough in relation to the Mayoral Development Corporation decisions – Agenda Item 7 (Investment Plan Refresh) • The constituent authorities likely to be funding recipients should the Adult Education budget be approved) – Agenda Item 11 (Adult Skills including Adult Education Budget).
ANNUAL MEETING	
TVCA 03/22	<p>GOVERNANCE AND APPOINTMENTS</p> <p>Cabinet considered several items of business at its Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>GOVERNANCE AND APPOINTMENTS</p> <p>Cabinet considered several items of business at its Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Moore confirmed he will advise of the outstanding appointments from Hartlepool Borough Council and these will be ratified by The Monitoring Officer.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> agreed the appointments as set out at Appendix 1 to the report agreed the members' allowances scheme for 2022-23 and Mayoral Allowance at Appendix 2; noted that the Monitoring Officer has reviewed the Constitution and is content that no amendments are required.
TVCA 04/22	<p>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 11th March, 2022 were agreed as an accurate record. There were no matters arising.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2022 were confirmed as an accurate record.</p>
TVCA 05/22	<p>MAYOR'S UPDATE REPORT</p> <p>The Chair introduced a report providing a general update on the key activities of the Mayor and Combined Authority since the last Cabinet meeting.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet noted the report.</p>
TVCA 06/22	OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

	<p>Members received an update on the work of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee for the period May 2021 – April 2022.</p> <p>Cllr Hobson confirmed that the report was discussed at the recent Overview & Scrutiny Committee, and some amendments had been suggested by the committee and an updated report had been circulated to Cabinet.</p> <p>The Monitoring Officer confirmed that the report had been appropriately amended.</p> <p>Mayor expressed his thanks to Cllr Hobson & Cllr Smith for their work on the Committee.</p> <p>Cllr Moore commented that he was pleased to note that all meetings had been quorate.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet noted the report.</p>
<p>TVCA 07/22</p>	<p>INVESTMENT PLAN REFRESH</p> <p>Members were provided with a refreshed Investment Plan for approval.</p> <p>Cabinet was advised that there is a strong focus on communities and place - with investment in community safety, supporting local businesses, transport, skills, and the proposed designations of two new Mayoral Development Corporations. The plan also included a proposal to explore the creation of a Tees Valley Energy Company (TVEC), which will offer sustainable, green, and stable energy prices for Tees Valley businesses.</p> <p>Cllr Lanigan proposed that the matters in resolution one of the paper be referred to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee meet to examine and report back to a future meeting of the Cabinet. Cllr Moore seconded the proposal.</p> <p>Cllr Smiles confirmed that Middleborough Borough Council welcomed the proposal for an MDC in Middlesborough, subject to the views gathered via the live consultation.</p> <p>Cllr Moore confirmed that Hartlepool Borough Council welcomed the proposal for an MDC in Hartlepool, subject to the views gathered via the live consultation</p> <p>Cllr Cooke confirmed that Stockton Borough Council would not be seeking a Mayoral Development Corporation.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. approved the Investment Plan refresh, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) for Tees Valley and our submission to government; • The £3.6m UKSPF Multiply National Programme; • An update on the £310m sustainable transport programme;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That Tees Valley Combined Authority (TVCA) become party to the 'shell' bus Enhanced Partnership agreement, noting that there are no direct obligations at this stage, and delegate authority to the Assistant Director for Transport & Infrastructure to engage through the Bus Partnership governance structure and agree further detail in relation to any element of the delivery plan, which has implications on TVCA, subject to confirmation of funding and satisfactory completion of the necessary statutory processes. • A mandate to commence a project on the establishment of a Tees Valley Energy Company (TVEC), with any decision to establish the TVEC and Invest in Solar energy generation and supply infrastructure to be brought back to Cabinet for a final decision; • Teesside International Airport Limited (TIAL) Business Plan; • Note the TIAL Draft Accounts 2021/22 which will be approved by the TIAL Board and delegate authority to the TIAL Board to approve the final accounts; • the proposal to progress discussions on the consolidation of the TIAL Shareholding with the Local Authority Shareholders; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. supported the designation of a new Mayoral Development Corporation in Hartlepool, subject to the outcome of the consultation process; 3. supported the designation of a new Mayoral Development Corporation in Middlesbrough, subject to the outcome of the consultation process. 4. The decision set out at resolution 1 above should be referred to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee in order that the Committee may examine it, and report and make recommendations about this decision to a future meeting of Cabinet.
TVCA 08/2022	<p>QUARTER 4 BUDGET REPORT & MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN UPDATE</p> <p>Members were provided with an update on the financial position of the Combined Authority for the period ending 31 March 2021 and presented with a revised Medium-Term Financial Plan.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Noted the quarter 4 financial position as of 31 March 2022; and ii. Approved the revised Medium-Term Financial Plan.
TVCA 09/2022	<p>EMPLOYMENT & SKILLS STRATEGY</p> <p>Cabinet was presented with the draft Tees Valley Employment and Skills Strategy for the Tees Valley. It will form the basis for any new Employment and Skills investment for 2022-29. It will form the basis for any new Employment & Skills investment for 2022/29.</p>

	<p>Cllr Cook confirmed that the Strategy had been discussed at length at the recent meeting of the Local Enterprise Partnership, where questions had been asked and answered.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Approved the Strategy for publication; and ii. In line with the development and appraisal processes approved as part of the Constitution, delegated the future approval of the delivery plan Business Case to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Elected Mayor and cabinet Portfolio lead member.
<p>TVCA 10/2022</p>	<p>TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN REPORT 2021/22</p> <p>Cabinet was informed of the 2021/22 performance against the treasury management and prudential indicators set in the Treasury Management Strategy which was approved in March 2021.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet noted the report.</p>
<p>TVCA 11/2022</p>	<p>INVESTMENT FOR ADULT SKILLS INCLUDING ADULT EDUCATION BUDGET</p> <p><i>Under the terms of paragraph 3 of schedule 12a Local Government Act 1972, the appendices to this report were not published.</i></p> <p>Cabinet was asked to approve the process for awarding skills funding to providers, up to and including the 2024/25 academic year, including the Adult Education Budget, the Level 3 Adult Offer (Free Courses for Jobs) and Wave 3 Skills bootcamps.</p> <p>The report also provided cabinet members with an update on the key policy changes to be implemented from 2022/23 academic year and the rationale behind these changes.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Approved the allocations to be made to providers for the 2022/23 academic year for the Adult Education Budget, Level 3 Adult Offer (Free Courses for Jobs) and Skills Bootcamps as set out in Appendix 1 to the report. ii. Approved the process for awarding future adult skills funding to providers up to and including the 2024/25 academic year for all existing and future Adult Skills funding as described [paragraphs 17 - 21 below]. iii. Noted the summary of policy changes to be implemented from the 2022/23 academic year, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report. iv. Agreed to continue to delegate the operational management to the Group Chief Executive in consultation with the Elected Mayor and Cabinet Portfolio holder in line with existing decision-making approvals,

	<p>including any changes to the payment model and any additional in year funding awards.</p> <p>v. Agreed to receive further reports on an annual basis to approve provider skills funding allocations in relation to the annual devolved adult skills budget.</p>
	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Friday 30th September 2022 at 10am</p>