

**TEES VALLEY COMBINED AUTHORITY CABINET**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020 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.

<b><u>ATTENDEES</u></b>	
<b><u>Members</u></b>	
Mayor Ben Houchen (Chair)	Tees Valley Mayor
Councillor Heather Scott OBE	Leader, Darlington Borough Council
Councillor Shane Moore	Leader, Hartlepool Borough Council
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)
<b><u>Substitute Members</u></b>	
Councillor Antony High	Deputy Mayor, Middlesbrough Council
<b><u>Associate Members</u></b>	
David Soley	Vice Chair, Tees Valley Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)
Annabel Turpin	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Zoe Lewis	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Brenda McLeish	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Angela Howey	Member of Tees Valley LEP
<b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b>	
Mayor Andy Preston	Mayor of Middlesbrough
Graham Robb	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Professor Paul Croney	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Jerry Hopkinson	Member of Tees Valley LEP
<b><u>Officers and Others in Attendance</u></b>	
Julie Gilhespie	Chief Executive, Tees Valley Combined Authority (TVCA)
Gary Macdonald	Group Director of Finance & Resources, TVCA
Alison Fellows	Group Director of Commercial & Delivery, 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

Tom Bryant	Head of Transport, TVCA
Charlie Kemp	Culture Manager, TVCA
John Sampson	Managing Director, Redcar and Cleveland Council
Ian Williams	Director of Economic Growth, Darlington Borough Council
Julie Danks	Managing Director, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Tony Parkinson	Chief Executive, Middlesbrough Council
Andrew Carter	Assistant Director Economic Growth, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council

<b>TVCA 24/20</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>  Apologies for absence were submitted as detailed above.
<b>TVCA 25/20</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>  Councillors Heather Scott, Shane Moore, Bob Cook, Mary Lanigan and Deputy Mayor Antony High declared interests in the Car Parking item as their respective local authorities are the proposed recipients of funding for the scheme.  Councillors Heather Scott, Shane Moore, Bob Cook, Mary Lanigan and Deputy Mayor Antony High declared interests in the Teesside International Airport Business Plan Update item as their respective local authorities have membership on the Board of Directors of Teesside International Airport Limited.  Councillor Bob Cook declared an interest in the Tees Crossing Update item as the scheme falls within his local authority area.  Annabel Turpin declared an interest in the Growth Programme for the Creative and Visitor Economist item as Chief Executive of ARC, who have secured funding under the Great Place Programme and have submitted an EOI to the Development and Innovation Fund.  David Soley declared an interest in the Teesside International Airport Business Plan Update item as Chair of the Board of Directors of Teesside International Airport Limited.
<b>TVCA 26/20</b>	<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b>  RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2020 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.
<b>TVCA 27/20</b>	<b>MAYOR'S UPDATE REPORT</b>  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>Members asked:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If there is a Treasury Office visit planned in relation to a possible relocation of their offices to the North? Mayor Ben Houchen informed the Cabinet that he had been working with government for a year to try to secure the relocation of HM Treasury’s Economic Campus to Tees Valley. He had recently shown some senior Treasury officers the area and had submitted a proposition. They require a very large, high quality, new build complex. The outcome is expected in the coming weeks.</li> <li>• What the position is with KLM flights at Teesside Airport? Mayor Houchen informed the Cabinet that while KLM flights were suspended due to COVID-19, they have recently signed a 5 year deal with the airport and are committed to resuming flights in February 2021.</li> <li>• When a Tees Valley bid for Freeport status would be brought to Cabinet for approval? Mayor Houchen confirmed that the deadline for the bid is 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021 and for it to be considered it will need to be approved by the Combined Authority. It will therefore be presented to Cabinet in January 2021 for approval. The bid must also be supported by the leader of each Local Authority within whose area the proposed freeport zone lies.</li> </ul> <p>RESOLVED: Cabinet noted the report.</p>
<p><b>TVCA 28/20</b></p>	<p><b>GOVERNANCE AND APPOINTMENTS</b></p> <p>A resolution was passed to exclude the press and public under paragraphs 1 and 2 of part 1 of schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972, in order to allow Cabinet to consider matters detailing personal information relating to an individual.</p> <p>Cabinet considered a report detailing proposed amendment to the Tees Valley Combined Authority constitution to allow for the appointment of a total of up to four Independent Members to the Audit &amp; Governance Committee.</p> <p>Cabinet were also asked to approve the proposal to extend the terms of the existing members of the South Tees Development Corporation Board for three years and to appoint the deputy leader of both Middlesbrough Council and Redcar &amp; Cleveland Borough Council to the Board to attend and vote in the absence of their leader.</p> <p>Cabinet then considered other appointments namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair and Vice Chair of the Audit &amp; Governance Committee;</li> <li>• The appointment of 2 new independent members to the Audit &amp; Governance Committee;</li> <li>• A new member and named substitute to the Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee from Redcar &amp; Cleveland Borough Council;</li> </ul> <p>Laura Metcalfe, Governance Manager, informed Cabinet that since publication of the report, Councillor Brenda Harrison has confirmed her willingness to take up the position of Vice Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee and that Middlesbrough Council had confirmed their nomination for Substitute Member of the Audit and Governance Committee was Council Jeanette Walker.</p>

