

Overview & Scrutiny Committee Agenda

Date: 14th October 2022 at 10am

Venue: Tees Valley Combined Authority (Teesside Airport Business Suite, Teesside International Airport, Darlington, England, DL2 1NJ)

Membership:

Cllr Hobson (Chair) (Middlesbrough Borough Council)
Cllr Smith (Vice Chair) (Redcar & Cleveland Council)
Cllr Beall (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council)
Cllr Nelson (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council)
Cllr Branson (Middlesbrough Council)
Cllr Harker (Darlington Borough Council)
Cllr Harrison (Hartlepool Borough Council)
Cllr Nicholson (Hartlepool Borough Council)
Cllr Hobson (Middlesbrough Council)
Cllr Donoghue (Darlington Borough Council)
Cllr Jones (Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council)
Cllr Renton (Darlington Borough Council)
Cllr Riordan (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council)
Cllr Jeffrey (Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council)
Cllr Little (Hartlepool Borough Council)

AGENDA

1. **Chairs Welcome & Apologies for Absence**
Verbal
2. **Declarations of Interest**
Attached
3. **Appointment of Chair & Vice Chair**
Verbal
4. **Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 14th July 2022 & 10th August 2022**
Attached
5. **Group Update**
Attached
6. **Creative Place Update**
Presentation
7. **Report of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee - Investment Plan Refresh Referral from Cabinet**
Attached

8. **DRAFT Forward Plan**
Attached
9. **Delegated Decisions**
Attached
10. **Date and Time of Next Meeting:**
12th January 2023 at 10am

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Tees Valley Combined Authority Declaration of Interests Procedures

1. The purpose of this note is to provide advice and guidance to all members (the Mayor, elected and co-opted members, substitute members and associate members) of the Combined Authority Cabinet, Sub-Committees and Local Enterprise Partnership Board, on the procedure for declaring interests. The procedure is set out in full in the [Combined Authority's Constitution](#) under the "Code of Conduct for Members" (Appendix 8).

Personal Interests

2. The Code of Conduct sets out in full, the principles on the general conduct of members in their capacity at the Combined Authority. As a general principle, members should act impartially and should not use their position at the Combined Authority to further their personal or private interests.
3. There are two types of personal interests covered by the constitution:
 - a. "disclosable pecuniary interests". In general, a disclosable pecuniary interest will involve any financial interests, such as paid employment or membership of a body, interests in contracts, or ownership of land or shares. Members have a pecuniary interest in a matter where there is a reasonable likelihood or expectation that the business to be considered will affect your well-being or financial position, or the well-being or financial position of the following persons:
 - i. a member of your family;
 - ii. any person with whom you have a close association;
 - iii. in relation to a) and b) above, their employer, any firm in which they are a partner, or a company of which they are a director;
 - iv. any person or body in whom persons described in a) and b) above have a beneficial interest in a class of securities exceeding the nominal value of £25,000; or
 - v. any body as described in paragraph 3 b) i) and ii) below.
 - b. Any other personal interests. You have a personal interest in any business of the Combined Authority where it relates to or is likely to affect:
 - i. any body of which you are a member (or in a position of general control or management) and to which you are appointed or nominated by the Combined Authority;
 - ii. any body which:
 - exercises functions of a public nature;
 - is directed to charitable purposes;
 - one of whose principle purposes includes influencing public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union) of which you are a member (or in a position of general control or management).

Declarations of interest relating to the Councils' commercial role

4. The constituent councils of the Combined Authority are closely integrated with its governance and financial arrangements, and financial relationships between the Combined Authority and Councils do not in themselves create a conflict of interest for Council Leaders who are also Combined Authority Cabinet members. Nor is it a conflict

of interest if the Combined Authority supports activities within a particular council boundary. Nevertheless, there are specific circumstances where the Cabinet is considering entering into direct contractual arrangements with a council, for example in relation to a particular commercial investment project, or in which that council is a co-funder. In these circumstances a non-pecuniary declaration of interest should be made by the Council Leader or their substitute.

Procedures for Declaring Interests

5. In line with the Code of Conduct, members are required to adhere to the following procedures for declaring interests:

Register of Interests

6. Each member is required to complete a register of interests form with their personal interests, within 28 days of their appointment to the Combined Authority. Details of any personal interests registered will be published on the Combined Authority's website, with the full register available at the Combined Authority's offices for public inspection. The form will be updated on an annual basis but it is the responsibility of each member to notify the Monitoring Officer of any changes to the register throughout the year. Notification of a change must be made to the Monitoring Officer within 28 days of becoming aware of that change.

Declaration of Interests at Meetings

7. The Combined Authority will include a standing item at the start of each meeting for declaration of interests. Where members are aware that any of their personal interests are relevant to an item of business being considered at a meeting they are attending, they must declare that interest either during the standing item on the agenda, at the start of the consideration of the item of business, or when the interest becomes apparent, if later.
8. Where members consider that their interest could be considered by the public as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the members' judgement then they may not participate in any discussion and voting on the matter at the meeting, but may attend the meeting to make representations, answer questions or give evidence relating to the business, before it is discussed and voted upon.
9. If the interest is a disclosable pecuniary interest (as summarised in paragraph 3a) then the member must leave the meeting room during discussion and voting on the item of business, but may make representations, give evidence and answer questions before leaving the meeting room. Failure to comply with the requirements in relation to disclosable pecuniary interests is a criminal offence.

Sensitive Information

10. Members can seek the advice of the monitoring officer if they consider that the disclosure of their personal interests contains sensitive information.

