



TEES VALLEY COMBINED AUTHORITY CABINET

Friday, 27 June, 2025 at 10.30am

Teesside Airport Business Suite, Teesside International Airport, Darlington

<u>ATTENDEES</u>	
Members	
Mayor Ben Houchen (Chair)	Tees Valley Mayor
Councillor Brenda Harrison	Leader Hartlepool Borough Council
Councillor Stephen Harker	Leader, Darlington Borough Council
Mayor Chris Cooke	Mayor, Middlesbrough Council
Councillor Alec Brown	Leader, Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council
Councillor Lisa Evans	Leader, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Matt Ord	Tees Valley Business Board
Officers	
Tom Bryant	Interim Chief Executive, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Gary Macdonald	Group Director of Finance and Resources, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Sarah Brackenborough	Director of Operations, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Emma Simson	Group Chief Legal Officer and Monitoring Officer, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Hugh Grime	Head of Legal Services & Deputy Monitoring Officer, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Sarah Walker	Interim Director of Business Solutions, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Alan Weston	Head of Transport & Infrastructure. Tees Valley Combined Authority
Stephanie Rose	Policy Development Manager, Tees Valley Combined Authority

Denise McGuckin	Managing Director, Hartlepool Borough Council
Erik Scollay	Chief Executive, Middlesbrough Council
Brian Archer	Executive Director for Growth, Enterprise & Environment, Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council
Mike Greene	Chief Executive, Stockton on Tees Borough Council
Rose Rouse	Chief Executive, Darlington Borough Council
Sally Henry	Governance Officer, TVCA
Councillor Ian Blades	TVCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee

These Minutes capture the key points and decisions of the meeting, but they do not attempt to reproduce every word spoken. The full recording can be found [here](#)

	<p><u>CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS</u></p> <p>The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone in attendance.</p>
TVCA 10/25	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>There were no apologies for absence</p>
TVCA 11/25	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>Mayor Houchen declared a non-pecuniary interest in his capacity as Chair of STDC Board, HDC Board and MDC Board.</p> <p>Councillor Brown declared a non-pecuniary interest in his capacity as a member of the STDC Board and Freeport Board.</p> <p>Councillor Harrison declared a non-pecuniary interest in her capacity as a member of the HDC Board.</p> <p>Mayor Cooke declared a non-pecuniary interest in his capacity as a member of the MDC Board.</p> <p>Items 4 & 5</p> <p>Mayor Houchen and Cllr Harrison declared an interest as both sat on the appointments panels.</p>

	<p>Item 12 Cllr Brown declared an interest as STDC are a shareholder of TWL</p> <p>Items 17 & 18 All members declared an interest.</p>
TVCA 12/25	<p>MAYORS UPDATE</p> <p>The Mayor advised Cabinet members that he had nothing to update them on which was not covered elsewhere on the agenda.</p> <p>Members were however given an opportunity ask questions.</p> <p>No questions were asked.</p>
13/25	<p>APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE</p> <p>Tom Bryant left the meeting room at this point of the meeting.</p> <p><i>The Appendix to this Report is exempt from publication by virtue of paragraph 1 (information relating to any individual) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 which refers to information relating to any individual.</i></p> <p><i>Cabinet were advised that if the Appendix was to be discussed the press & public would need to be excluded.</i></p> <p>The Director of Operations provided Cabinet a report which set out the options available in respect of the conclusion of a recruitment exercise for the post of TVCA Chief Executive. She provided an overview of the paper which included the full recruitment process. She also thanked the members of the recruitment panels.</p> <p>Cabinet were recommended to approve the appointment of Tom Bryant as TVCA Chief Executive.</p> <p>The Mayor asked Cabinet members if they wanted to discuss the confidential appendix or if they had any questions or comments.</p> <p>There were no comments or questions received.</p> <p>RESOLVED- That Cabinet <u>APPROVED</u> the appointment of Tom Bryant as TVCA Chief Executive.</p>

