

**TEES VALLEY COMBINED AUTHORITY CABINET**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023 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
Siobhan McArdle	Chair, LEP Board
<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
Mike Greene	Managing Director, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Tony Parkinson	Chief Executive, Middlesbrough Council
Denise McGuckin	Managing Director, Hartlepool Borough Council
John Sampson	Managing Director, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council
Dave Winstanley	Group Director of Services, Darlington Borough Council
Symone Garvey	Information & Governance Officer, TVCA
<b><u>Apologies</u></b>	
Ian Williams	Chief Executive, Darlington Borough Council
<b>TVCA 29/22</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>  Apologies for absence were submitted as detailed above.
<b>TVCA 30/22</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>

	There were no interests declared.
<b>TVCA 31/22</b>	<p><b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 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 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022 were confirmed as an accurate record.</p>
<b>TVCA 32/22</b>	<p><b>GOVERNANCE &amp; APPOINTMENTS</b></p> <p>Cabinet was asked to agree the appointment of a new member to the Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee following a change in the political balance as a result of a by-election in Redcar &amp; Cleveland Borough Council. Cabinet was also asked to approve the appointment of a substitute member to the TVCA Audit &amp; Governance Committee.</p> <p>The Chair noted the resignation of Peter Judge, the Monitoring Officer and was wished all the best in his new role.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED that</b> Cabinet agreed the appointments as set out in the report;</p>
<b>TVCA 33/22</b>	<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>The Chair noted the independent panel report concerning the crustacean die-off was published last week and concluded that dredging is highly unlikely to be the cause of the die-off. The Chair also restated his continued hope for financial support from the government for the fishers following the die-off. Councillor Shane Moore and Andy Preston agreed that financial support from the government for the fishers is required.</p> <p>The Chair noted that the Tees Flex pilot is due to end in the coming weeks and a decision on whether to continue the scheme will be made at the March Cabinet. Councillor Lanigan requested that the Tees Flex operators be reminded that the future of the scheme is not yet decided.</p> <p>Councillor Shane Moore asked whether the 3-hour free parking scheme will be extended. The Chair responded that data on the success of the scheme will be released once it has been collated by the local authorities.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED that</b> Cabinet noted the report.</p>
<b>TVCA 34/22</b>	<p><b>ADOPTION OF INVESTMENT PLAN, BUDGET 2023-24 AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN</b></p> <p>Cabinet was provided a report which provided details of the high-level financial allocations within the Investment Plan and provided the final Budget to Cabinet for consideration and approval.</p>

	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Cabinet:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. approved the final Budget for 2023-24.</li> <li>ii. Did not accept the amendment detailed in paragraph 7 for acceptance into the Investment Plan</li> <li>iii. approved the financial allocations for the Investment Plan without amendment;</li> <li>iv. Noted the pay policy statement 2023-24 (Appendix 5 of the report).</li> </ul>
<p><b>TVCA 35/22</b></p>	<p><b>TEES VALLEY ASSURANCE FRAMEWORK REVIEW</b></p> <p>Cabinet members were invited approve the proposed changes to the Assurance Framework.</p> <p>The Assurance Framework covers all funds within the Tees Valley Investment Fund, incorporating the Single Pot under the Tees Valley Devolution Deal agreed with Government, and funds added to the Single Pot since the Devolution Deal, together with other sources of income such as Enterprise Zone business rates and loan repayments. The Assurance Framework is reviewed on an annual basis with any revisions to be approved by Cabinet.</p> <p>Amendments have been made to the Assurance Framework to better reflect existing processes in practice or where certain elements have naturally moved on since it was updated a year ago. None of the amendments change any existing decision-making processes.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Cabinet approves the proposed changes to the Assurance Framework.</p>
	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 10am</p>