Tees Valley Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee

**Mandela Room, Middlesbrough Town Hall, Albert Road, Middlesbrough, TS1 2QJ
Thursday 14th July 2022 at 10:00am**

Present:

Cllr John Hobson (Chair) (Middlesbrough Council)
Cllr Sandra Smith (Vice Chair) (Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council)
Cllr Stephen Harker (Darlington Borough Council)
Cllr Jack Sowerby (Darlington Borough Council)
Cllr Chris Hobson (Middlesbrough Council)
Cllr Tony Riordan (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council)
Cllr Norma Stephenson (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council)
Cllr David Branson (Middlesbrough Council)
Cllr Brenda Harrison (Hartlepool Borough Council)
Cllr David Nicholson (Hartlepool Borough Council)
Cllr Pauline Beall (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council)
Cllr Chris Jones (Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council)
TBC (Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council)
TBC (Hartlepool Borough Council)

Officers in Attendance:

Gary Macdonald – Group Director of Finances and Resources
Peter Judge - Chief Legal Officer, Monitoring Officer TVCA (via Teams)
Alan Weston – Transport & Infrastructure Manager
Nicola Dean – Governance & Scrutiny Officer (via Teams)
James Grant – Governance and Business Support Manager

Apologies for absence:

Cllr Steve Nelson (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council)
Cllr Bob Donoghue (Darlington Borough Council)
Cllr Mike Renton (Darlington Borough Council)
Julie Gilhespie (Group Chief Executive, 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 asked the Committee could they be upstanding for a minute silence in remembrance of Cllr Brenda Loynes, a valued member of the Committee who passed away in February 2022. A minute's silence was held.

2 Declarations of interest

No declarations were made.

3 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13th January 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2022 were agreed as a true record subject to the following amends:

Cllr Stephenson (**NS**) drew the Committee's attention to Item 8 Paragraph 2 and noted that the last line should read that it was agreed to have more 'named substitutes'. The minutes will be amended to reflect this.

Cllr Harrison (**BH**) confirmed that she had sent apologies for the last meeting, but this wasn't noted in the Minutes. The minutes will be amended to reflect this.

4 Group Chief Executive's Update

A paper gave Members an update on the key activities of the Combined Authority since the last Committee meeting.

In the absence of the Group CEO, Gary Macdonald (**GM**), Group Director of Finance and Resources at TVCA, provided a summary of the areas of the CEO Update including:

- Teesworks
- Freeport
- Teesside International Airport
- One Public Estate
- Business Investment
- Education, Employment and Skills
- Mayoral Development Corporations
- Transport (noted presentation to follow)
- Clean Growth and Innovation
- Creative Place

Cllr Branson (**DB**) noted that Middlesbrough Council are looking at pollution and concerns on the amount of pipe being found off the coast as a result of the construction of South Bank Quay. He explained that Middlesbrough Council had asked TVCA to do an investigation of this to determine if there is a link to the noted increase in crabs and lobsters dying. BH supported this question on sea life and the dredging situation and deemed it a priority, supporting an investigation into this urgently. GM advised that TVCA aware of this and that he will refer the points to colleagues internally.

It was asked whether the Middlesbrough Mayoral Development Corporation (MDC) is linked to Middlesbrough Council and how will it be scrutinised? GM advised that legislation is first required, and it was confirmed that each of the Development Corporations are separate to each Local Authority. It was explained that the relationship is as a stakeholder Local Authority. The detail, in terms of governance structure and powers, was noted, as yet to be decided.

The position of TVCA in regard to the proposed MDCs was queried, and Members were informed that the relationship to the Development Corporation (DC) is through TVCA and it is separate. Peter Judge (**PJ**), Monitoring Officer, explained the process that would follow consultation - the Mayor will write to the

Secretary of State designating a Mayoral Development Area and if it is designated, the Secretary of State is then obliged to set up an MDC. It was explained that, although TVCA are carrying out a consultation on the mayoral development area, the Secretary of State will also do the same in regard to any publicly owned land to be transferred into the ownership of the MDC and will engage with LAs and other public landowners as to whether the land should be transferred into the MDC. It was explained that the Cabinet of TVCA are being asked if they support the Mayor's proposal to set up a DC. PJ advised Members that it is a mayoral power to set up a DC and it is the Secretary of State power to set up the Corporation, which requires secondary legislation and if the Secretary of State makes the order, it will then be laid to Parliament in the usual way. It was confirmed that the Board of the Development Corporation runs the DC and the Chair will be determined by the Tees Valley Mayor.

Cllr Harker (**SH**) raised the concern in seeing a lack of scrutiny in any DC established. PJ explained O&S can examine any decision of TVCA in relation to the funding or otherwise of the DC's but that the decisions inside the DC are matters for its Board.

It was asked if the result of the consultations on the MDCs is that people don't want these to progress, what would happen? PJ advised that if the result of the consultations is that the MDCs are overwhelmingly not supported, and whilst this is ultimately a matter for the Mayor, PJ would be surprised if the Mayor would exercise the power to do so.

Members discussed the governance of the Freeport Board, and it was explained that the Freeport Board comprises both public and private sector representation and the Freeboard Board is constituted as a TVCA Committee under its constitution. PJ clarified that the Freeport Board is created by the Cabinet of TVCA and is part of the Constitution, so in regard to the scope of the activity of the Board, it must operate in accordance will all the transparency rules and the reach of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee in relation to its decisions.

BH asked if other freeports are looked at to see how they work. GM confirmed that Board Members attend a freeport regulatory network where all freeport representative's meet on a regular basis to share knowledge, and this is a network that feeds into one another. In addition, it was advised that there also events that Freeport Board members attend to share knowledge and experience.

