

**TEES VALLEY COMBINED AUTHORITY CABINET**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 10am**

**Cavendish House, Teesdale Business Park, Stockton-On-Tees**

*These minutes are in draft form until approved at the next Cabinet meeting and are therefore subject to amendments.*

<b><u>ATTENDEES</u></b>	
<b><u>Members</u></b>	
Mayor Ben Houchen (Chair)	Tees Valley Mayor
Councillor Shane Moore	Leader, Hartlepool Borough Council
Councillor Mary Lanigan	Leader, Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council
Councillor Robert Cook	Leader, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Mayor Andy Preston	Mayor of Middlesbrough
<b><u>Associate Members</u></b>	
Stephen Gill	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Matthew Ord	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Kate Roe	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Andrew Fulton	Member of Tees Valley LEP
<b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b>	
Councillor Heather Scott OBE	Leader, Darlington Borough Council
Siobhan McArdle	LEP Board Chair
Professor Paul Crony	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Graeme Mallows	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Yasmin Khan	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Steph Carter-Smith	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Annabel Turpin	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Joanna Wake	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Brenda McLeish	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Mark South	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Jane Reynolds	Observer - Business Representative Organisations
<b><u>Officers and Others in Attendance</u></b>	
Julie Gilhespie	Group Chief Executive, Tees Valley Combined Authority, TVCA
Peter Judge	Monitoring Officer, TVCA
Gary Macdonald	Group Director of Finance & Resources, TVCA
Chris Beck	Director of Education and Skills, TVCA
Alison Fellows	Group Commercial Director
Sally Henry	Governance Officer, TVCA
Julie Danks	Managing Director, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council

Ian Williams	Chief Executive, Darlington Borough Council
Tony Parkinson	Chief Executive, Middlesbrough Council
John Sampson	Managing Director, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council
<b>TVCA 37/21</b>	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b></p> <p>Apologies for absence were submitted as detailed above. Cllr Scott was unable to attend in person but joined via video link.</p>
<b>TVCA 38/21</b>	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>None</p>
<b>TVCA 39/21</b>	<p><b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as an accurate record. There were no matters arising.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021 be confirmed as an accurate record.</p>
<b>TVCA 40/21</b>	<p><b>MAYOR'S UPDATE REPORT</b></p> <p>The Chair introduced a report providing a general update on the key activities of the Mayor and Combined Authority since the last Cabinet meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Moore asked for his thanks be recorded to Annabel Turpin and Charlie Kemp for their work with the Festivals Programme.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet noted the report.</p>
<b>TVCA 41/21</b>	<p><b>GOVERNANCE AND APPOINTMENTS</b></p> <p>Cabinet were provided a summary of changes to the membership of Tees Valley Combined Authority committees which have taken place since the previous Cabinet.</p> <p>They were also invited to approve that TVCA adopt the non-legally binding working definition of antisemitism of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (HRA).</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. agreed the appointments as set out in the report;</li> <li>ii. approve the non-legally binding working definition of antisemitism of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA).</li> </ul>
<b>TVCA 42/21</b>	<p><b>ADOPTION OF INVESTMENT PLAN, BUDGET 2022-23 AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN</b></p> <p>Cabinet were provided details of the high-level financial allocations within the Investment Plan and provided the final Budget for consideration and approval.</p>

	<p>The Overview &amp; Scrutiny Finance &amp; Resources Sub-Committee were thanked for the work they completed in scrutinising the budget in detail and providing their report as part of the consultation process.</p> <p>It was noted that the Overview &amp; Scrutiny Sub-Committee is traditionally Chaired by the Vice Chair of the full Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee and comprises volunteers from the Committee.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. agreed the high level financial allocations for the Investment Plan;</li> <li>ii. considered and approved the final Budget for 2022-23 including all associated activity listed in this report;</li> <li>iii. noted the pay policy statement 2022-23.</li> </ul>
<p><b>TVCA 43/21</b></p>	<p><b>TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2022/23</b></p> <p>Cabinet were informed of the Authority’s Treasury Management Capital &amp; Investment Strategies for the financial year 2022/23.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet approved the Treasury Management, Investment and Capital Strategies for 2022/23.</p>
<p><b>TVCA 44/21</b></p>	<p><b>TEES VALLEY DIGITAL STRATEGY</b></p> <p>Cabinet were invited to approve the Tees Valley Digital Strategy, a long-term 10 year strategy, setting out TVCA’s digital ambition and priorities covering digital infrastructure, innovation and inclusion.</p> <p>It was noted that the Tees Valley Digital Strategy will link with the Local Authority’s own Digital Strategies.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet approve the Tees Valley Digital Strategy.</p>
<p><b>TVCA 45/21</b></p>	<p><b>SCREEN INDUSTRIES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME</b></p> <p><b>It was noted that the appendix to this report is confidential and was not published under the terms of paragraph 3 of schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972.</b></p> <p>Cabinet were invited to approve an investment into the NE Screen Industries Development Programme.</p> <p>The Chair commended the work by Cllr Moore, Annabel Turpin and Charlie Kemp to ensure cultural businesses are more sustainable in the future.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. approves the allocation of £4,479,927 from the Investment Plan to enable the delivery of the NE Screen Industries Development Programme to the end of the 2026/27 financial year;</li> <li>ii. delegates approval of the detailed NE programme business case to the TVCA Group Chief Executive in consultation with the TVCA Management Group, Section 73 Officer and Monitoring Officer in line with the Assurance Framework.</li> </ul>
<b>TVCA 46/21</b>	<p><b>RETENDER OF EXTERNAL AUDIT CONTRACT</b></p> <p><b>A resolution was passed to exclude the press and public under paragraph 3 of schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972.</b></p> <p>Cabinet were provided a report which provided options for the re-tender of External Audit Contract that will cover the period 2023-24 to 2027-28 financial statements.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet agreed the recommendations set out in the report.</p>
	<p><b>Confirmation of Darlington’s approval of all of the resolutions has been received from Cllr Scott via email.</b></p>
	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 at 10am</p>