



Tees Valley Combined Authority Transport Committee Agenda

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Date: Tuesday 7th February, 2023 at 9am

Venue: TVCA Offices, Teesside Airport Business Suite, Teesside International Airport, Darlington DL2 1NJ

Membership:

Councillor Jonathan Dulston - Chair (Leader of Darlington Borough Council)

Councillor Tom Cassidy (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

Minutes of the meeting held 20th October, 2022 for approval

4 Transport Update

Verbal Update

5 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 20th October, 2022 at 4pm

Venue: Middlesbrough Town Hall, Spencer Room

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

Attendees

Members

Councillor Jonathan Dulston - Chair (Leader of Darlington Borough Council)
Councillor Andy Keir (Darlington Borough Council)
Councillor Tom Cassidy (Hartlepool Borough Council)
Councillor Cliff Foggo (Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council)
Matthew Ord (LEP Board Representative)

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Mike Smith (Stockton Borough Council)
Councillor Eric Polano (Middlesbrough Council)

Officers

Tom Bryant, Assistant Director, Transport & Infrastructure, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Alan Weston, Transport & Infrastructure Manager, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Sally Henry Governance Officer, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Anthony Hewitt – Darlington Borough Council
Kieran Bostock – Hartlepool Borough Council
Andy Corcoran – Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Simon Houldsworth – Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council
Craig Cowley – Middlesbrough Council

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

As noted.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

MINUTES

Notes of the meeting held on 15th June noted.
Minutes of the meeting held 13th October 2021 were agreed as a true record.

RESOLVED THAT:-

- The minutes of the Transport Committee meeting held on 13th October 2021 agreed as a true record.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

Nominations were requested for the role of Vice Chair.
Councillor Tom Cassidy was nominated and seconded by Councillor Andy Keir.

RESOLVED THAT:-

- Councillor Tom Cassidy is nominated as the Vice Chair of the Transport Committee.

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 nominations were received.

TRANSPORT UPDATE

The Transport Committee were 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.

The Committee were then provided with an update on :-

- Making cycling and walking the natural choice for shorter journeys;
- Transforming the Tees Valley rail system;
- A shared commitment with the operators to transform the Tees Valley bus services and grow passenger numbers;

- Putting the Tees Valley at the heart of the digital transport revolution;
- Positioning the Tees Valley at the forefront of decarbonising transport
- Ensuring Everyone can Access Opportunity.

Members were invited to ask questions throughout and can be summarised as follows:-

- Cllr Keir enquired why the cycle lanes are no longer painted red. He was advised that it is due to cost of maintenance.
- Cllr Foggo enquired whether there were plans to repair the footbridge at South Bank. He was advised that officers from TVCA have been having regular conversations with officers from Redcar & Cleveland BC to discuss this issue and TVCA will continue to engage to agree a way forward.
- Cllr Foggo commented that grandparents accompanying their grandchildren on the “Kids Go Free” bus scheme were unable to use their concessionary bus passes so had to pay full fare. Tom Bryant explained that this was a scheme established and ran by the operators so out of TVCA’s control however said he would pass Cllr Foggo’s comments on to the operators.
- Cllr Dulston commented on the excellent work ongoing with the Urban Traffic Management & Control (UTMC) system. He explained how it will assist with the forthcoming Darlington Fireworks show where attendees are being encouraged to walk to the event and traffic signals are being adapted accordingly.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 7th February 2023 at 9am