5 Transport Update

Alan Weston, (**AW**) Transport & Infrastructure Manager at TVCA delivered a Transport Update presentation to Members.

The presentation covered the following points:

- World Class Transport Plan
- Making Cycling & Walking the Natural choice for shorter journey's (20 year plan)
- Tees Valley Active Travel Hubs
- Transforming the Tees Valley Rail System

- Shared Commitment with Operators to transform Tees valley bus services and grow passenger numbers
- Progress on the BSIP Five Point Plan
- Positioning the Tees valley at the forefront of decarbonising Transport
- Putting the Tees Valley at the heart of the Digital Transport Revolution
- Ensuring everyone can access opportunity
- Tees Valley Transport Brand & Customer Information
- Budget

DB commented that although there is a will to cycle, this is often difficult as train providers discourage cycling through a lack of facilities. It was suggested that thought needs to be given to linkage and how that works. AW advised that this is recognised and is being looked at nationally and what solutions could be available. Members agreed it was good to see a commitment to investing in rail and it was considered essential to consider how to integrate trains with other areas of transport.

Connectivity to the Whitby line was discussed, and AW explained that there are conversations taking place with North Yorkshire in this regard, and that they have their own aspirations. Middlesbrough and Nunthorpe were agreed to be an issue, but Members were assured all stations were being looked at.

SH asked why the Transport Portfolio Member was not in attendance for this update. It was advised as Cllr H Scott had stood down as Leader of Darlington Council, she was no longer a member of the Tees Valley Combined Authority Cabinet, nor lead for Transport. Until the next Cabinet meeting (22nd July 2022), a Portfolio Lead Member for Transport could not be formally designated.

6 Delegated Decisions

A report was circulated detailing the Delegated Decisions taken by the Combined Authority since the last meeting.

RESOLVED that the detail of the report was noted.

7 DRAFT Overview & Scrutiny Annual Report 2021-2022

A DRAFT of the Overview & Scrutiny Annual Report 2021-2022 was provided to Members in advance of the meeting. Members were informed this Report would be presented to Cabinet detailing the work of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee in the last municipal year.

Members were asked to provide feedback on content and agree for the report to be submitted at the July Cabinet meeting.

NS referenced the point in the Report that the Mayor hadn't attended meetings in the last year and noted that the Committee is here to scrutinise both the Combined Authority and the Mayor but with the lack of attendance, it was questioned how the Committee could do that. Members agreed that as the Mayor is responsible for decisions, the Committee Chair should write to him and ask he attend some future meetings for his decisions to be scrutinised.

NS noted that the DRAFT Report details that the Committee exists to “scrutinise and support the decision making of the Combined Authority and the Mayor” and instead it was suggested that the Committee exists to “challenge and scrutinise the decision making” of the Combined Authority and the Mayor if there is a need. It was agreed the Report would be amended to reflect this.

For the purposes of accuracy, NS referenced the incorrect spelling of her surname, and it was confirmed this would be rectified.

RESOLVED that the Chair will seek to make contact with the Mayor regarding attendance at Committee meetings.

8 Feedback of Consultation on Quorum in Other Combined Authorities

Members were provided with a paper detailing the findings of a consultation with Monitoring Officers of other Combined Authorities on their experience of quoracy on their Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

Members were asked to consider the feedback received, whilst reviewing the TVCA Overview and Scrutiny Committee’s attendance between 2019 and 2022 to determine a course of action.

PJ noted that because of steps taken by the previous Chair, Cllr Stephenson, and the use of substitute members, it appeared the Committee was having a less difficult time in regard to quorum, than the other Combined Authority Scrutiny Committees.

RESOLVED that the position in regard to the quoracy of Committee meetings should continue to be monitored.

9 Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The Chair explained the next meeting would be arranged for after the upcoming TVCA Cabinet meeting and would be the Annual meeting. Meeting dates for the municipal year would be finalised and invites sent as soon as dates agreed.

Tees Valley Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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

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.

AGENDA ITEM 5**REPORT TO THE TEES VALLEY COMBINED AUTHORITY
OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE****14th OCTOBER 2022****REPORT OF THE GROUP
CHIEF EXECUTIVE****GROUP UPDATE****SUMMARY**

This report provides a general update on the key activities of the Combined Authority since the last Committee meeting, which are not covered in other reports to this meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Tees Valley Combined Authority Overview & Scrutiny Committee note the report.

DETAIL**TEESWORKS**

1. Site demolition activity continues, with all major demolition works expected to be complete by the end of 2022. Good progress continues to be made on the construction of South Bank Quay Phase 1, with installation of the main quay wall now complete, other land-based activities progressing well, and related river works having commenced in September.
2. Several ground remediation projects have been completed in the period, such as the 90-acre land platform for the SeAH Wind monopile manufacturing facility at South Bank, with work on construction of the facility having commenced in July. Ground remediation works to prepare the 100-acre site allocated to the Net Zero Teesside Power carbon capture, utilisation and storage project is expected to commence late October.
3. The new Eston Road roundabout scheme at Dorman Point is operational and in use. Advanced earthworks operations have recently begun on the proposed Teesworks Park and Ride Facility site at Steel House. The planning application for construction of the facility has just been submitted.

FREEPOR T

4. Teesside Freeport Full Business Case (FBC) is undergoing the final review process. The FBC has been approved by the DLUHC Programme Board and is with Treasury for final approval (TAP).