	Tom Bryant rejoined the meeting once the decision had been made.
TVCA 14/25	<p>APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF INWARD INVESTMENT & MARKETING</p> <p>The Director of Operations provided Cabinet a report which set out the options available in respect of the conclusion of a recruitment exercise for the post of Director of Inward Investment & Marketing.</p> <p>The Director of Operations provided an overview of the paper which included the full recruitment process. She also thanked the members of the recruitment panels.</p> <p>It was recommended that Cabinet approve the appointment of Craig Peacock as Director of Inward Investment & Marketing.</p> <p>Members were given an opportunity to comment or ask questions.</p> <p>There were no comments or questions received.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet APPROVE the appointment of Craig Peacock as Director of Inward Investment & Marketing.</p>
TVCA 15/25	<p>BEST VALUE NOTICE AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN - PUBLIC REPORT</p> <p><i>Appendix 5.1 to this report is not for publication by virtue of paragraphs 1 (Information relating to an individual) and 2 (Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972</i></p> <p>Cabinet received a report which sought approval of the TVCA Organisational Improvement Plan and accompanying detailed Action Plan which must be submitted to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government by 3 July 2025.</p> <p>Cabinet were also asked to endorse the establishment of an Independent Advisory Board and the Terms of Reference for the Board, whose role will be to support and challenge TVCA on its improvement journey.</p> <p>Cabinet approval was also sought for the proposed reporting arrangements to track progress against delivery of the Organisational Improvement Plan.</p> <p>It was recommended that Cabinet:-</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. NOTES: the Tees Valley Combined Authority Best Value Notice letters issued on the 3 April 2025, included as Appendix 1. ii. NOTES: the extensive engagement that has been undertaken with members and officers to inform the Organisational Improvement Plan, summarised in paragraphs 10 to 12 of the report and detailed in Appendix 2. iii. APPROVES: the proposed Organisational Improvement Plan, summarised in paragraphs 13 – 16 of the report and included as Appendix 3, and the accompanying detailed Action Plan included as Appendix 4. iv. ENDORSES: the proposed membership of the Independent Advisory Board and Chair, summarised in paragraphs 17 – 22 of the report, with biographies detailed in Appendix 5 and Confidential Appendix 5.1. v. DELEGATES: authority to the Interim Chief Executive, in consultation with the Section 73 Officer and Monitoring Officer, to finalise contracts with each of the proposed Board members, specifying the number of days to be worked and day rates for an initial twelve-month period, as summarised in paragraphs 30 – 31 of the report. vi. ENDORSES: the proposed Terms of Reference for the Independent Advisory Board, referenced in paragraph 23 of the report and included as Appendix 6. vii. APPROVES: the proposed reporting arrangements to track progress against delivery of the Organisational Improvement Plan, summarised in paragraphs 24 – 25 of the report. <p>Tom Bryant advised Cabinet that TVCA has an aspiration for organisational excellence, but is aware that there is a long way to go and a lot of work to do.</p> <p>He thanked Mayor Cooke and Erik Scollay for their help to date as Middlesbrough have already gone through this process</p> <p>The Director of Operations advised that a dedicated team has been established to oversee the implementation of the plan and Change & Transformation have been engaged as an organisational development partner to provide support.</p> <p>TVCA's statutory committees have been engaged and expressed a wish to continue to be involved.</p>
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	<p>TVCA progress will be overseen by the Independent Advisory Board, chaired by Rob Whiteman.</p> <p>Members were given an opportunity to comment or ask questions.</p> <p>Councillor Brown enquired how success will be measured and was advised that Government will look to the Independent Advisory Board and external auditor EY, for updates on how we are progressing on the improvement journey.</p> <p>A report will be brought back to every Cabinet on progress to date and a further report will be provided by the Chair of the Independent Advisory Board.</p> <p>Councillor Brown commented that the Best Value Notice has been positively responded to so far as he feels more integral to TVCA. He thanked Tom Bryant and the team at TVCA.</p> <p>Councillor Harrison commented that a lot of progress has been made, and the organisation is moving in the right direction, working as a group now. The workshops were useful. She continued to say that she looks forward to further progress and to having an authority to be proud of.</p> <p>Mayor Cooke enquired who is holding the actions as if they are not allocated, nobody can be held to account. He was advised that every action will have an owner and this will be embedded throughout the organisation so that there is clear accountability.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> NOTED: the Tees Valley Combined Authority Best Value Notice letters issued on the 3 April 2025, included as Appendix 1. NOTED: the extensive engagement that has been undertaken with members and officers to inform the Organisational Improvement Plan, summarised in paragraphs 10 to 12 and detailed in Appendix 2. APPROVED: the proposed Organisational Improvement Plan, summarised in paragraphs 13 – 16 and included as Appendix 3, and the accompanying detailed Action Plan included as Appendix 4. ENDORSED: the proposed membership of the Independent Advisory Board and Chair, summarised in paragraphs 17 – 22, with biographies detailed in Appendix 5 and Confidential Appendix 5.1. DELEGATED: authority to the Interim Chief Executive, in consultation with the Section 73 Officer and Monitoring Officer, to finalise contracts with each of the proposed Board members, specifying the
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	<p>number of days to be worked and day rates for an initial twelve-month period, as summarised in paragraphs 30 – 31.</p> <p>vi. ENDORSED: the proposed Terms of Reference for the Independent Advisory Board, referenced in paragraph 23 and included as Appendix 6.</p> <p>vii. APPROVED: the proposed reporting arrangements to track progress against delivery of the Organisational Improvement Plan, summarised in paragraphs 24 – 25.</p>
TVCA 16/25	<p>QUARTER 4 BUDGET REPORT AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN UPDATE</p> <p>Cabinet were provided a report which updated them on the indicative financial position of the Combined Authority for the period ending 31 March 2025 and presented an updated Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP). It was recommended that the Combined Authority Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Note the provisional quarter 4 outturn position for 31 March 2025; and ii. Note the revised Medium-Term Financial Plan. <p>The Group Director of Finance & Resources provided Cabinet members with an overview of the report.</p> <p>Members were given an opportunity to comment or ask questions.</p> <p>Cllr Brown enquired when the funding for culture and tourism would be available and was advised that it would likely be shown in the December budget report to Cabinet.</p> <p>Councillor Harker enquired about the general reserves and was advised that TVCA are currently looking at ways of boosting the general reserves and would hope to report back to Cabinet later in the year following a review of all projects and activities.</p> <p>Cabinet were advised that TVCA cannot start the process of securing an integrated settlement until the Best Value Notice has been lifted. The Organisational Improvement Plan includes an action to prepare for this in advance.</p> <p>Mayor Cooke enquired about the transfers to and from reserves. He was advised that the majority is a result of slippage on capital schemes. The</p>

