



Tees Valley Combined Authority Transport Committee
Agenda

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Date: Wednesday 15th June, 2022, at 10am

Venue: Council Chamber, Darlington Town Hall, Darlington. DL1 5QT

Membership:

Cllr Heather Scott - Chair (Leader of Darlington Borough Council)

TBC (Hartlepool Borough Council)

Councillor Andy Keir (Darlington Borough Council)

Councillor Eric Polano (Middlesbrough Council)

Councillor Mike Smith (Stockton Borough Council)

Councillor Cliff Foggo (Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council)

Matthew Ord (LEP Board Representative)

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

Attached

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 13th October 2021 for approval.

4. Matters Arising

5. Transport Update

Presentation

6. Date and time of next meeting

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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 Transport Committee

Date: Wednesday 13th October, 2021 at 2pm

Venue: Cavendish House, Teesdale Business Park, Stockton

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

Attendees

Members

Councillor Heather Scott - Chair (Leader of Darlington Borough Council)
Councillor Andy Keir (Darlington Borough Council)
Councillor Mike Smith (Stockton Borough Council)
Councillor Eric Polano (Middlesbrough Council)
Councillor Cameron Stokell (Hartlepool Borough Council)
Matthew Ord (LEP Board Representative)

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Julie Craig (Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council)

Officers

Tom Bryant, Head of Transport, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Peter Judge, Monitoring Officer, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Sally Henry Governance Officer, Tees Valley Combined Authority

Officers joining via Teams

Dave Winstanley – Darlington Borough Council
Anthony Hewitt – Darlington Borough Council
Kieran Bostock – Hartlepool Borough Council
Andy Corcoran – Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Chris Moon – Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council
Craig Cowley – Middlesbrough Council
Alan Weston – Tees Valley Combined Authority

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

As noted.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7TH DECEMBER 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th December 2020 were agreed as a true record.

The Chair requested nominations for a member to act as Deputy Chair in the event of her absence.

RESOLVED THAT:-

- The Transport Committee agreed the nomination of Cllr Cameron Stokell.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

APPOINTMENT TO THE TRANSPORT FOR THE NORTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Nominations were requested for a Tees Valley representative to the Transport for the North Scrutiny Committee.

No nomination was received.

TRANSPORT UPDATE

Tom Bryant gave a presentation to the Transport Committee and advised that the ambition is to deliver a world-class transport system so everyone, no matter where they live within the Tees Valley is connected to opportunity, existing businesses can grow, and the Tees Valley is able to continue attracting new businesses and inward investment.

He then provided the Transport Committee with a progress update on the Transport Investment Programme, which included:-

- Making cycling & walking the natural choice for shorter journeys;
- Transforming the Tees Valley rail system;
- A shared commitment with the operators to transform Tees Valley bus services and grow passenger numbers;
- Positioning the Tees Valley at the forefront of decarbonising transport;
- Ensuring the Key Route Network can facilitate sustainable growth;
- Putting Tees Valley at the heart of digital transport revolution; and
- Ensuring everyone can access opportunity.

The Committee were then given an opportunity to ask questions and comment. This can be summarised as follows:-

- Cllr Scott commented that cycling and walking strategies, while commendable, do not benefit the elderly or those unable to cycle or walk.
- Cllr Scott assured the Committee that the rail freight strategy is a priority and she continues to lobby on behalf of the Tees Valley through Transport for the North.
- Cllr Scott expressed her frustration that identifying a funding source for the Darlington Northern Link Road is proving to be so challenging. Tom Bryant assured the Committee that, whilst there is no obvious pot of money to bid into for this project, TVCA continue to explore all funding options.
- Cllr Scott asked Committee members to actively promote the Wheels to Work scheme wherever possible. Tom Bryant advised that a promotional pack is being developed by TVCA's Comms team, which will be distributed to Local Authority Comms teams. It was also suggested that recruitment companies should be promoting it.

Cllr Scott expressed her thanks to Tom Bryant and his team for the tremendous amount of work that has taken place, which has put the Tees Valley in an advantageous position. Tom advised the Committee that it is partnership working with the Local Authorities and thanked TAG colleagues. The Committee echoed Cllr Scott's comments.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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