5. Following the approval of the FBC, Teesside Freeport (through TVCA) will enter into an MOU to deliver the objectives of Freeport. The final version of the MOU is expected to be issued in October.
6. Teesside Freeport primary custom zone welcomed the first customs customer onto site in September. This reflected a strong working partnership across a number of Freeport stakeholders and represents another first for Teesside Freeport on a national basis.

TEESSIDE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

7. Aeronautical

The summer holiday season has seen strong performance for the destinations operated by Ryanair and Tui. Average load factors of over 90% are more than double than were achieved in 2021 and indicate good recovery from the pandemic.

8. Cargo

The airport's purpose-built £2.5m cargo facility opened at the end of August, having received all necessary regulatory approvals. It is part of the Tees Valley freeport, which means that firms who route their cargo through the facility enjoy customs benefits. The airport is now in active discussions with a number of freight companies about them using the airport to handle their goods.

9. Estates

Aviation services and technology firm Draken Europe is set to expand its operations at Teesside Airport, with the construction of a second hangar to house seven new aircraft. The new hangar will be handed over to Draken during October.

Global aviation company Willis Lease Finance Corporation and its subsidiary, Willis Aviation Services have started the planning process for a new aircraft maintenance facility, as well as a state-of-the-art Jet Centre. This £25m investment will form part of the airport's freeport area. A detailed planning application is being prepared for submission to Darlington Council in mid-October. On the Southside development, work is well under way on the access road from the A67 into the site. The process to appoint a contractor for construction of the first phase of the development will be completed in the autumn.

10. Solar

The Airport is working with TVCA on the development of a potential new solar farm on its land, which would enable the Airport to generate its own green power to support its operations and those of its tenants, acting as a further incentive to attract new private sector investment into the Airport's business parks.

11. Filming

The Airport recently welcomed its first onsite film crew for many years. The filming included the overnight hire of the car park and check-in hall, to film a short section of an international movie that is due to be released next year.

ONE PUBLIC ESTATE (OPE)

12. The OPE programme provides practical and technical support and funding to deliver ambitious property-focused programmes in collaboration with central government and other public sector partners. It aims to generate efficiencies, create economic growth and deliver better, more integrated customer services. The Combined Authority is the accountable body for the OPE programme in Tees Valley.
13. In February 2022, the Tees Valley OPE Partnership was awarded £142,000 Opportunity Development Funding to provide capacity funding. The funding will assist the Partnership to develop a pipeline of investable public sector property opportunities in Tees Valley. The visioning work is concluding and work has commenced on mapping public sector assets in Hartlepool as part of a pilot project and will inform an approach to further asset mapping and reviews by all other services.
14. Up to £180 million Brownfield Land Release Fund 2 (BLRF2) capital grant funding was launched in July 2022 and will be available to all LAs and CAs over a three-year period to support the release of council-owned brownfield land for housing. One bid was submitted in round 1 by DBC for Central Park. A pipeline of bids is being developed for rounds 2 (Spring 2023) and 3.

TEES VALLEY BUSINESS

15. UKSPF (The Tees Valley Business Challenge) is a £13m comprehensive programme of support to start, scale and grow businesses. The Business Challenge programme specifically aims to level-up Tees Valley in terms of business density, business creation, business scaling, business productivity, business employment and skills. The Business Challenge programme will be delivered through digital support; a programme of one-to-many support events and activities; a programme of support to smaller groups/cohorts and one-to-one support.
16. The Tees Valley Business Growth Grant is a £12m ERDF scheme to support with growth plans and job creation for SMEs until June 2023. There is £3.2m remaining with 64 live applications and/or in assessment to the value of £1m. 357 businesses have been supported with grant offers to the value of £6.9m. 1016 jobs have been created/safeguarded. We have 7 larger capital grants equivalent to the value of almost 900K.
17. The SMEs Energy Efficiency Scheme (SMEEs) was originally a £2m ERDF-funded scheme providing businesses with energy efficiency audits and advice, and capital grants for works undertaken to reduce emissions and lower energy consumption. Further funding was confirmed by government in June 2022 to respond to current demand, especially in response to rising energy costs for businesses. This can support 160 businesses with energy audits and 50 businesses with access to capital grants to reduce carbon emissions.
18. The Made Smarter Scheme supports SMEs to improve manufacturing productivity through various processes such as automation, robotics, sensor technology, IOT, 3D Printing, Artificial Intelligence and Virtual Reality. Confirmation was received from BEIS of an allocation of £800K per annum for Tees Valley and NE LEP to continue the programme for three years, engaging with 40 Tees Valley businesses a year. This programme involves hands on digital road mapping, access to IDT

specialists and workshops and smaller capital grants to purchase and implement new software and/or equipment.

BUSINESS INVESTMENT

19. The Business Investment Team participated in a US inward delegation visit to CPI's National Biologics Manufacturing Centre in Darlington to help forge links between regions in the US and the UK. The visiting delegation included the Nashville Chamber of Commerce, the Nashville Healthcare Council and the Department for International Trade (DIT) team leads for the Southeast US.
20. The Business Investment Team has also supported an international renewables delegation visit led by DIT's Northern Powerhouse Trade team. The visit enabled local businesses the opportunity to network with the delegation comprising international energy companies, regional governmental organisations, and DIT Overseas Officers during the week-long inward trade tour of northern England.

