

Overview and Scrutiny Committee Agenda

Date: Thursday 7th June 2018 at 10.00am

Venue: Cavendish House, Teesdale Business Park, Stockton-On-Tees,
TS17 6QY

Membership:

Cllr Ian Haszeldine (Darlington Borough Council)
Cllr Heather Scott (Darlington Borough Council)
Cllr Sonia Kane (Darlington Borough Council)
Cllr Stephen Akers-Belcher (Hartlepool Borough Council)
Cllr Mike McLaughlin (Hartlepool Borough Council)
Cllr Rob Cook (Hartlepool Borough Council)
Cllr Vic Walkington (Middlesbrough Council)
Cllr Matthew Storey (Middlesbrough Council)
Cllr Jean Sharrocks (Middlesbrough Council)
Cllr Glyn Nightingale (Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council)
Cllr Neil O'Brien (Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council)
Cllr Philip Thomson (Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council)
Cllr Derrick Brown (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council)
Cllr Matt Vickers (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council)
Cllr Norma Stephenson OBE (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council)

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
- 2. Declarations of interest**
- 3. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 26th April for confirmation and signature

- 4. Outgoing Chair/Vice Chair Remarks**
- 5. Appointment of Chair**
- 6. Appointment of Vice-Chair**

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7. Managing Director's Update

8. Forward Plan

Attached

9. Date of the next Meeting

19th July 2018 at 10.00am – Cavendish House, Stockton-On-Tees,
TS17 6QY

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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.

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TEES VALLEY COMBINED AUTHORITY OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Cavendish House, Stockton-On-Tees, TS17 6QY

Thursday 26th April 2018 at 10.00am

MEETING

ATTENDEES

Members

Cllr Norma Stephenson OBE	Stockton on Tees Borough Council	SBC
Cllr Derrick Brown	Stockton on Tees Borough Council	SBC
Cllr Ian Haszeldine	Darlington Borough Council	DBC
Cllr Heather Scott	Darlington Borough Council	DBC
Cllr Sonia Kane	Darlington Borough Council	DBC
Cllr Matthew Storey	Middleborough Borough Council	MBC
Cllr Glyn Nightingale	Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	R&CBC
Cllr Phillip Thompson	Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	R&CBC
Cllr Marjorie James	Hartlepool Borough Council	HBC
Cllr Katie Trueman	Hartlepool Borough Council	HBC

Apologies for absence

Cllr Denise Rooney	Middlesbrough Borough Council	MBC
Cllr Jean Sharrocks	Middlesbrough Borough Council	MBC
Cllr Neil O'Brien	Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	R&CBC

Officers

Sarah Brackenborough	Governance & Scrutiny Manger	TVCA
John Hart	Governance & Scrutiny Officer	TVCA
Andrew Lewis	Managing Director	TVCA
Shona Duncan	Head of Skills, Education & Employment	TVCA
Linda Tuttiett	Head of Culture & Tourism	TVCA
Martin Waters	Head of Housing & Communities	TVCA

Other Attendees

Cllr Bill Dixon	Portfolio Holder for Transport	DBC
Cllr Bob Cook	Portfolio Holder for Housing	SBC

OSC 40/17	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
	There were no interests declared	
OSC 41/17	MINUTES	
	<p>The minutes of the meeting on 15th March 2018 were agreed and signed as a correct record.</p> <p>Cllrs Storey and Scott requested that their names be added to list of attendees for the meeting of 27th February 2018. The minutes were otherwise agreed and signed as a correct record.</p>	
OSC 42/17	ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR	
	<p>The Chair made the following announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair asked that the committee's best wishes be extended to Governance and Scrutiny Officer Sharon Jones at the commencement of her Maternity Leave. • The Chair reminded members that this meeting was the last scheduled meeting of this year's cycle and that the next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting. A final version of the Committee's Annual Report will be presented at the next meeting of the Tees Valley Combined Authority Cabinet and will be circulated to committee members in advance. <p>RESOLVED that the Chair's update be noted.</p>	
OSC 43/17	ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR	
	<p>The Managing Director stated all issues he would ordinarily update the committee on would be discussed later in the agenda and invited questions.</p> <p>The Chair asked the Managing Director:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the Combined Authority had received additional central government funding supporting the process of Overview and Scrutiny? • Does the Overview and Scrutiny Committee have the authority to examine the remuneration of members? <p>The Managing Director reported that the Combined Authority has not been notified of any such funding, but reiterated that the Combined Authority was committed to fully resourcing the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in its activities and enquiries.</p> <p>He reported that the Tees Valley Combined Authority was established on the basis that members not be remunerated and that revisiting this</p>	

