



## Tees Valley Combined Authority Transport Committee Agenda

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**Date:** Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2022, at 4pm

**Venue:** Middlesbrough Town Hall, Spencer Room

**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**

Notes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022 for information

Minutes of the meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2021 for approval

**4. Appointment of Vice Chair**

**5. Appointment to the Transport for the North Scrutiny Committee**

**6. Transport Update**

Verbal update

**7. Date and time of next meeting**

7<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 at 9:00

## **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 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2022

**Venue:** Darlington Town Hall

The meeting was not quorate so these are notes of the discussions that took place. Not official minutes of the meeting.

### **Attendees**

#### **Members**

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

Councillor Andy Keir (Darlington Borough Council)

Councillor Cliff Foggo Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council)

#### **Apologies for Absence**

Councillor Eric Polano (Middlesbrough Council)

Councillor Mike Smith (Stockton Borough Council)

Councillor Tom Cassidy (Hartlepool Borough Council)

Matthew Ord (LEP Board Member)

#### **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

Alan Weston – Tees Valley Combined Authority

Dave Winstanley – Darlington Borough Council

Kieran Bostock – Hartlepool Borough Council

Andy Corcoran – Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council

Rob Hoof – Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council

Craig Cowley – Middlesbrough Council

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

As noted. Due to late apologies, the meeting was not quorate.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

The minutes of the meeting held could not be agreed as the meeting was not quorate.

**MATTERS ARISING**

Cllr Dulston expressed his appreciation to the previous Chair, Cllr Heather Scott and acknowledged all her work on transport in the Tees Valley during her tenure.

**TRANSPORT UPDATE**

Tom Bryant and Alan Weston 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.

The presentation covered:-

- Active Travel;
- Transforming the rail system;
- A shared commitment with the operators to transform Tees Valley bus services and grow passenger numbers;
- Progress on the Bus Service Improvement Plan;
- Positioning the Tees Valley at the forefront of decarbonisation transport;
- Ensuring the Key Route Network can facilitate sustainable growth;
- Putting the Tees Valley at the heart of the digital transport revolution;
- Ensuring everyone can access opportunity – including Wheels to Work, Tees Flex
- Tees Valley transport brand and customer information;
- Budget.

The presentation ended with a video on Wheels to Work. The Committee were advised that the scheme has capacity so members were encouraged to advise businesses that have issues with employees having difficulties getting to work to put them in touch with the scheme. The Wheels to Work team already attend events to promote the scheme and can accommodate further requests.

The Committee were given the opportunity to ask questions and comment throughout the presentation.

- Tom Bryant offered to meet with Cllr Foggo post-meeting if he wanted to discuss the East Cleveland rail feasibility studies further;
- Issues surrounding the lack of a bus service to enable workers to get to the early shifts at Teesworks from East Cleveland were discussed. It was noted that other industrial areas had similar challenges - Riverside Industrial Estate, Tofts Farm were highlighted. Tom Bryant noted that a piece of work has already started with Redcar & Cleveland Council colleagues to better understand the issue, but stressed that revenue funding is a real challenge.
- Cllr Keir enquired whether it would be possible for members to view the Urban Traffic Management & Control (UTMC) system in Middlesbrough.

The presentation will be circulated to members after the meeting.

Cllr Dulston thanked Tom Bryant for the presentation, which he acknowledged was a very thorough overview.

#### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Transport Committee meetings will be scheduled in advance for the year – further details to follow.



## **Tees Valley Combined Authority Transport Committee**

**Date:** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2020**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>
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None.
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<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>
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