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS

21. The Combined Authority continues to lead the local management of national skills funding, including £3.6m for Skills Bootcamps. These provide short, bespoke employer led training for both unemployed people and those in employment that wish to diversify or improve their skills with their employer's support. This will provide training routeways linked to future technical job roles.
22. The £3.6m Multiply programme is now commencing delivery and will gradually grow over the coming months to provide more accessible and learner friendly numeracy training.
23. Delivery of the devolved Adult Education Budget is well under way for Academic Year 2022/23 with 31 training providers being allocated £30.5m to deliver skills training that supports adults to gain skills to progress to higher level skills provision or work. them to access work.
24. An additional 20 training providers have also been awarded £2.7m to deliver new and targeted Level 3 training linked to the skills that businesses require.
25. The new Employment and Skills Strategy 2022 and beyond has been approved by cabinet in July. A delivery plan will now be developed to achieve the strategic objectives.

MAYORAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS (MDC's)

26. Cabinet agreed in principle to the MDCs at TVCA Cabinet on 22nd July 2022, subject to the outcome of the consultation process. The consultation period closed on 4th August 2022 and discussions have continued with the Local Authorities on the detail of the MDCs prior to formal designation by the Mayor to the Secretary of State. It is anticipated that formal designation will be submitted in coming weeks.
27. Following this, the Secretary of State (SoS) will conduct a separate consultation process relating to the transfer of public sector land into each MDC area.

28. Masterplanning for each MDC area will run alongside the SoS consultation process.
29. After designation, specific legislation will be passed in Parliament, when the Masterplans for each area are expected to be launched.

INVESTMENT ZONES

30. In September 2022 the Government announced a UK-wide scheme to accelerate growth by creating Investment Zones. Three of the potential new zones are in the Tees Valley, with Middlesbrough and Hartlepool Development Corporations, and Teesside International Airport, all possible first locations under the Government's Growth Plan.
31. Investment zones could have significant tax cuts and could slash red tape to incentivise investment and businesses as they aim to drive growth and unlock housing.
32. Areas with Investment Zones could benefit from tax incentives, planning liberalisation, and wider support for the local economy. All Investment Zone agreements would contain tax and development sites.
33. MCA areas have been invited to submit expressions of interest by noon on 14th October 2022. This will be a competitive process with other MCA areas and Upper Tier Local Authorities invited to submit EOIs.

TRANSPORT

34. City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement

The £310m City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) for the period 2022/23 to 2026/27 was incorporated into the Investment Plan by Cabinet on the 28th of January 2022. The government has now agreed and published the CRSTS programme delivery plan.

35. Hartlepool Station

Hartlepool station's disused platform 3 has now been demolished and piling for a new platform has now begun, signalling the first phase of its multimillion-pound redevelopment. As part of the works, the existing platform 2 will also be extended by 20 metres to house the new footbridge and lift for improved access. The £12million station upgrade is set to complete ready for the Tall Ships coming to the town in July 2023.

36. Hydrogen Transport Hub

TVCA is committed to working alongside the Department for Transport (DfT) to implement the Tees Valley Hydrogen Transport Hub masterplan. The purpose of the hub is to build the evidence base to support the use of hydrogen for transport, which will inform the DfT's long term decarbonisation strategy. The hub will act as a catalyst for the fulfilment of hydrogen's role in decarbonising transport in the region and beyond. The DfT recently launched a multi-million-pound competition for business to deliver re-fuelling infrastructure and multi-modal vehicle trials. The trials will run from 2023/24 to 2024/25.

37. Active Travel

Active Travel England is the new executive agency tasked with delivering the government's cycling and walking strategy. There was a requirement for all local transport authorities to complete a self-assessment (in the Tees Valley it was a collective response on behalf of TVCA and the 5 local authorities). Following moderation Active Travel England agreed with our self-assessment of Level 2: Strong local leadership and support, with strong plans and emerging network. This puts us in a strong position to secure additional funding for active travel in the coming years. Furthermore, TVCA has procured Sustrans to deliver a network of active travel hubs across the Tees Valley. The hubs will engage with residents, schools and workplaces to facilitate an increase in cycling and walking trips.

CLEAN GROWTH AND INNOVATION

38. Eight firms from the Tees Valley's Industrial Cluster were successful in Track 1 - Phase 2 of the BEIS Cluster Sequencing Competition, the next step in them being connected to the East Coast Cluster CCUS infrastructure. With eight of the twenty two projects selected in Tees Valley this represents significant progress for the region's clean growth and green jobs ambitions.
39. Tees Valley's two housing retrofit programmes (Home Upgrade Grant - £3.2m and Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund £4.5 million) are now in delivery. They will deliver warmer homes to homeowners and tenants living in fuel poverty across the region.
40. The North East and Yorkshire Net Zero Hub, supported by TVCA on behalf of BEIS, has launched the Energy Projects Enabling Fund and Solar Schools Enabling Fund to unlock community and educational energy projects across its two regions.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

41. There are no financial implications to this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

42. There are no legal implications to this report.

RISK ASSESSMENT

43. This report is an update and therefore is categorised as low risk.

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AGENDA ITEM 7**REPORT TO THE TEES VALLEY
COMBINED AUTHORITY OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE****REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE****14th OCTOBER 2022****OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - INVESTMENT PLAN REFERRAL
REPORT****SUMMARY**

The Tees Valley Combined Authority Cabinet made a referral to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee to review the decision made in relation to the approval of the Investment Plan Refresh (specifically recommendation 1).

