

MINUTE EXTRACT

Cabinet Meeting – 10th November 2016

1. Title of Item/Report

Governance Proposals for the Tees Valley Mayoral Combined Authority

2. Record of the Decision

Following the Authority's approval of the Devolution Deal; the formation of the Tees Valley Combined Authority on the 1 April 2016; and the making of the Order creating the position of Mayor for the Tees Valley Combined Authority area, public consultation had taken place on the functions of a Tees Valley Mayor and how the Mayor could work within the Combined Authority.

The report to Cabinet now sought the Council's approval to give consent to the Order being made that would determine the powers of the Tees Valley Mayor. A similar report was being presented to all five Borough councils in the current cycle of meetings. Once all five councils had given their consent, along with the Combined Authority which would meet on the 25 November 2016, the Secretary of State would lay the Order before Parliament on or after 28th November 2016. Following the Parliamentary process and approval over the New Year period, the Secretary of State would then make the Order, and it would be brought into force.

The report emphasized that where a Council operated executive arrangements (a Leader and Cabinet system or an elected Mayor and Cabinet model), the decision to give consent was legally an executive (not a full Council) function.

The draft Order provided by Government, a copy of which was provided for consideration, was continuing to be developed. The Order in its final form, at the point at which it was to be laid in Parliament, would be the version which the Authority would be asked in due course to give consent to being made.

The draft provided that the Mayor would be required to be part of any majority vote, if that vote was to pass. This requirement was included in the Councils Devolution Deal, and it had been indicated that the principle would be reflected in all Combined Authority Orders.

Given this, the Combined Authority's draft constitution had been revised in order to introduce a provision which would enable a proposal which had the support of the majority of the Combined Authority's cabinet members, but not the Mayor, to be stayed, and considered further, with a view to reaching a consensus, prior to the submission of an alternative proposal.

A copy of the Combined Authority's draft constitution was made available for Members consideration and comment.

RESOLVED that:-

1. Consent be given to the proposed Order being made by the Secretary of State.

2. Authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to give the Council's final consent to the Order being made when requested by the Secretary of State.
3. Consideration be given to the draft Mayoral Combined Authority constitution, with any comments from Cabinet being referred to the Combined Authority for consideration when reaching its decision on approval of the constitution, and
4. Cabinet's report and decisions be submitted to Council, in order to update all Members regarding the proposals for the Tees Valley Mayoral Combined Authority and the arrangements for giving the Authority's consent to the making of the Order establishing the powers of the Tees Valley Mayor.