	<p>Group Director of Finance & Resources advised Cabinet that ways of reporting back to members is currently being reviewed.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Noted the provisional quarter 4 outturn position for 31 March 2025; and ii. Noted the revised Medium-Term Financial Plan.
TVCA 17/25	<p>TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN REPORT 2024/2025</p> <p>Cabinet members were provided a report which informed of the 2024/25 performance against the treasury management and prudential indicators set in the Treasury Management Strategy, approved by the Authority in March 2025.</p> <p>It is recommended that the Combined Authority Cabinet notes the content of the report.</p> <p>The Group Director of Finance & Resources provided Cabinet members with an overview of the report.</p> <p>Members were given an opportunity to comment or ask questions. No questions or comments were received.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet noted the contents of the report.</p>
TVCA 18/25	<p>SOUTH TEES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN</p> <p>Cabinet were provided with an update on the future financial activities of South Tees Development Corporation for 2025/26.</p> <p>It is recommended that Cabinet note the Budget and Medium- Term Financial Plan for South Tees Development Corporation as set out in Appendix 1.</p> <p>The Group Director of Finance & Resources provided Cabinet members with an overview of the report.</p> <p>Members were given an opportunity to comment or ask questions.</p>

	<p>No questions of comments were received.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet NOTED the Budget and Medium- Term Financial Plan for South Tees Development Corporation as set out in Appendix 1 to the report</p>
TVCA 19/25	<p>HARTLEPOOL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN</p> <p>Cabinet were provided with an update on the future financial activities of Hartlepool Development Corporation for 2025/26.</p> <p>It is recommended that Cabinet note the Budget and Medium- Term Financial Plan for Hartlepool Development Corporation as set out in Appendix 1.</p> <p>The Group Director of Finance & Resources provided Cabinet members with an overview of the report.</p> <p>Members were given an opportunity to comment or ask questions.</p> <p>No questions of comments were received.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet: NOTES: the Budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan for Hartlepool Development Corporation as set out in Appendix 1.</p>
TVCA 20/25	<p>MIDDLESBROUGH DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN</p> <p>Cabinet were provided with an update on the future financial activities of Middlesbrough Development Corporation for 2025/26.</p> <p>It is recommended that Cabinet note the Budget and Medium- Term Financial Plan for Middlesbrough Development Corporation as set out in Appendix 1.</p> <p>The Group Director of Finance & Resources provided Cabinet members with an overview of the report.</p>

