

**TEES VALLEY COMBINED AUTHORITY CABINET**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 10am**

**Teesside Airport Business Suite, Teesside International Airport, Darlington**

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

<b><u>ATTENDEES</u></b>	
<b><u>Members</u></b>	
Mayor Ben Houchen (Chair)	Tees Valley Mayor
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 Shane Moore	Leader, Hartlepool Borough Council
Andy Preston	Mayor of Middlesbrough
<b><u>Officers and Others in Attendance</u></b>	
Julie Gilhespie	Group Chief Executive, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Emma Simson	Acting Group Chief Legal Officer (Deputy Monitoring Officer), Tees Valley Combined Authority
Gary Macdonald	Group Director of Finance & Resources
Chris Beck	Group Director of Clean Growth & Innovation
Mike Greene	Managing Director, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Geoff Field	Director of Environment and Community Services, Middlesbrough Council
Ian Williams	Chief Executive, Darlington Borough Council
Nicola Dean	Governance & Scrutiny Officer, TVCA
<b><u>Apologies</u></b>	
Siobhan McArdle	Chair of Tees Valley LEP
Denise McGuckin	Hartlepool Borough Council
John Sampson	Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council
Tony Parkinson	Middlesbrough Council
Helen Kemp	Group Director of Business & Skills
<b>TVCA 21/22</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>  Apologies for absence were submitted as detailed above.
<b>TVCA 22/22</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>  There were no interests declared.

<p><b>TVCA 23/22</b></p>	<p><b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022 were agreed as an accurate record. There were no matters arising.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED that</b> the minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022 were confirmed as an accurate record.</p>
<p><b>TVCA 24/22</b></p>	<p><b>GOVERNANCE &amp; APPOINTMENTS</b></p> <p>Cabinet was invited to ratify the Vice Chair of the Combined Authority Transport Committee and the appointment of 3 Independent representatives on to the TVCA Audit &amp; Governance Committee.</p> <p>Cabinet was asked to note the resignation of Peter Judge, the Monitoring Officer and agree interim arrangements for the discharge of the Monitoring Officer function.</p> <p>Cabinet was also asked to approve the proposed amendments to the TVCA Constitution, as detailed in the report.</p> <p>Cabinet noted the Urgent Decision.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED that:-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• agreed the appointments as set out in the report;</li> <li>• noted the resignation of The Monitoring Officer and agree interim arrangements for the discharge of Monitoring Officer functions;</li> <li>• approved the amendments to the Constitution;</li> <li>• Noted the “Urgent Decision”.</li> </ul>
<p><b>TVCA 25/22</b></p>	<p><b>MAYOR’S UPDATE REPORT</b></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><b>RESOLVED</b> that Cabinet noted the report.</p>
<p><b>TVCA 26/22</b></p>	<p><b>QUARTER 2 BUDGET REPORT AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN UPDATE</b></p> <p>Cabinet was provided an update on the financial position of the Combined Authority for the period ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and were presented with a revised Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP).</p> <p><b>RESOLVED that:-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cabinet noted the Quarter 2 financial position as of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 report: and</li> <li>• Cabinet noted the revised Medium-Term Financial Plan.</li> </ul>

<p><b>TVCA 27/22</b></p>	<p><b>ADOPTION OF INVESTMENT PLAN, BUDGET 2023-24 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN</b></p> <p>Cabinet members were invited to consider and reconfirm the high-level financial allocations for the Investment Plan 2021-29 and consider and approve the Draft Budget for 2023-24 for the purposes of consultation.</p> <p>It was noted that this item would be brought back to the January Cabinet for final approval/amends following the consultation process. It was confirmed that the TVCA Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee had met yesterday as part of the consultation process, and they will produce a Report that will come to the January Cabinet.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Cabinet considered and reconfirmed the high-level financial allocations for the Investment Plan 2021-29 and considered and approved the Draft Budget for 2023-24 for the purposes of consultation.</p>
<p><b>TVCA 28/2022</b></p>	<p><b>TEES VALLEY NET ZERO STRATEGY</b></p> <p>Cabinet was provided with the Tees Valley Net Zero Strategy which sets out a practical roadmap for the Tees Valley to achieve Net Zero by 2050.</p> <p>Councillor Lanigan acknowledged this as a collaborative effort following work with the Local Authorities and stakeholders and thanked those involved.</p> <p>It was noted there were some ambitious targets in the Strategy and a Member asked if these were achievable. Chris Beck, Group Director of Clean Growth &amp; Innovation, advised all are achievable targets at either a local or national level and the Mayor emphasised a need to be ambitious, since the Tees Valley is the centre of Net Zero in the UK and therefore should set the standard. Cabinet was further assured that the Strategy had been tested with Councils and stakeholders.</p> <p>Members agreed the need for local companies to buy into decarbonisation and Net Zero.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Cabinet approved the Tees Valley Net Zero Strategy.</p>
	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 10am</p>