

**TEES VALLEY COMBINED AUTHORITY  
OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**Leisure and Community Heart, Ridley Street, Redcar  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 10.00am**

**MEETING**

**ATTENDEES**

**Members**

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| 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 Sonia Kane           | Darlington Borough Council         | DBC   |
| Cllr Denise Rooney        | Middlesbrough Borough Council      | MBC   |
| Cllr Jean Sharrocks       | Middlesbrough Borough Council      | MBC   |
| Cllr Philip Thomson       | Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council | R&CBC |

**In attendance (item 21/17)**

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| Mayor David Budd | Middlesbrough Borough Council | MBC |
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**Apologies for absence**

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| Cllr Rob Cook      | Hartlepool Borough Council    | HBC |
| Cllr Heather Scott | Darlington Borough Council    | DBC |
| Cllr Jordan Blyth  | Middlesbrough Borough Council | MBC |

**Officers**

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| Sharon Jones         | Governance & Scrutiny Officer                      | TVCA  |
| Sarah Brackenborough | Governance Manager                                 | TVCA  |
| Linda Tuttiatt       | Head of Culture & Tourism                          | TVCA  |
| Amanda Skelton       | Chief Executive Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council | R&CBC |

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|                      | There were an insufficient number of members at the meeting to reach quorum. It was agreed to continue the meeting on the understanding that no formal decisions could be made.  |  |
| <b>OSC<br/>17/17</b> | <b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>  |  |
|                      | There were no interests declared   |  |
| <b>OSC<br/>18/17</b> | <b>MINUTES</b>   |  |
|                      | The minutes of the meeting on 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2017 will be brought to the next meeting of the Committee to be signed as a correct record.  |  |
| <b>OSC<br/>19/17</b> | <b>ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR</b>  |  |
|                      | <p>The Chair made the following announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Today's meeting is not quorate as only 6 members of the Committee are in attendance. The Chair informed the Committee she will be writing to leaders and The Mayor to express her disappointment with members' attendance at meetings.</li> <li>• The Chair suggested that all future meetings of the Committee are held at Cavendish House as the headquarters of the Combined Authority. No objections were received to this suggestion and other members were in agreement with the Chair.</li> <li>• The Committee is required to provide a report to Cabinet with regard to the proposed budget for 2018/19. It was suggested that a smaller focus group be created to allow the budget to be looked at in depth prior to the drafting of the report. The Chair asked for members to volunteer if they wish to be part of this group.</li> <li>• Call-in procedure. There is only a short window of time for decisions to be called in should the Committee wish to do so. The Chair suggested that it may be advisable to look at the procedure for call in so members are aware of what action they need to take if it is felt a decision needs to be called in.</li> </ul> <p>RESOLVED that the Chair's update be noted.</p> |  |
| <b>OSC<br/>20/17</b> | <b>ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR</b>  |  |
|                      | <p>The Managing Director submitted his apologies for the meeting. Sarah Brackenborough, Governance Manager was in attendance to deliver the update on his behalf.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The South Tees Development Corporation Masterplan launch takes place tomorrow. The launch signals the start of the 6 week consultation period. All Committee members have been invited to attend the launch should they wish to do so. There are also a number of follow up drop in sessions across the Tees Valley to allow for public consultation to take place.</li> </ul> <p>The Committee requested that any relevant paperwork from the launch and the dates for the drop in sessions be circulated to them.</p>   |  |

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|                      | <p>The Committee asked that if the Managing Director is unable to attend meetings in future that a Senior Officer attends in his absence.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Managing Director's update be noted.</p>  |  |
| <b>OSC<br/>21/17</b> | <b>CULTURE &amp; TOURISM OVERVIEW</b>  |  |
|                      | <p>The Combined Authority's Head of Culture and Tourism and Mayor David Budd, as portfolio holder for Culture, gave a presentation to the Committee detailing the ambition and plans of the Combined Authority with regard to Culture and Tourism.</p> <p>Mayor Budd introduced the presentation and informed the Committee that Tees Valley Combined Authority is currently the only Combined Authority to include culture within its devolution deal. The Tees Valley is still falling behind other parts of the country with regard to cultural investment but the presentation will demonstrate the ambitious plans that we have for the future.</p> <p>Discussion took place around the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tourist information – currently leaflets and information highlighting tourist attractions in the area are not provided to hotels but this is something that we would like to do in future. We are also looking at developing an interactive map that will allow tourists to see what there is to see and do across the whole Tees Valley area.</li> <li>• Transport links – these need to be improved across the region to allow people to easily access a variety of areas of interest without the need to take the car. Transport is another area that the Combined Authority is working to improve. The Strategic Transport Plan is due to be launched early in 2018</li> <li>• The importance of visitor data collection and shared information and its management and appropriate use was stressed as critical to making informed decisions going forward and promoting the region well.</li> <li>• Combined Authority Culture team – the team is only small with 3.5 members of staff and it was questioned whether this will be sufficient to deliver the task in hand. The Combined Authority team is not a replacement for those staff working in the local authorities and the teams will work together, alongside other cultural focus groups, to promote the Tees Valley and its heritage.</li> </ul> <p>The Committee requested that the presentation be circulated</p> <p>RESOLVED that the presentation be noted</p> |  |
| <b>OSC<br/>22/17</b> | <b>OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY CABINET REPORT</b>  |  |
|                      | <p>Cabinet have requested a report from Overview and Scrutiny Committee to highlight their work throughout the year.</p> <p>It was agreed that the report will be delivered by the Chair to Cabinet and will cover the work carried out by the Committee throughout the year. It will be delivered at the March Cabinet meeting and will therefore be on the agenda for February's Committee meeting for final</p>   |  |

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|                      | agreement of members.   |  |
| <b>OSC<br/>23/17</b> | <b>FORWARD PLAN</b>   |  |
|                      | <p>The next two Committee meetings are dedicated to the Budget process. At the November meeting the Committee will be consulted on the draft budget and January's meeting will be used to finalise the budget report to go to Cabinet on 31<sup>st</sup> January. The Mayor has been requested to attend the January Committee meeting.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the forward plan be noted.</p> |  |
| <b>OSC<br/>24/17</b> | <b>DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING</b>   |  |
|                      | 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2017, 10.00am   |  |