	<p>Members were given an opportunity to comment or ask questions.</p> <p>Mayor Cooke noted that there appears to be an amount of £220k revenue which is not going to be spent and enquired what the process is for this to be spent. He was advised that this is a decision of the MDC Board. He then asked whether it would be possible, in future reports, that it is made clear how this money can be spent and what restrictions there are on it.</p> <p>Cllr Brown enquired whether the Best Value Notice impacted future funding and spend for the Development Corporations. He was advised that the Development Corporations have their own Constitutions, and they are a standalone public body.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet: NOTES: the Budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan for Middlesbrough Development Corporation as set out in Appendix 1.</p>
TVCA 21/25	<p>TEESWORKS LIMITED ACCOUNTS</p> <p>Cabinet were provided a copy of the latest Teesworks Limited Accounts for the 2023/24 financial year. For context, South Tees Development Corporation is a 10% shareholder in the company.</p> <p>It is recommended that Cabinet note the 2023/24 Teesworks Limited Accounts.</p> <p>The Group Director of Finance & Resources provided Cabinet members with an overview of the report.</p> <p>Members were given an opportunity to comment or ask questions. No questions or comments were received.</p> <p>RESOLVED:- that Cabinet NOTES: the 2023/24 Teesworks Limited Accounts as set out in Appendix 1.</p>
TVCA 22/25	<p>TRANSPORT UPDATE</p> <p>Cabinet were provided a report on the transport investment programme which included:-</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details of the transport capital investment programme comprising Transforming Cities Fund, City Region Sustainable Transport Settlements 2022-2027 (CRSTS1) and 2027-2032 proposed allocation (CRSTS2), together with other funding which TVCA has been able to secure to support the delivery of the Strategic Transport Plan (2020-2030). • Details of the development funding committed since the last report to Cabinet to commence CRSTS2 project development. • Details of the Consolidated Active Travel Fund committed since the last report to Cabinet. • Details of the CRSTS revenue funding committed since the last report to Cabinet. <p>Alan Weston, Head of Transport & infrastructure, provided Cabinet members with an overview of the report.</p> <p>Members were given an opportunity to comment or ask questions.</p> <p>Cllr Brown enquired when there will be a useable footbridge at the train station in South Bank. He was advised it should be complete by the end of summer.</p> <p>Cllr Harrison enquired whether the planned transport in and around Hartlepool were robust as, in the past, schemes have started and then been removed. She was advised that all the schemes have been worked up through the various officer groups and developed following consultation.</p> <p>Cllr Cooke asked about the UTMCI investments. He was advised that this is still taking place as planned and that the revenue implications are being considered as part of the development work.</p> <p>Mayor Cooke also enquired about Tees Flex and was advised that there is still some work to be undertaken on the model following the announcement of the BSIP funding.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> NOTED: the update on the development of the transport capital investment programme as set out in paragraphs 1-44 and detailed in Appendix 1. NOTED: the delegated decisions taken by the Director of Infrastructure to approve CRSTS2 development funding as set out in paragraphs 48 and 49 and detailed in Appendix 2. NOTED: the delegated decisions taken by the Director of Infrastructure to approve Consolidated Active Travel Fund
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	<p>expenditure for the development and delivery of the transport capital investment programme as set out in paragraphs 48 and 49</p> <p>iv.NOTED: the delegated decisions taken by the Director of Infrastructure to approve CRSTS revenue expenditure for the development of the transport capital investment programme as set out in paragraphs 50 and 51</p> <p>v.NOTED: that a number of schemes are expected to be completing the project development phase in the next quarter (July – September) and the Business Cases will be appraised in accordance with TVCA’s Assurance Framework, ahead of moving into the delivery phase as set out in paragraphs 18 - 31. The specific schemes are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Levelling Up Fund (LUF) Active Travel Programme including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Darlington Town Centre to Northgate. • Bowesfield Lane to Stockton Town Centre. • Stockton Town Centre to Bishopton Road. • Middlesbrough Town Centre to Newport Bridge. • Middlesbrough Town Centre to South Bank. • Redcar Town Centre to West Dyke Road. • Saltburn to Marske. • Hartlepool Town Centre to Seaton Carew. • Hartlepool Town Centre to Catcote Road. • Hartlepool Town Centre to the Headland. • A689 / A19 – Wynyard Pedestrian & Cycling Improvements Phase 2. • Darlington Woodland Road Phase 2. • Station Accessibility and Modal Integration Enhancements: Darlington North Road. • South Bank Station temporary footbridge. <p>vi.APPROVED: an allocation of £250K to cover the operational costs associated with the Zetland car park for up to twelve months (as detailed in paragraphs 55-59) and note that an options assessment on the future of the asset will be reported back to Cabinet in September 2025.</p>
TVCA 23/25	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TRANSPORT SUB-COMMITTEE