	<p>RESOLVED: Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Approved the proposed amendment to the Tees Valley Combined Authority constitution to allow for the appointment of a total of four Independent Members to the Audit &amp; Governance Committee;</li> <li>ii. Approved the proposed appointments to the STDC Board and consequential amendments to the STDC Constitution to enact them; and</li> <li>iii. Approved the other appointments set out in the report.</li> </ul>
<b>TVCA 29/20</b>	<p><b>CAR PARKING</b></p> <p>Cabinet were advised of the proposals for the introduction of free car parking across key Tees Valley Town Centres to make it easier, cheaper and more convenient for people to use Tees Valley high streets and support local businesses.</p> <p>Members expressed their support for the scheme. Mayor Houchen informed Cabinet that there was a commitment to refine the scheme detail post approval.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Approved the proposed introduction of free car parking across the car park areas designated at Appendices 1-5 for two years as part of the wider Indigenous Growth Programme (IGP); and</li> <li>ii. Approved the allocation of a further total of £10.64m to the IGP, funded from a transfer from the Transport funding allocation in the Investment Programme.</li> </ul>
<b>TVCA 30/20</b>	<p><b>DEVOLUTION INVESTMENT FUND GATEWAY REVIEW – SQW GATEWAY REVIEW REPORT AND COMPLEMENTARY REPORT</b></p> <p>Cabinet considered a report which set out the process for the Gateway Review and were asked for endorsement of both the Gateway Review Report, led and produced by SQW and the Complementary Report, led and produced by the Combined Authority, both of which will inform the Government Gateway Review of the Tees Valley Investment Fund.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Noted the detail of the Gateway Review Process;</li> <li>ii. Noted the content of the SQW Gateway Review Report and the TVCA Complementary Report; and</li> <li>iii. Delegated authority to the Combined Authority Chief Executive to approve and submit final copies of both the SQW Gateway Review Report and the Complementary Report to Government in respect of the Gateway Review of the Tees Valley Investment Fund.</li> </ul>
<b>TVCA 31/20</b>	<p><b>GROWTH PROGRAMME FOR THE CREATIVE AND VISITOR ECONOMIES</b></p> <p>Cabinet considered a report which set out proposals to deliver a Growth Programme for the Creative &amp; Visitor Economies.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cabinet:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Approved the allocation of the remaining £16.5m from the Investment Plan to enable the delivery of the Programme to the end of the 2024/25 financial year as set out in this report; and</li> <li>ii. Delegated approval of the detailed programme business case to the TVCA Group Chief Executive in consultation with the Tees Valley Management Group, Section 73 Officer and Monitoring Officer in line with the Assurance Framework.</li> </ul>
<b>TVCA 32/20</b>	<p><b>TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN REPORT 2019-20</b></p> <p>Cabinet considered a report which informed them of the 2019/20 performance against the treasury management and prudential indicators set in the Treasury Management Strategy which was approved in March 2019.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cabinet noted the report.</p>
<b>TVCA 33/20</b>	<p><b>TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID-YEAR REVIEW 2020-21</b></p> <p>Cabinet considered a report informing them of the mid-year performance against treasury management and prudential indicators set out in the Treasury Management Strategy approved in March 2020.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cabinet noted the report.</p>
<b>TVCA 34/20</b>	<p><b>QUARTER 2 BUDGET REPORT AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN UPDATE</b></p> <p>Cabinet considered a report which provided an update on the financial position of the Combined Authority for the period ending 30 September 2020 and presented a revised Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP).</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cabinet noted the report.</p>
<b>TVCA 35/20</b>	<p><b>ADOPTION OF INVESTMENT PLAN, BUDGET 2021-22 AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN</b></p> <p>Cabinet considered a report which asked them to agree the high-level financial allocations for the Investment Plan 2019-29 and consider and approve the Draft Budget and Investment Plan for 2021-22 for the purposes of consultation.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cabinet agreed the high-level financial allocations for the Investment Plan 2019-29 and considers and approves the Draft Budget and Investment Plan for 2021-22 for the purposes of consultation.</p>
<b>TVCA 36/20</b>	<p><b>TEES CROSSING UPDATE</b></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 were updated on progress made to secure Government commitment to fund the Tees Crossing Scheme.</p>

