



**Date:** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July, at 2pm  
**Meeting to take place using Microsoft Teams**

**Membership:**

Cllr Heather Scott - Chair (Leader of Darlington Borough Council)  
Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher (Hartlepool Borough Council)  
Councillor Andy Keir (Darlington Borough Council)  
Councillor Ashley Waters (Middlesbrough Council)  
Councillor Mike Smith (Stockton Borough Council)  
Councillor Wayne Davies (Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council)

**AGENDA**

**1. Apologies for Absence**

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Attached

**3. Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings held on 18<sup>th</sup> December for approval.

**4. Matters Arising**

**5. Covid-19 Transport Update**

Presentation

**6. Integrated Transport Programme Update**

Presentation

**7. Any Other Business**

**8. Date and Time of Next Meeting: TBC**

## **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 Transport Committee  
Cavendish House, Stockton-on-Tees  
18<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

. 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 Christopher Akers-Belcher (Hartlepool Borough Council)  
Councillor Wayne Davies (Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council)  
Councillor Ashley Waters (Middlesbrough Council)

**Apologies for Absence**

Councillor Mike Smith (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council)  
Councillor Paul Howell (Darlington Borough Council)

**Officers**

Tom Bryant Head of Transport, Tees Valley Combined Authority  
Tony Hanson – Hartlepool Borough Council  
Andrew Corcoran – Stockton Borough Council  
Dave Carter – Middlesbrough Council  
Simon Houldsworth – Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council  
Sally Henry - Tees Valley Combined Authority

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

As noted.

Cllr Howell (Darlington) has recently been elected as a Member of Parliament so will no longer represent Darlington on the Tees Valley Transport Committee. Cllr Scott advised that a new member representing Darlington will be appointed in the New Year.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2019**

The minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July were agreed as a true record.

**MATTERS ARISING**

Cllr Akers Belcher queried whether an additional Eastern Crossing over the River Tees would have an impact on the levels of traffic currently using the A19 Tees Fly-Over.

Tom Bryant advised that modelling work has been completed to show that an Eastern Crossing would have minimal impact on the capacity issues on the A19 and agreed to share the assessment.

**RESOLVED:-**

- Tees Crossing Options Appraisal work to be shared with members of the Transport Committee.

There were no other matters arising.

**APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER & SUBSTITUTE MEMBER TO TRANSPORT FOR THE NORTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

The Committee were advised that Transport for the North has requested a Tees Valley member sit on their Scrutiny Committee. The TfN Committee meets 4 times a year and the venue varies throughout the North.

It was agreed that Cllr Ashley Waters will represent the Tees Valley on the Transport for the North Scrutiny Committee.

Cllr Scott advised that once Paul Howell has been replaced she will recommend the new Darlington Councillor who will act as substitute member.

## **STRATEGIC TRANSPORT PLAN CONSULTATION**

Tom Bryant provided the Transport Committee with a presentation which covered an overview of the Strategic Transport Plan (STP) consultation.

Presentation included:-

- Process;
- Responses;
- Location of Responses;
- Vision & Objectives;
- Outcomes;
- Priorities;
- Potential to change travel behaviour;
- Proposed amends to the Strategic Transport Plan;
- Next Steps.

The presentation will be circulated to members after the meeting. Members were advised that a detailed consultation report is available on request.

A discussion followed and various queries raised which can be summarised as follows:-

- An Equality Impact Assessment will be included as an appendix to the Transport Plan Cabinet report in January;
- There was a request that consideration be given to an infographic showing how different modes of transport account for the total percentage of trips within the Tees Valley. It was felt that this would help to demonstrate how the impact of investment in one mode of transport would have a greater impact than another.
- It was noted that the response rate for the consultation was disappointing, however it was highlighted that there was a free text field which ensured that the respondents could be open and honest about their priorities;
- A potential Eastern Crossing was discussed and it was requested that if there is no appetite from within TVCA to progress this, then the Local Authorities with an interest could meet to discuss options. It was agreed that a meeting be arranged prior to January Cabinet, if feasible, with TVCA, Hartlepool, Redcar & Cleveland and Middlesbrough to discuss further.

Tom Bryant advised that there will be an annual report on progress that will be presented to the Committee. Progress will also be closely monitored through the Officer Groups.

RESOLVED THAT:-

- The presentation be circulated after the meeting;
- A meeting be arranged between TVCA, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland to discuss the Eastern Crossing.

## **GENERAL UPDATE**

Tom Bryant provided a presentation which provided the Transport Committee with a general update on transport work currently on-going.

Presentation included:-

- New A19 Tees Crossing;

- Demand Responsive Transport – members were advised that this will launch early in 2020;
- Williams Rail Review;
- Northern Franchise;
- TransPennine Express;
- Wheels To Work.

It was requested that the presentation be circulated to members after the meeting.

Members suggested that the Wheels to Work branding should make it clear this is a Tees Valley project. They also suggested that a video promotion would be useful and that any promotional material be circulated.

The members enquired whether it would be possible to show where the people using the scheme go to work as well as where they live. Tom Bryant agreed to investigate and report back.

There was an enquiry about extending passenger rail services into East Cleveland in light of recent Government announcements. It was highlighted that both the significant infrastructure cost and likely on-going revenue subsidy requirement is likely to make this extremely challenging.

**RESOLVED THAT:-**

- The presentation be circulated after the meeting;
- The contact details for the Wheels to Work Scheme be circulated;

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- Due to Purdah and Local Elections, the next Transport Committee will be scheduled for June 2020.

Cllr Scott wished all present a Merry Christmas.