	<p>would be a matter for the Cabinet.</p> <p>Members then held a wide-ranging discussion relating to political support for portfolio holders and other Combined Authority members.</p> <p>During the course of this discussion the Managing Director assured the committee that all the Combined Authority's teams and officers were available to support the work of the portfolio holders, and that an additional Policy Officer has recently been recruited in order to upscale work in this area.</p> <p>The Chair suggested that this matter be deferred for greater examination, proposing the Committee's September 13 2018 meeting as an appropriate date.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Managing Director's update be noted.</p>	
<p>OSC 44/17</p>	<p>PORTFOLIO UPDATES</p>	
	<p>At its last meeting (February 27 2018) the committee agreed that this meeting be used to receive a roundup of the work of each portfolio area over the previous 12 months and to examine priorities for the next 12 months.</p> <p>Cllr Cook, portfolio holder for housing, introduced his report Members asked the portfolio holder questions relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The accuracy of house building targets detailed in the report given that some of the Combined Authority's constituent authorities are yet to complete their Local Plans. • Specific timescales for delivery of projects outlined in the report • The progress of the Combined Authority's mapping of brownfield sites, in particular surplus publically-owned land not limited to local authorities • The development of additional social housing and adapted bungalows for use by families where a member has additional mobility needs. <p>Cllr Cook confirmed that the Combined Authority Land Commission was undertaking work identifying surplus publically-owned land and brownfield sites, and that this register included land held by the National Health Service and the Ministry of Defence. He continued that government cuts to remediation funding had complicated the development of brownfield sites, but gave assurances that timescales for delivery would be forthcoming within the next 12 months. He confirmed that housing building targets within the report had been taken from draft Local Plans where necessary.</p> <p>Cllr Dixon, portfolio holder for transport, introduced his portfolio report by stating that in addition to activities detailed in the report, the Combined Authority also intends to explore opportunities for the development of 5G connectivity in the Tees Valley in the coming 12 months.</p> <p>Members questions for the portfolio holder relating to:</p>	

- Opportunities for bus franchising detailed in the Bus Act 2017.
- Over-crowding on local trains and the feasibility of a Tees Valley-wide light railway system.
- Progress being made towards Teesside achieving Free Port status
- Details of costs incurred to date by legal advice given to the Combined Authority relating to the future of Durham Tees Valley Airport, with a request that this information be made available to the committee.

The Managing Director stated that this information would be included in the next financial report presented to the committee, and reiterated the Combined Authority's commitment to transparency and to making confidential information available to members where not restricted by third party requirements.

The portfolio holder reported that clarity over the nature of Britain's post-Brexit relationship with the European Union, particularly relating to a Customs Union, would be required before progress could be made toward Free Port status.

He recognised that investment was necessary in rail infrastructure, but stated that due to the financial and logistical implications of a new light railway system better use of heavy railways was the Combined Authority's priority.

He stated that while the Bus Act 2017 does offer greater potential for local authorities to develop local bus services, the legal process of franchising is lengthy and uncertain to succeed, as demonstrated by unsuccessful efforts to pursue franchising in Tyne and Wear.

The portfolio holder then gave greater detail about the Combined Authority's ambition to be named a test bed for the government piloting of 5G technology, stating his belief that the Combined Authority met the necessary population and geographical criteria and that work was now underway to develop an argument for how the technology could be used in a 'unique' manner, for example, to drive innovation in the National Health Service.

The Chair thanked Cllrs Dixon and Cook, who left the meeting.

Shona Duncan, Tees Valley Combined Authority Head of Skills, Education & Employment introduced a report on activities in this portfolio area by providing the committee with copies of the newly-launched Combined Authority Skills Strategy.

Members had questions on the report relating to:

- Special needs education provision
- Combined Authority efforts to improve attainment in Secondary Schools.

The Head of Skills, Education and Employment reported that special educational provision is integral to the Combined Authority's plans, and that a specific report on this subject is currently being prepared.

