

TEES VALLEY COMBINED AUTHORITY CABINET

Friday 29th January 20210 at 10am

Under the provisions of the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 this meeting took place via video link.

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 Heather Scott OBE	Leader, Darlington Borough Council
Councillor Shane Moore	Leader, Hartlepool Borough Council
Mayor Andy Preston	Mayor of Middlesbrough
Councillor Bob Cook	Leader, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Councillor Mary Lanigan	Leader, Redcar and Cleveland Council
Paul Booth	Chair, Tees Valley Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)
<u>Associate Members</u>	
David Soley	Vice Chair, Tees Valley Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)
Jerry Hopkinson	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Zoe Lewis	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Brenda McLeish	Member of Tees Valley LEP
<u>Apologies for Absence</u>	
Angela Howey	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Graham Robb	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Professor Paul Croney	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Nigel Perry	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Annabel Turpin	Member of Tees Valley LEP
<u>Officers and Others in Attendance</u>	
Councillor Norma Stephenson	Chair, Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Councillor John Hobson	Vice Chair, Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Julie Gilhiespie	Chief Executive, Tees Valley Combined Authority (TVCA)
Gary Macdonald	Group Director of Finance & Resources, TVCA
Alison Fellows	Group Director of Commercial & Delivery, TVCA
Chris Beck	Director of Business & Skills, TVCA
Peter Judge	Group Chief Legal Officer & Monitoring Officer, TVCA
Laura Metcalfe	Governance Manager, TVCA
Sally Henry	Governance Officer, TVCA

Craig Peacock	Group Marketing & Communications Manager, TVCA
John Sampson	Managing Director, Redcar and Cleveland Council
Paul Wildsmith	Managing Director, Darlington Borough Council
Julie Danks	Managing Director, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Tony Parkinson	Chief Executive, Middlesbrough Council
Denise McGuckin	Managing Director, Hartlepool Borough Council
Andrew Carter	Assistant Director Economic Growth, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council

TVCA 40/20	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Apologies for absence were submitted as detailed above.</p>
TVCA 41/20	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>Councillors Heather Scott, Shane Moore, Bob Cook, Mary Lanigan and Mayor Andy Preston declared interests in the Freeport item as their respective local authorities have sites named within the Freeport proposals.</p> <p>Councillor Mary Lanigan declared an interest in the Centre for Process Innovation (CPI) - Bio-manufacturing Capability Project item as the project falls within her local authority area.</p> <p>David Soley, LEP Member, declared a pecuniary conflict in connection to the Freeport item as Chair of the Board of Directors of Teesside International Airport Limited. He noted that he would leave the meeting for this item.</p> <p>Jerry Hopkinson, LEP Member, sought clarification from the Group Monitoring Officer in relation to a possible pecuniary conflict in connection to the Freeport item as Chief Operating Officer of PD Ports. He then declared a pecuniary conflict in connection to the item and noted that he would leave the meeting for this item.</p>
TVCA 42/20	<p>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <p>RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on 27th November 2020 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.</p>
TVCA 43/20	<p>TEES VALLEY MAYOR'S UPDATE REPORT</p> <p>Mayor Houchen introduced a report providing a general update on the key activities of the Mayor and Combined Authority since the last Cabinet meeting.</p> <p>Mayor Houchen provided additional verbal updates on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Novovax Covid vaccine to be produced in Billingham with thanks to all at Hartlepool Hospital that held trials, FUJIFILM Diosynth

