



## **Tees Valley Combined Authority Transport Committee**

**Date:** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 at 9am

**Venue:** Teesside Airport Business Suite, Teesside International Airport, Darlington DL2 1NJ

These Minutes are in draft form until approved at the next Transport Committee meeting and are therefore subject to amendments.

### **Attendees**

#### **Members**

Councillor Jonathan Dulston - Chair (Leader of Darlington Borough Council)  
Councillor Andy Keir (Darlington Borough Council)  
Councillor Cliff Foggo (Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council)  
Councillor Mike Smith (Stockton Borough Council)  
Councillor Eric Polano (Middlesbrough Council)  
Matthew Ord (LEP Board Representative)

#### **Apologies for Absence**

Councillor Tom Cassidy (Hartlepool Borough Council)

#### **Officers**

Tom Bryant, Assistant Director, Transport & Infrastructure, Tees Valley Combined Authority  
Alan Weston, Transport & Infrastructure Manager, Tees Valley Combined Authority  
Sally Henry Governance Officer, Tees Valley Combined Authority  
Anthony Hewitt – Darlington Borough Council  
Kieran Bostock – Hartlepool Borough Council  
Andy Corcoran – Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council  
Simon Houldsworth – Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council  
Craig Cowley – Middlesbrough Council

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

As noted.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022 were agreed as a true record.

**RESOLVED THAT:-**

- The minutes of the Transport Committee meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022 agreed as a true record.

**TRANSPORT UPDATE**

The Transport Committee were provided a transport update which included:-

- Funding update – the Committee were advised that the Combined Authority has been successful in achieving additional funding for several projects;
- A programme summary which advised the Committee which projects are in delivery, including electric vehicle charging infrastructure, Urban Traffic Management and Control (UTMC) System, Active Travel Hubs and Wheels to Work;
- A programme update for each Local Authority area which showed the various projects and the stages of delivery;
- The continued commitment from TVCA, the 5 Local Authorities and local bus operators towards the Enhanced Bus Partnership;
- The success of the Middlesbrough to Teesport Service 101. This has been in operation since January 2022 and was scheduled to fit in with the 3 shift patterns at Teesport. TVCA has worked with businesses to secure funding to extend the service. The level of subsidy has reduced and the aim is for the service to become commercially viable. This is a real success story of transport unlocking jobs for people who were previously unable to get to the site.
- Tees Flex – the 3 year trial runs until the 24<sup>th</sup> February. A review has been carried out of the service, analysing all the passenger data. The outcome of the review will be subject of a report to Cabinet on 17<sup>th</sup> March. TVCA are still working through various options.

- Transforming the Tees Valley Rail System – highlighting the recent service enhancements, but also the recent poor reliability and general performance issues.

Transport committee members were invited to comment and ask questions throughout the update.

It was noted that a lot of the projects will be going out to consultation in the coming months and members were encouraged to engage with officers as the plans are developed. It was suggested that we need to make people aware of the bigger picture with maps showing how individual schemes link together.

There was a discussion around the Middlesbrough Station project, which will involve improvements to the public realm and will support the wider redevelopment of the town centre.

The viability of a travel app was discussed, and members were advised that options are currently being investigated as the app should not duplicate what is already available.

Members were encouraged to have active conversation with their Local Authority leaders who make policy & Investment Plan decisions through TVCA Cabinet. Tom Bryant advised members that he is always available to discuss projects/ideas/issues.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**TBC**