	<p>Cabinet were provided a report which sought the adoption of the recommendations of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee following the conclusion of the Transport Sub-Committee's task and finish exercise.</p> <p>It is recommended that Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. NOTES the report and recommendations detailed within paragraphs 7 – 9 of the report alongside the response from officers detailed within paragraphs 11 – 13; <p>and AGREES to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. respond to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee indicating whether it agrees to adopt the recommendations; and iii. publish a response to the Committee's recommendations. <p>Councillor Ian Blades from of Overview & Scrutiny Committee attended Cabinet to respond to any questions.</p> <p>Members were given an opportunity to comment or ask questions. No questions or comments were received.</p> <p>The Mayor asked Councillor Blades to pass on his thanks to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee for their work on this report.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. NOTES the report and recommendations detailed within paragraphs 7 – 9 of the report alongside the response from officers detailed within paragraphs 11 – 13; <p>and AGREES to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii. respond to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee indicating whether it agrees to adopt the recommendations; and iv. publish a response to the Committee's recommendations.
TVCA 24/25	LOCAL GROWTH PLAN & INVESTMENT PIPELINE

	<p>Tom Bryant provided Cabinet with a further update on the Local Growth Plan, specifically the areas where Government has committed to work jointly with the Combined Authority and the proposed approach and timeframe up to approval and publication of the final Local Growth Plan.</p> <p>He advised Cabinet that Local Growth Plans must include an investment pipeline to attract public and private investment across our region. He also set out the proposed vision and objectives of the Tees Valley Investment Pipeline and the proposed approach to its development. He advised that the pipeline work will inform the future Tees Valley Investment Plan, which will be reported to a future Cabinet for approval.</p> <p>It is recommended that Cabinet:-</p> <p><u>NOTES:</u> the update on the Local Growth Plan;</p> <p><u>APPROVES</u> the proposed approach to the development of the Local Growth Plan;</p> <p><u>APPROVES</u> the proposals to develop a new monitoring and evaluation framework;</p> <p><u>APPROVES</u> the proposed vision and objectives of the Investment Pipeline.</p> <p><u>APPROVES</u> the proposed approach to develop the Investment Pipeline.</p> <p><u>APPROVES</u> the proposed timescales for the development of the Local Growth Plan;</p> <p><u>NOTES:</u> that the Tees Valley Local Growth Plan Investment Pipeline will inform the future Tees Valley Investment Plan and that the Investment Plan will be reported to Cabinet at a future meeting</p> <p>Members were advised that engagement sessions with all the Leaders have been scheduled and that each Local Authority had nominated officers to sit on a working group. Information on scheduled meetings and officers to be circulated to Leaders after the meeting.</p> <p>Members were advised that there is a lot of work going on to ensure we have a Local Growth Plan that highlights the strength of the Tees Valley.</p> <p>Members were given an opportunity to comment or ask questions.</p>
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	<p>Councillor Brown offered his thanks for the good work that has been done to date and said he has been kept involved and updated by his officers.</p> <p>Stephanie Rose advised Cabinet that it is recognised that this is about attracting new investment – both private and public sector investment.</p> <p>Tom Bryant advised Cabinet members that TVCA’s ambition is not constrained by the Best Value Notice. Investors will be told that there are opportunities in the Tees Valley.</p> <p>The Chair advised that a political change could mean a change of priorities however that should not affect the Investment Plan which will be evidence based. The original Investment Plan has stood the test of time.</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT CABINET:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOTED: the update on the Local Growth Plan; • APPROVED the proposed approach to the development of the Local Growth Plan; • APPROVED the proposals to develop a new monitoring and evaluation framework; • APPROVED the proposed vision and objectives of the Investment Pipeline. • APPROVED the proposed approach to develop the Investment Pipeline. • APPROVES the proposed timescales for the development of the Local Growth Plan; • NOTED: that the Tees Valley Local Growth Plan Investment Pipeline will inform the future Tees Valley Investment Plan and that the Investment Plan will be reported to Cabinet at a future meeting.