She also reported that an Improvement Board made up of the Regional Schools Commissioner and the Tees Valley local authorities had been established by the Combined Authority to coordinate efforts being made to improve educational attainment, and that this board had already successfully secured government funding for school improvement interventions on four occasions.

The Chair reported that Cllr Sue Jeffrey, portfolio holder for Investment and Business Growth, was unable to attend the meeting, but had agreed to attend a future meeting in order to update members.

Members had questions for the Managing Director relating to:

- The implications of Brexit for the Combined Authority, in particular with regards to potential loss of infrastructure funding and investment in rural areas
- Prospects for the development of the previous SSI site.

The Managing Director reported that £170m of European Union regional development funding available to the Combined Authority is guaranteed until 2020, and can be spent up to 2023, and that the government has guaranteed funding for all European funded projects which commence before Britain leaves the European Union in March 2019.

He continued that he expected the government to bring forward alternative funding options in the event of a “no deal” Brexit and drew the committee’s attention to the government’s announcement of a “shared prosperity” fund to replace European regional development funding post-Brexit, although details of this fund have yet to be forthcoming. He stated that the Tees Valley’s position remains that future regional development funding should be held locally and that the Tees Valley must not be worse off as a result of Brexit, and that the Mayor of the Tees Valley has been conveying this message to central government both independently and in partnership with other Northern mayors.

With regards to the SSI site, the Managing Director reported that development of site is being complicated by significant portions of the land remaining in receivership, with a number of Thai banks retaining a financial interest as a result. The Combined Authority is bringing forward a deal to allow these banks to surrender this interest, and that Compulsory Purchase powers can be utilised if necessary, although the Combined Authority’s priority remains finding a pragmatic, short-term solution.

The Head of Culture and Tourism then introduced a report relating to activities and priorities in this portfolio area. She drew the committee’s attention to the launch of “The Big Conversation” with local communities, designed to inform the developing narrative of the Combined Authority’s Capital of Culture 2025 bid.

The Chair expressed her hope that commemoration of the centenary of the Battle of Stockton would form part of this conversation, a sentiment

	shared by the Head of Culture and Tourism. RESOLVED that: the information in the report be noted	
OSC 46/17	Forward Plan	
	A verbal update about pre-planned committee appearances from portfolio holders for the coming civic year was provided by the Governance and Scrutiny Officer The Chair then closed the meeting.	
OSC 47/17	DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING	
	7 June 2018 at 10.00am	

Tees Valley Combined Authority Overview & Scrutiny

Work Programme 2018/19

Standing Items

Minutes from the Previous Meeting
Announcements from the Chair
Announcements from the Managing Director
Forward Plan
Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

Date	Venue	Item / Responsible Officer
7 th June 2018 at 10am	Room 1 Cavendish House Teesdale Business Park Stockton On Tees TS17 6QY	Appointment of Chair Appointment of Vice-Chair Managing Director's Update
19 th July 2018 at 2pm	Room 1 Cavendish House Teesdale Business Park Stockton On Tees TS17 6QY	Mayor Ben Houchen Combined Authority Budget 18/19 Q1 Annual Statement of Accounts
13 th September 2018 at 10am	Room 1 Cavendish House Teesdale Business Park Stockton On Tees TS17 6QY	Portfolio update: Mayor David Budd (Culture, Tourism and Innovation) Committee Resourcing
25 th October 2018 at 10am	Room 1 Cavendish House Teesdale Business Park Stockton On Tees TS17 6QY	Portfolio update: Cllr Bill Dixon (Transport) Combined Authority Budget 18/19 Q2
6 th December 2018 at 10am	Room 1 Cavendish House Teesdale Business Park Stockton On Tees TS17 6QY	Draft Combined Authority Budget 2019/20 Portfolio update: Cllr Sue Jeffrey (Investment and Business Growth)

17 th January 2019 at 2pm	Room 1 Cavendish House Teesdale Business Park Stockton On Tees TS17 6QY	Combined Authority Budget 2019/20 Combined Authority Budget 18/19 Q3
28 th February 2019 at 10am	Room 1 Cavendish House Teesdale Business Park Stockton On Tees TS17 6QY	TBC
25 th April 2019 at 10am	Room 1 Cavendish House Teesdale Business Park Stockton On Tees TS17 6QY	Combined Authority Budget 18/19 Q4

Items to be scheduled:

Durham Tees Valley Airport

Portfolio Updates:

- Education Employment and Skills

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