



Tees Valley Combined Authority Transport Committee

Date: Wednesday 20th October, 2022 at 4pm

Venue: Middlesbrough Town Hall, Spencer Room

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