This report details the findings of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee and their response.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee review, comment and agree the report for submission at the October Cabinet meeting (attached at **Appendix 1**)

DETAIL

1. At its meeting on 22nd July 2022, the Tees Valley Combined Authority Cabinet made a referral to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee to review the decision made in relation to the approval of the Investment Plan Refresh (specifically recommendation 1).
2. The Overview & Scrutiny Committee met on the 10th August 2022 where a presentation was delivered by Group Chief Executive Julie Gilhespie and Tees Valley Mayor Ben Houchen on all aspects of the Investment Plan refresh, with members invited to ask questions.
3. Following the meeting, a report was drafted for consideration for submission to Cabinet. This was circulated for comment to members of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.
4. The Committee's report is attached in Appendix 1 for submission to the TVCA Cabinet on 28th October 2022.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. None

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6. The Overview & Scrutiny Committee provides an important statutory role in contributing to the good governance and oversight of the Combined Authority on behalf of the Constituent Authorities and the public.

RISK ASSESSMENT

7. Not Applicable

CONSULTATION

8. Not Applicable

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Tees Valley Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

TVCA Cabinet Referral – Investment Plan Refresh

INTRODUCTION

The Tees Valley Combined Authority Cabinet considered a report on its refreshed ten-year Investment Plan at its meeting on 22nd July 2022.

At this meeting, the TVCA Cabinet made a referral to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee to review the decision made in relation to the approval of the Investment Plan Refresh (specifically recommendation 1).

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee met on the 10th August 2022 at a meeting chaired by Councillor John Hobson (Middlesbrough Council). The Committee was provided with the Investment Plan Refresh Cabinet report and Group Chief Executive, Julie Gilhespie, and the Tees Valley Mayor, Ben Houchen, were in attendance.

The Group Chief Executive delivered a presentation on the detail of the changes to the Investment Plan and Members were invited to ask questions. The questions were addressed in the session on 10th August 2022 and have been recorded and sorted by investment area in Appendix 1.

SUMMARY

In summary, the session was introduced by a presentation on all aspects of the Investment Plan refresh. The Chair then invited questions and members were satisfied with the responses provided. One member requested that this report drew to the attention of the Tees Valley Cabinet, the issues for residents resulting from the current cost of living crisis for consideration.

DETAIL

Detailed questions and answers are included in Appendix 1.

Appendix 1: Investment Plan Refresh Report

1. What are the refresh arrangements for the Investment Plan and why was this referred to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee?

The Constitution requires the Investment Plan to be refreshed annually. Government required wider consultation on the UKSPF, which has taken place through existing advisory groups and the establishment of the UKSPF Local Partnership Group.

The referral was requested from Cabinet by Councillor Mary Lanigan (Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council) (seconded by Councillor Shane Moore - Hartlepool Borough Council) because procedures in her own Local Authority require changes such as those proposed to be examined by the LA Overview & Scrutiny Committee ahead of Cabinet. Although it was explained that the Combined Authority is not subject to the same processes, it was agreed for the Overview & Scrutiny Committee to consider the decision and make any recommendations.

Mayoral Development Corporations (MDC):

2. Can you clarify what was said about Billingham in the presentation?

A £10m allocation was proposed for boroughs that do not have a Development Corporation, and it was agreed that £6m be ringfenced for Billingham. Stockton Borough Council previously declined the offer of a Development Corporation for the borough.

3. Will we get chance to ask questions in more detail at a Local Authority level on the Hartlepool MDC?

The proposal for the Hartlepool MDC has been through the Local Authority's own internal processes ahead of being taken to a meeting of the Council at the end of September. The Combined Authority does not need Local Authority permission to establish Development Corporations but would like to have this approval, which TVCA has been assured is forthcoming.

4. Where will the money from those assets gained by each MDC go?

The setting up of MDCs is a relatively straightforward process and involves drawing down additional powers and the ability to transfer publicly owned land and assets to the MDC. Two processes will be running alongside each other. The Secretary of State will look at the plan and determine if publicly owned assets can be transferred. This does not mean that the MDC has to draw down these assets, nor that it will. TVCA is currently working with Middlesbrough Council to determine what land/property they own and to determine which assets have income streams to Middlesbrough Council, and which assets are costing money and thus a liability. This will then be considered with Council officers to agree the appropriate treatment on an asset-by-asset basis. In some cases, land may not be transferred at all. At Hartlepool Council there is a wish to not transfer the war memorial and to protect Hartlepool Football Club's operations. TVCA has committed that it will not transfer any assets not agreed by the relevant councils nor put their Medium-Term Financial

Plan (MTFP) at risk as a result of transfers.

5. Why is the Northern School of Art included in the red line boundary?

Land in the red line boundary does not necessarily mean the land/asset will transfer or that anything will happen to it. The detail needs to be refined as there are various processes that could be adopted (e.g. an asset could be transferred and the income paid to the Council) and changes do not need to be implemented immediately. The need to protect Council finances and their MTFP is to be considered first.

6. If assets are transferred and you need to sell an asset to get rid of a liability, can they be transferred into another MDC?

Mayoral Development Corporations are standalone organisations. The MDC can buy, sell, leverage and borrow money in the same way as any corporate body, however each MDC will only have a finite set of financial resources. They may be able to leverage additional funding but cannot take on and manage all liabilities. If an asset has a liability it would go through the usual processes and assets would not be transferred between MDCs.

7. With the MDCs, what guarantee can you give that the transfer of land will be transparent?

The MDCs will not be of a size to warrant private investor partners. Teesworks was agreed at the Combined Authority Cabinet, with further oversight from external Auditors, the Treasury and the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy as it needed to be assured and transparent. Arm's length bodies examined this and found compliance, but it is a good practice example of how to work with private sector partners.

8. Could you provide a written response on responses received on the MDC proposals?

TVCA has received almost unanimous support for each of the MDC locations and the powers proposed. There have been some nuances, with some organisations asking to be included in the red-line boundary and TVCA has already shared those responses with Local Authorities to determine next steps.

