

**AGENDA ITEM 5**

**REPORT TO THE TEESSIDE FREEPORT GOVERNANCE BOARD**

**17<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022**

**REPORT OF THE FREEPORT DIRECTOR**

**UPDATE FROM ASSURANCE & COMPLIANCE WORKSTREAM MEETING**

**SUMMARY**

The purpose of this paper is to update the Freeport Governance Board on the activities of the Assurance & Compliance workstream.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the updates are noted.

**DETAIL**

1. The Assurance and Compliance Workstream met on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 and was chaired by Nolan Gray, Freeport Director.
2. The group was updated on the submission of the Full Business Case and the next stage of review and approval.
3. Risk was discussed with an emphasis placed on the additional level of risk posed by Teesside Freeport. The stakeholders were again asked to provide feedback and the risk template was re-issued.
4. An update was provided on the FSSB and HMRC meetings which had taken place during the month.
5. Minutes of the meetings are attached.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

6. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

7. There are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

## **RISK ASSESSMENT**

8. There are no specific risk implications arising from this report.

## **CONSULTATION & COMMUNICATION**

9. This meeting represents a stakeholder engagement event, with the minutes from the meeting shared with the Freeport Board.

## **EQUALITY & DIVERSITY**

10. No specific impacts on groups of people with protected characteristics have been identified.

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## FREEPORT ASSURANCE & COMPLIANCE WORKSTREAM MINUTES

Date: Wednesday 23 February 2022

Time: 10:00 am

Meeting took place using Microsoft Teams

Attendees:	Organisation:	Apologies:
[REDACTED]	Tees Valley Combined Authority LV Shipping Liberty Steel Port Clarence PD Ports Redcar Bulk Terminal Able UK Teesworks Tees Valley Combined Authority 2M UKBF Teesside International Airport Sembcorp TIA Tees Valley Combined Authority	[REDACTED] Tees Valley Combined Authority [REDACTED] AV Dawson [REDACTED] – Border Force

No.	Agenda Item	Summary of Discussion	Actions Required	Responsibility
1.	Apologies	As above		
2.	Declarations of Interest	None declared Going forward – dept for Levelling up a representative will join.		
3.	Minutes	Approved.		

4.	HMRC Guidance	NG gave a verbal update – positive discussion with HMRC on a monthly basis with Border Force also in attendance.		
5.	Update on Full Business Case	NG gave a verbal update – As part of the papers a synopsis has been made available – the full FBC is a very big document and went to the board, but it can be made available if required. FBC will have sign off by end of March 2022.		
6.	Risk	NG gave a verbal update – positive Freeport Security board conversations. Initial discussion, this body sits at central government. Following the first meeting, Tim from UKMPG, opened that up to security providers in the region. From this meeting there will be several follow up meetings. What additional risk does the Freeport bring? Engaging with the LRF – we have picked up some additional risks and asked the police to keep us informed if any others flag up.		
7.	Workstream Development	At the next meeting look at what needs to be on the agenda and review.		
8.	AOB	none		
9.	Date and Time of Next Meeting	23 March 2022, 10am		