TVCA 25/25	<p>GET TEES VALLEY WORKING PLAN</p> <p>Cabinet were provided an update report on Get Tees Valley Working Plan – which directly aligns to delivery of the workforce element of the Local Growth Plan. The report specifically deals with Government’s requirements relating to the preparation and publication of the plan and timeframe. The initial summary of proposals for the Get Tees Valley Working Plan was also provided for Cabinet approval.</p> <p>It was recommended that Cabinet:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOTES the update on the Get Tees Valley Working Plan;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APPROVES the proposed approach and timescales for the development of the Get Tees Valley Working Plan; • APPROVES the initial summary of proposals for the Get Tees Valley Working Plan in Appendix 1 to be submitted to the Department for Work and Pensions. <p>Members were given an opportunity to comment or ask questions.</p> <p>No comments or questions received.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOTES the update on the Get Tees Valley Working Plan; • APPROVES the proposed approach and timescales for the development of the Get Tees Valley Working Plan; • APPROVES the initial summary of proposals for the Get Tees Valley Working Plan in Appendix 1 to be submitted to the Department for Work and Pensions
TVCA 26/25	<p>ADULT SKILLS UPDATE</p> <p>Cabinet were provided a report which provided an update on the approach for the delivery of Tees Valley Combined Authority's (TVCA) adult skills provision from the 2026/27 academic year.</p> <p>Following the Cabinet meeting held on the 28 March 2025, this report also provides further detail on the outcomes of the procurement process for the adult skills provision in 2025/26 academic year.</p> <p>It was recommended that Cabinet</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>NOTES:</u> the proposal for developing the approach to the delivery of adult skills provision from the 2026/27 academic year and that further reports on this proposal will be reported to Cabinet in September 2025 and December 2025; and <u>NOTES:</u> the further detail provided in this report on the outcomes of the procurement process for the adult skills provision for the 2025/26 academic year. <u>NOTES:</u> the update on the transfer of additional funding powers to the Combined Authority in relation to technical qualifications.

	<p>iv. NOTES: the additional funding that has been allocated to the Combined Authority for Construction Skills.</p> <p>Members were given an opportunity to comment or ask questions.</p> <p>No comments or questions received.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet:-</p> <p>ii. NOTED: the proposal for developing the approach to the delivery of adult skills provision from the 2026/27 academic year and that further reports on this proposal will be reported to Cabinet in September 2025 and December 2025; and</p> <p>iii. NOTED: the further detail provided in this report on the outcomes of the procurement process for the adult skills provision for the 2025/26 academic year.</p> <p>iv. NOTED: the update on the transfer of additional funding powers to the Combined Authority in relation to technical qualifications.</p> <p>v. NOTED: the additional funding that has been allocated to the Combined Authority for Construction Skills.</p>
TVCA 27/25	<p>CONNECT TO WORK</p> <p>Cabinet were provided a report which set out a detailed overview of the national programme, the local delivery model options considered and the recommended delivery model for the Tees Valley Connect to Work programme.</p> <p>It was recommended that Cabinet:-</p> <p>i. NOTES: the options considered against the criteria identified, considering the requirements of the Connect to Work guidance.</p> <p>ii. ACCEPTS: the Tees Valley Connect to Work programme into the TVCA Investment Plan as a specific grant with an anticipated maximum funding allocation for 5 years of £17.7m (2027/28 onwards is subject to future spending reviews).</p>

