

**Tees Valley Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**Teesside Airport Business Suite, Teesside International Airport, Darlington DL2 1NJ  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 1pm**

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**Present:**

Cllr John Hobson (Chair) (Middlesbrough Council)  
Cllr Sandra Smith (Vice Chair) (Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council)  
Cllr David Branson (Middlesbrough Council)  
Cllr Chris Hobson (Middlesbrough Council)  
Cllr Sue Jeffrey (Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council)  
Cllr Stephen Harker (Darlington Borough Council)  
Cllr Jack Sowerby (Darlington Borough Council)  
Cllr Mike Renton (Darlington Borough Council)  
Cllr Tony Riordan (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council)  
Cllr Pauline Beall (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council)  
Cllr Steve Nelson (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council)  
Cllr Brenda Harrison (Hartlepool Borough Council)  
TBC (Hartlepool Borough Council)

**Officers:**

Helen Kemp – Group Director of Business & Skills TVCA  
James Grant – Governance & Business Support Manager TVCA  
Nicola Dean – Governance & Scrutiny Officer TVCA

**Also in attendance:**

Julie Gilhespie - Group Chief Executive TVCA  
Ben Houchen – Tees Valley Mayor

**Apologies for absence:**

Cllr Bob Donoghue (Darlington Borough Council)  
Cllr David Nicholson (Hartlepool Borough Council)  
Gary Macdonald – Group Director of Finances and Resources TVCA  
Peter Judge - Chief Legal Officer, Monitoring Officer TVCA

**1 Chair's Welcome & Apologies for Absence**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies for absence were noted as above.

The Chair advised on the purpose of the meeting being to consider a referral from the TVCA Cabinet on the Investment Plan Refresh and it was noted that this was not technically a 'call in' of the decision to approve the Investment Plan Refresh.

## 2 **Declarations of interest**

No declarations of interest were made.

## 3 **Referral from Cabinet: Investment Plan Refresh**

A report was circulated to Members in advance of the meeting noting the TVCA Cabinet's decision to refer the decision to approve the Investment Plan Refresh to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee for review.

Julie Gilhespie, (JG), Group Chief Executive, and Tees Valley Mayor Ben Houchen (BH) were in attendance.

JG delivered a presentation to members on the detail of the changes to the Investment Plan and highlighted the following areas of the refresh:

- UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) (Multiply)
- City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS)
- Teesside International Airport (TIA) Business Plan
- Mayoral Development Corporation's (MDC's) Benefits
- Tees Valley Energy Company

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee was invited to consider the referral from Cabinet and agree whether, if deemed necessary, make a report, and submit any appropriate recommendations to the TVCA Cabinet. The Committee were also asked to consider whether any report produced should be published.

During the presentation JG invited Members for a tour of the Airport following the meeting if they had photographic ID with them or, it was advised, that another date and time could be arranged if they had no ID with them.

Clarification was requested on the remit of the referral as it was understood that the area of Mayoral Development Corporations (MDCs) wasn't included as an area of consideration for the Committee. JG explained the purpose of the meeting was to review the money that is in the Investment Plan and the decision to establish the MDCs is separate, so although this wasn't referred to the Committee, BH confirmed that they were happy to answer any questions on the proposal of the MDC's.

The Chair invited the Committee to initiate a question-and-answer session about the Investment Plan refresh, the details of which are attached in Appendix 1.

The Committee also asked the following questions, and responses were to be shared after the meeting with the Committee: -

- **Can we have clarification on the text of the Constitution about decisions taken outside of the annual refresh?**

Yes, this will be arranged and shared with the Committee.

- **Could the recalculated BCRs be shared with the Committee?**  
Yes, this will be arranged and shared with the Committee.
- **What was the cost of the Sky Bar?**  
The cost of the Sky Bar will be shared with the Committee.

Following the question-and-answer session, it was agreed that the Committee would like to submit a report to Cabinet and that a Report would be drafted by the Chair and circulated to the Committee for comment. A concern was noted that TVCA and the Mayor don't just focus on the big things but the short-term issues that people of the Tees Valley are impacted by.

The Chair closed the meeting, thanking Members for their attendance and engagement.