	<p>Biotechnologies that will produce 60 million doses of the Novovax vaccine and also to CPI for their role in the AstraZeneca vaccine.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to all those involved in the Middlesbrough Station improvements that are now underway. • Contracts available at Teesside International Airport and on the Teeworks site that local businesses should be encouraged to apply for More information can be found at: https://www.teessideinternational.com/procurement/ https://www.teesworks.co.uk/opportunities • Congratulations to Councillor Shane Moore, Leader of Hartlepool Council for gaining sign off for his Council's budget and for 47 houses to be built. <p>Members echoed the thanks to FUJIFILM Diosynth Biotechnologies and CPI for their involvement with Covid vaccines.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Noted the report.</p>
<p>TVCA 44/20</p>	<p>ADOPTION OF INVESTMENT PLAN, BUDGET 2021-22 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN</p> <p>Cabinet considered a report which detailed the proposed TVCA Investment Plan, Budget 2021-22 and Medium Term Financial Plan.</p> <p>UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed the high-level financial allocations for the Investment Plan 2019-29 and considers and approves the final Budget for 2021-22; Noted the pay policy statement 2021-22 (Appendix 9).
<p>TVCA 45/20</p>	<p>OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE BUDGET CONSULTATION REPORT</p> <p>Cabinet considered a report detailing the findings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Finance and Resources sub-committee and their final consultation response to Cabinet.</p> <p>Councillor John Hobson, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Finance and Resources sub-committee highlighted the three observations noted in appendix 1 to their report.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Noted the process undertaken by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Finance and Resources Sub-committee to scrutinise the budget; Noted the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (attached at Appendix 1).
<p>TVCA 46/20</p>	<p>INVESTMENT PLAN DELIVERY UPDATE Q2 2020/21</p> <p>Cabinet received an update on delivery of the Combined Authority ten-year investment programme in the period July-September 2020.</p>

	RESOLVED: noted the report.
TVCA 47/20	<p>TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2021/22</p> <p>Cabinet received the Combined Authority’s proposed Treasury Management, Capital and Investment Strategies for the financial year 2021-22.</p> <p>RESOLVED: approved the Treasury Management, Investment and Capital Strategies for 2021/22.</p>
TVCA 48/20	<p>ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</p> <p>Cabinet considered a report presenting the unaudited Group Financial Statements for 2019/20 and setting out the next steps for completion and sign off.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Noted the Annual Financial Statements; ii. Agreed that final sign-off is delegated to the Group Director of Finance and Resources in conjunction with the TVCA Audit and Governance Committee having sight of the final audit letter and accounts.
TVCA 49/20	<p>CENTRE FOR PROCESS INNOVATION (CPI) – BIO-MANUFACTURING CAPABILITY PROJECT</p> <p>Cabinet considered a report detailing the outcome of the assessment of an expression of interest submitted by the Centre for Process Innovation (CPI) for the Bio-manufacturing Capability project.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Agreed to commit the existing £4m allocation for bio/life innovation support to grow existing activities to the CPI Bio-manufacturing Capability Project, subject to satisfactory development and approval of a full business case; ii. Delegated approval of the full business case to the TVCA Chief Executive in consultation with Tees Valley Management Group (TVMG), the Section 73 Officer and the Monitoring Officer (in line with the TVCA Assurance Framework).
TVCA 50/20	<p>FREEPORT</p> <p>LEP Members David Soley and Jerry Hopkinson left the meeting for this item.</p> <p>A resolution was passed to exclude the press and public under paragraph 3 of part 1 of schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972, in order to allow Cabinet to consider matters of a commercially confidential nature.</p> <p>Cabinet considered a report detailing the proposals for a bid for a Freeport in Tees Valley.</p>

	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Affirmed support for the bid and that the Leaders of all the local authorities in which Freeport sites are located are willing to sign a letter attesting to this; ii. Delegated authority to the Tees Valley Mayor and TVCA Chief Executive to finalise, approve and submit the bid in accordance with the principles set out in this report; iii. Approved the updated governance structure that was presented at the meeting and is attached at appendix 1 to this decision record. iv. Noted that Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council will receive 100% of the Business Rates from the tax zone on the named site in their Local Authority area (name redacted), however they may be subject to Freeport-related costs and investment for the site, subject to full appraisal.
<p>TVCA 51/20</p>	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>To be confirmed.</p>