Teesside International Airport:

9. If there is a long-term strategy to develop a carrier of goods, how can you do this without affecting the environment?

This is being progressed internally. Through the Net Zero Agenda, TVCA was able to decarbonise Wilton and bring new jobs to the area. Tees Valley is leading the UK in the low carbon sector, but aviation is a carbon intensive area and the Airport needs to be a part of our low carbon ambitions.

Decarbonising the Terminal has been relatively simple with projects including hydrogen vehicle trials and solar farms. TVCA wants to play a key role in national airport decarbonisation. Renewables companies are increasingly basing themselves in the region, with research and development of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF)

taking place here. Though not completely carbon neutral, SAF reduces emissions by 85% so this may be an important temporary solution.

10. Are you confident that, by 2050, there is not going to be more pollution being created locally than the government wants?

Yes.

11. Is there detail of what the £20m that has been invested in the Airport is being spent on?

Money is allocated to the Airport from TVCA by topping up its debt facility finance. This was earlier than expected due to the pandemic. £11m went to pandemic losses last year, with no redundancies, and staff salaries were topped up to 100% during furlough. The airport also moves through category levels as it becomes more successful and, as a result, fire safety costs increase, higher specification is required for security and air traffic control regulations are of a different standard. Additional funding was required for future investment as Willis Lease Finance Corporation looks to create its new aviation maintenance facility. Hangars for Willis and Draken and a regulated facility will drive the Airport forward and they also make up part of the £20m. The latest business plan sees a move towards increasing commercial revenue especially given the development of the Freeport and whilst this will underpin the long-term viability of the airport, it requires investment to establish the facilities.

12. If the plans for the Airport were to expand why wouldn't the associated costs have been accounted for?

When TVCA first brought Teesside Airport into public control, the Airport initially focused on securing routes and carriers rather than the commercial aspect, which was to come later. A Freeport has also since come into operation since TVCA bought it.

13. How confident are you that the Airport will be in profit by 2025?

The Business Case has been updated and as long as the Airport hits its numbers, and there is not another pandemic or other mitigating factors, it will. The projections are considered prudent and achievable.

14. Can you guarantee there will not be a need to invest in the Airport again before 2025?

TVCA cannot guarantee this, as unforeseen factors such as a pandemic could impact the airport's finances. However, if the Airport hits its numbers, TVCA can "reasonably" say it will not require any further investment of this kind. TVCA's investment in the Airport is a loan and in 2019 it was agreed that when the Airport comes back into profit it will repay the loan to TVCA. If the Airport does not succeed, TVCA can take charge of the land to generate finances to repay the loan. Even in the worst-case scenario, TVCA always would be protected as it would get the loan back. There is no fixed repayment facility, it is a debt facility with an interest charge.

(MR left the meeting at 2:05pm.)

15. How much more could be put into the Airport to still have a positive benefit-to-cost ratio (BCR)?

The future economic growth and success of Tees Valley is linked to inward investment, and connectivity via a local international airport is essential. The benefit-to-cost ratio is calculated in line with the Government Green Book – the Government standardised assessment. With the level of BCR in the middle scenario, very significant additional investment could be made without turning the BCR negative. However, at this time no further investment is expected.

16. Where might that money that has been invested have gone otherwise?

Area in the earlier presentation, however those areas will not give the same economic impact as the Airport.

17. Is the 2025 return to profitability target optimistic?

In 2019 the Airport launched its ten-year turnaround plan with a target to achieve profitability by 2026. If the impact of the pandemic was discounted, the airport is still on plan to achieve the projected turnaround. The investment that has been made, particularly in commercial and cargo operations, gives the airport confidence that it can reach profitability within the timescale set out in the business plan.

18. How do we get the message across to the public that the Airport is not just about flights abroad and they don't generate the revenue to fund it?

The jobs that are being generated at the Airport due to Draken and Willis' aircraft maintenance facilities need to be highlighted alongside the holiday flights. It is also vital the airport's importance in being able to undertake other projects is highlighted. For example, the bid that has been submitted to Eurovision for Teesside and Darlington to host the contest next year, a condition is to have an airport within ten minutes of the venue. Not having the Airport means other things can't happen, so TVCA needs to continue talking about the positives.

(BH left the meeting at 3pm.)

The Chair noted the time as the meeting had exceeded its allocated timeframe and informed the Committee if any further members left, the meeting would cease to be quorate so Members were asked to close their questions but advised that questions could be submitted in writing.

19. Is the road at the South Side of the Airport costing £23.6m on target and are four new buildings going to happen?

The road is currently under way and on schedule as are the utilities. The cost of the road has been massively reduced because of our partners. The cost was expected to be £20m but the saving is being used to fund the sheds. Planning applications have been submitted for these as tenants have specific requirements for the buildings. These tenants will also take advantage of the Freeport benefits of the site and take a lease so the revenue will then come back to the Airport.

20. How and when do we see freight handling facility coming online and generating any significant profit?

The Airport is in discussions with two freight handlers. The Airport will use existing infrastructure and appoint a new Cargo Manager with a proven track record in significant freight handling. The Airport received HMRC clearance last week, training is ongoing and the target date for opening the facility is 5th September.

Short-term Issues Facing Residents:**21. How do we alleviate the short-term issues of the people in the Tees Valley?**

There is not enough being done for the disadvantaged locally and nationally but the Government interventions that have been put in place are managed by the Local Authorities, with the funding awarded directly to them, not TVCA. In retrofitting homes to help them reduce energy consumption, TVCA assists Officers at almost every Local Authority in the North East and Yorkshire, including distributing grants to all of the Tees Valley Local Authorities. The Tees Valley Local Authorities have not always wanted support on retrofitting as they do it themselves. TVCA runs the net zero hub for the North.

