

**TEES VALLEY COMBINED AUTHORITY (TVCA)
LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP (LEP) MEETING**

Held remotely via Microsoft Teams

Monday March 15th 2021 at 5pm

MEETING

ATTENDEES

Members

Paul Booth	Tees Valley LEP (Chair)
David Soley	Tees Valley LEP (Deputy Chair)
Ben Houchen	Tees Valley Mayor
Mayor Andy Preston	Middlesbrough Council
Cllr Heather Scott OBE	Darlington Borough Council
Cllr Shane Moore	Hartlepool Borough Council
Cllr Mary Lanigan	Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council
Cllr Bob Cook	Stockton Borough Council
Zoe Lewis	Middlesbrough College (representing Further Education Sector)
James Ramsbotham	North East England Chamber of Commerce (representing Business Representation Groups)
Annabel Turpin	Stockton ARC
Nigel Perry	Centre for Process Innovation
Jerry Hopkinson	PD Ports
Angela Howey	EE
Mark South	Double 11
Graham Robb	Recognition PR

Officers

Julie Gilhespie	Group Chief Executive	TVCA
Chris Beck	Director of Business and Skills	TVCA
Gary Macdonald	Group Head of Finance and Resources	TVCA
Geraldine Brown	Head of Strategy and Policy	TVCA
John Hart	Policy Officer	TVCA
Craig Peacock	Group Marketing and Communications Manager	TVCA
Paul Taylor	Manager, North East and Yorkshire Energy Hub	TVCA

Also Present

Eddie Halstead	Environment Agency
Phil Marshall	Environment Agency

<p>LEP 40/20</p>	<p>CHAIRS WELCOME & APOLOGIES</p> <p>The Chair opened the meeting by expressing congratulations and thanks to the Tees Valley Mayor following the announcement of the Tees Valley's successful Freeport bid and the announcement of GE Renewable Energy's decision to construct a wind turbine manufacturing plant at Teesworks.</p> <p>Ben Houchen, Tees Valley Mayor, updated members on the next steps for the Freeport and the announcement of a HM Treasury of the opening of a campus in Darlington, thanking the local authorities for their support with both projects and highlighting the regional impact of the announcements</p> <p>Apologies were received from Professor Paul Croney (Teesside University). Apologies were also noted from Alison Fellows (Director of Commercial and Delivery).</p> <p>No declarations of interest were made.</p>	
<p>LEP 41/20</p>	<p>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING & ACTION TRACKER</p> <p>Minutes for the meeting of February 15th 2021 were agreed and signed as a true record.</p> <p>John Hart, policy officer highlighted that actions requested by members at this meeting would be addressed as part of the agenda.</p>	
<p>LEP 42/20</p>	<p>UPDATE ON FLOOD PREVENTION FROM THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY</p> <p>Phil Marshall and Eddie Halstead from the Environment Agency updated members on agency's flood prevention programme, following a request made by members at February's meeting.</p>	
<p>LEP 43/20</p>	<p>NORTH EAST AND YORKSHIRE ENERGY HUB</p> <p>Paul Taylor, Manager of the North East and Yorkshire Energy Hub – hosted by the Combined Authority – gave a presentation on the work of the hub to increase public sector capacity to accelerate low carbon, energy and fuel poverty delivery, and increase the scale and delivery of local energy projects.</p>	
<p>LEP 44/20</p>	<p>LEP MEMBER INPUTS REGARDING IMPACT OF COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS FOR REPORTING TO CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND TO INFORM RECOVERY PLANNING.</p> <p>Members held a roundtable discussion on the impact of the ongoing national Covid-19 restrictions on key economic sectors.</p>	

LEP 45/20	DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING The Chair proposed that April's meeting be postponed following confirmation that May's local elections would be going ahead. This was agreed by members. The next meeting will therefore take place on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Monday May 17th 2021 at 5pm	