	<p>iii. <u>APPROVES:</u> the proposed mixed-model of delivery through a grant award to Local Authorities; and</p> <p>iv. <u>DELEGATES:</u> authority to the TVCA Chief Executive, in consultation with the Section 73 Officer and Monitoring Officer, to take the necessary actions, including, but not limited to responding to Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) feedback, approval of the final delivery partners in line with the DWP approved delivery plan and entering relevant contracts and/or other legal agreements to implement the decision at (ii) and (iii) above.</p> <p>The Interim Director of Business Solutions provided Cabinet with an overview of the report and advised members that officers at TVCA have been working very closely with officers within the Local Authorities to determine the best delivery partners.</p> <p>Members were given an opportunity to comment or ask questions.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet:-</p> <p>i. <u>NOTES:</u> the options considered against the criteria identified, considering the requirements of the Connect to Work guidance.</p> <p>ii. <u>ACCEPTS:</u> the Tees Valley Connect to Work programme into the TVCA Investment Plan as a specific grant with an anticipated maximum funding allocation for 5 years of £17.7m (2027/28 onwards is subject to future spending reviews).</p> <p>iii. <u>APPROVES:</u> the proposed mixed-model of delivery through a grant award to Local Authorities; and</p> <p>iv. <u>DELEGATES:</u> authority to the TVCA Chief Executive, in consultation with the Section 73 Officer and Monitoring Officer, to take the necessary actions, including, but not limited to responding to Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) feedback, approval of the final delivery partners in line with the DWP approved delivery plan and entering relevant contracts and/or other legal agreements to implement the decision at (ii) and (iii) above.</p>
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<p>TVCA 28/25</p>	<p>BUSINESS GROWTH – SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN</p> <p>Cabinet were provided a report which set out the review of the current Business Growth service which has been undertaken prior to allocating the remaining 2025/26 UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Supporting Local Business allocation. The package of business support delivered through UKSPF to date was a pilot designed to test alternative delivery models, which finished at the end of March 2025, so further performance and evaluation data is now available.</p> <p>The report set out the review undertaken to date, the proposed Tees Valley model and made recommendations on the allocations of UKSPF in 2025/26, which support the transition to this new model.</p> <p>Cabinet were recommended to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>TO APPROVE</u> the new business support model in full and to <u>DELEGATE</u> delivery of the model as set out in this paper to the Interim Director of Business Solutions, in consultation with the Interim Chief Executive, Section 73 Officer and Monitoring Officer with regular reports coming back to Cabinet; • <u>TO APPROVE</u> the full proposed allocation set out in paragraphs 44 to 53, and the proposed delivery route as set out in the table in paragraph 48 and to • <u>DELEGATE</u> the delivery of the activity set out in paragraphs 44 to 53 of this report to the Interim Director of Business Solutions in consultation with the Interim Chief Executive, Section 73 Officer and Monitoring Officer with regular reports coming back to Cabinet. <p>Sarah Walker provided an overview of the report and advised Cabinet that this is a strategic approach to funding, not just the UKSPF. She then invited Cabinet to ask questions or comment.</p> <p>Cllr Brown thanked Sarah Walker and her team for the work on this to date and recommended the proposal be approved.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>APPROVED</u> the new business support model in full and to <u>DELEGATE</u> delivery of the model as set out in this paper to the Interim Director of Business Solutions, in consultation with the Interim Chief Executive, Section 73 Officer and Monitoring Officer with regular reports coming back to Cabinet;
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APPROVED the full proposed allocation set out in paragraphs 44 to 53, and the proposed delivery route as set out in the table in paragraph 48 and to • DELEGATED the delivery of the activity set out in paragraphs 44 to 53 of this report to the Interim Director of Business Solutions in consultation with the Interim Chief Executive, Section 73 Officer and Monitoring Officer with regular reports coming back to Cabinet.
TVCA 29/25	<p>DELEGATED OR URGENT DECISIONS</p> <p>Cabinet were invited to consider a report which provided detail of all the Delegated and Urgent Decisions made since Cabinet last met on 31 March 2025.</p> <p>It was recommended that Cabinet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOTES the Delegated Decision detailed in paragraph 3 and Appendix 1. • NOTES the Delegated Decision detailed in paragraph 4 and Appendix 2. • NOTES the Urgent Decision detailed in Paragraph 10 and Appendix 3. <p>Members were given an opportunity to comment or ask questions. No questions or comments were received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RESOLVED that Cabinet • NOTES the Delegated Decision detailed in paragraph 3 and Appendix 1. • NOTES the Delegated Decision detailed in paragraph 4 and Appendix 2. • NOTES the Urgent Decision detailed in Paragraph 10 and Appendix 3.
	<p>DATE AND TIME OF FUTURE MEETINGS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am Friday, 26 September 2025