The impact of the cost-of-living crisis, irrespective of what TVCA does in the short term, is so huge that TVCA unfortunately do not have the funds to alleviate it but if TVCA can do something to help, it will. Teesside has always been disadvantaged, but big things need to be done, and things done differently, to shake up the economy. TVCA is not set up to deal with those things.

Multiply:**22. Will the education and courses be collaborated upon with a further education college to ensure the courses are in the areas where those people live?**

TVCA won't be funding Further Education colleges through this project as it needs to be at a more local level. TVCA wants a consortium approach that deals with the Department for Education to see what provision is already provided and what can be enhanced.

23. Will there be a level of scrutiny, such as DfE and Ofsted?

Yes, TVCA is looking at an umbrella organisation that is Ofsted regulated to work on a consortium level with those providers. This will reduce paperwork for small voluntary agencies as there will be one organisation co-ordinating the paperwork and regulations. The balance of quality is also needed.

Tees Valley Combined Authority (TVCA) Overview & Scrutiny Work Programme 2022/2023

Standing Items

- Declarations of Interest
- Minutes from the Previous Meeting
- Group Update
- Forward Plan
- Delegated Decisions
- Date, Time and Venue of the Next Meeting

Overview & Scrutiny Committee		
Date	Venue	Item / Responsible Officer
10 th August 2022	TVCA Offices	Cabinet Referral Decision of the Investment Plan Refresh
14 th October 2022	TVCA Offices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election of Chair and Vice Chair • Report of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee - Investment Plan Refresh Referral from Cabinet • Creative Place Update • Forward Plan
Finance and Resources Task and Finish Group Meetings		
8 th December 2022	TVCA Offices	<i>Meeting 1: Draft Budget 2023/24 1st Consultation meeting (attended by Gary Macdonald, Group Director of Finance & Resources)</i>
13 th December 2022	TVCA Offices	<i>Meeting 2 (if required): Draft Budget 2023/24 2nd Consultation meeting (attended by Gary Macdonald, Group Director of Finance & Resources)</i>
12 th January 2023	TVCA Offices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance & Resources Sub Committee Budget 2023/2024 Consultation Report • Crustacean Deaths • UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF)
2 nd March 2023	TVCA Offices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skills Update • Overview & Scrutiny Committee Annual Report

REPORT TO THE TEES VALLEY COMBINED AUTHORITY
OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

14th OCTOBER 2022

DELEGATED DECISIONS JULY - SEPTEMBER 2022

SUMMARY

The table below shows the Delegated Decisions signed off by the Combined Authority between July 2022 and September 2022.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Combined Authority Overview & Scrutiny Committee note the table below.

DETAIL

1. The table below shows the Delegated Decisions signed off by the Combined Authority between July 2022 and September 2022:

Title	Amount	Date signed	Key Decision
<p>Creative & Visitor Economy</p> <p>On 27th November 2020, Cabinet approved the allocation of £20,500,000 towards the Creative & Visitor Economies Growth Programme, subject to the completion of a business case in line with the delegated decision arrangements in the Assurance Framework. This process is now complete and has been signed off by delegated decision.</p>	£20,500,000	13/06/2022	No
<p>Darlington Station Land Acquisition</p> <p>A funding allocation of £25m was approved by Cabinet on the 30th November 2018 for this project and reconfirmed in subsequent Cabinet meetings. As per the Assurance Framework, consideration of expenditure in advance of business case approval is delegated to the Combined Authority Chief Executive in liaison with the Mayor and the thematic portfolio holder. This delegated decision provides advance funding in line with the requirements set out in the Assurance Framework and commits a further £1,680,305 from the Cabinet approved allocation in advance of the Full Business Case approval.</p>	£1,680,305	08/07/2022	No
<p>Central Park Wider Infrastructure</p> <p>This project was approved by Cabinet, subject to the completion of a full business case in line with delegated decision making arrangements in the Assurance Framework. Works will reclaim the remaining eight hectares of land at Central Park, Darlington and to service it with infrastructure in readiness for development. The project cost is estimated at £2,900,000 and will be funded entirely from Government's £17.4million Get Building Fund. This process is now complete and has been signed off by delegated decision.</p>	£2,900,000	26/08/2022	No

Title	Amount	Date signed	Key Decision
<p>Hartlepool Station</p> <p>On the 1st of April 2022, the Secretary of State for Transport confirmed to the Tees Valley Mayor an allocation of £310 million to the Tees Valley region from the Department for Transport via the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (“CRSTS”) programme. The proposed improvements to Hartlepool Station are a key part of transforming the rail network and form part of the CRSTS rail programme agreed by the DfT. A business case has been completed and appraised in line with the assurance framework and has been signed off by delegated decision. This decision confirms the allocation of £11,200,000 million to the project.</p>	£11,200,000	29/09/2022	No

2. All key decisions are sent to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee within 2 days of being made. All other delegated decisions are provided for information at the next scheduled Committee meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. The report derives from the Constitution and Assurance Framework for the Combined Authority, which have embedded within them the statutory financial regulations.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4. The Report derives from the Constitution and the Assurance Framework for the Combined Authority which sets out the appropriate statutory framework and is legally binding.

RISK ASSESSMENT

5. The report is categorised as low risk. Existing management systems and daily routine activities are sufficient to control and reduce risk.

CONSULTATION & COMMUNICATION

6. Not Applicable

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

7. Not Applicable

LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP

8. Not Applicable

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