	<p>Cabinet were asked to approve the commitment of an additional £11.5m to fully fund delivery of Portrack Relief Road and provide a fixed local contribution to the Tees Viaduct.</p> <p>Cabinet were also asked to approve that, in accordance with the Assurance Framework, proportionate business cases are developed, and approval is delegated to the Combined Authority Chief Executive, in consultation with Tees Valley Management Group, the S73 Officer and the Monitoring Officer.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Noted the progress that has been made to try and secure a Government commitment to fund the Tees Crossing scheme;</li> <li>ii. Approved the commitment of an additional £11.5m to fully fund delivery of Portrack Relief Road and provide a fixed local contribution to the Tees Viaduct; and,</li> <li>iii. Approved that in accordance with the Assurance Framework proportionate business cases are developed, and approval is delegated to the Combined Authority Chief Executive, in consultation with Tees Valley Management Group, the S73 Officer and the Monitoring Officer.</li> </ol>
<p><b>TVCA 37/20</b></p>	<p><b>TEES VALLEY WHEELS 2 WORK EXTENSION</b></p> <p>Cabinet were advised that Tees Valley Combined Authority is seeking to extend the Wheels to Work scheme for a further three years following a successful trial managed by Redcar &amp; Cleveland Voluntary Development Agency (RCVDA).</p> <p>Cabinet were asked to approve an additional £645K of funding from the Integrated Transport Programme to support the Wheels 2 Work scheme for the three year period.</p> <p>Cabinet were also asked to approve that in accordance with the Assurance Framework a business case is developed, and approval is delegated to the Combined Authority Chief Executive, in consultation with Tees Valley Management Group, the S73 Officer and the Monitoring Officer.</p> <p>Members asked if the scheme is now rolled out across the Tees Valley. Tom Bryant, Head of Transport, informed Cabinet that the scheme is rolled out across Tees Valley and the new provider will continue to run the scheme across area.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Approved an additional £645K of funding from the Integrated Transport Programme to support the Wheels 2 Work scheme for a further three years.</li> <li>ii. Approved that in accordance with the Assurance Framework a business case is developed, and approval is delegated to the Combined Authority Chief Executive, in consultation with Tees Valley Management Group, the S73 Officer and the Monitoring Officer.</li> </ol>
<p><b>TVCA 38/20</b></p>	<p><b>TEESSIDE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BUSINESS PLAN UPDATE 2021-29</b></p>

	<p>Cabinet considered a report updating them on the TIA Business Plan 2021-2029.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cabinet approved the updated TIA Business Plan 2021-29.</p>
<b>TVCA 39/20</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 10am.