

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

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

Tuesday 27th February 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 Denise Rooney	Middlesbrough Borough Council	MBC
Cllr Matthew Storey	Middleborough Borough Council	MBC
Cllr Glyn Nightingale	Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	R&CBC

Apologies for absence

Cllr Katie Trueman	Hartlepool Borough Council	HBC
Cllr Jean Sharrocks	Middlesbrough Borough Council	R&CBC
Cllr Neil O'Brien	Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	R&CBC

Officers

Sharon Jones	Governance & Scrutiny Officer	TVCA
Andrew Lewis	Managing Director	TVCA
Neal Smith	Head of Communications and Marketing	TVCA

OSC 40/17	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
	There were no interests declared	
OSC 41/17	MINUTES	
	The minutes of the meeting on 16 th January 2018 were agreed and signed as a correct record.	
OSC 42/17	ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR	
	<p>The Chair made the following announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomed Cllr Matthew Storey of Middlesbrough Borough Council to the Committee • Neal Smith who is the new Head of Communications and Marketing for the Combined Authority has been invited to the meeting to introduce himself to the Committee. <p>RESOLVED that the Chair's update be noted.</p>	
OSC 43/17	ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR	
	<p>The Managing Director made the following announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Budget process is now complete and an agreed budget and Investment Plan is in place. There was a debate in Cabinet about the appropriate treatment of Durham Tees Valley Airport, and an amendment agreed by the Cabinet (excluding the Mayor) to allocate funds to reflect proposals made by the Airport. A subsequent special Cabinet meeting regarding the topic of DTVA has since taken place, which was very helpful in establishing an agreed basis to take forward future work, with all options fully considered. • There are a number of project approvals to note, a number of these are now proceeding to delivery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Feethams – Darlington Office Block ○ Kirkleatham -Tourist Site ○ National Horizon Centre – Our biggest investment to date. This is led by Teesside University and provides training facilities and support for SMEs and new technological developments. • South Tees Development Corporation – this is now at a pivotal point. Consultation on the Site Masterplan is now complete and the statutory planning document has been endorsed. We have had between 70-80 enquiries from businesses regarding location on the site. We are now working on a joint plan with Government for the long term future management of the site. 	

	<p>Any big decisions to be made regarding STDC will need to come to the Combined Authority Cabinet for ratification.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspiring Our Future – our Education, Employment and Skills strategy has now been approved by Cabinet. This will be formally launched in the next few weeks • Routes to Work is progressing as planned. Cabinet have reviewed the delivery plans that are in place across the five boroughs to support those who are facing barriers to work • Local Economic Impact – Following a report to Cabinet on this it has been agreed to establish a working group to focus on this area and ensure that the work of the Combined Authority and STDC is maximising the local economic impact of its own investments and those of inward investors. The group will report back to Cabinet later in the year with its findings • British Tourism week is to take place during 17th -25th March. In line with this we are looking to launch our new “Enjoy Tees Valley” website, in partnership with many other organisations, to promote tourism within the Tees Valley • A bid has been placed to give Teesport a “free port” status. This would secure the future of Teesport and encourage businesses to locate near to the port. • We have been working with Homes England to reach an agreement to bring forward some proposals for investment. We have successfully secured funding for 2 housing sites within Tees Valley – 1 in Darlington and 1 in West Stockton. We will continue to work with the local authorities to bring forward those sites that were not successful in their bid for funding. • Our transport Strategy will be launched for consultation this Spring. This is the first time we have published a full strategy for Tees Valley and is a great opportunity for people to engage with us on our priorities for transport. <p>The Chair noted that the discussions around the Budget had not shown the Tees Valley in a good light, and she hoped the Combined Authority could move forward on the basis of a stronger consensus and spirit of partnership in future.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Managing Director’s update be noted.</p>	
OSC 44/17	Combined Authority Alignment to the Northern Powerhouse	
	<p>The Committee considered a report regarding Tees Valley and The Northern Powerhouse.</p> <p>Discussion took place around the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport for the North is now a statutory body and therefore 	

	<p>has a strong influence nationally. Transport for the North will therefore now establish its own Scrutiny Committee and the Combined Authority will have a representative on this Committee. The appointment to this will be made at the next cabinet meeting as any member is eligible. It is important that whoever is appointed to this role maintain a strong link with this Scrutiny Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding post Brexit – Funds committed before Brexit are guaranteed to us from Central Government, and the arrangements beyond that point will depend on the transition deal reached with the EU. The government has committed to create a new Shared Prosperity Fund, and we are actively involved in discussions about how this fund should operate. Combined Authorities are likely to have preferential access to these funds. A consultation paper is expected later this year. <p>RESOLVED that: the information in the report be noted</p>	
OSC 45/17	Overview & Scrutiny Committee Annual Report	
	<p>The Committee considered the report that has been drafted for cabinet giving an overview of the work of this Committee over the last 12 months. This is to be presented by the Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee at the next Cabinet meeting on 28th March 2018</p> <p>RESOLVED that any comments or amendments required to the report be passed to Sharon Jones, Scrutiny Officer by 20th March for incorporation into the final report.</p>	
OSC 46/17	Forward Plan	
	<p>Discussion took place around the next scheduled meeting of the Committee on 26th April 2018.</p> <p>RESOLVED that this meeting be used to deliver a roundup of the work of each Portfolio area over the previous 12 months and to look at priorities for the next 12 months. This will allow the committee to also populate their forward plan for 2018/19</p>	
OSC 47/17	DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING	
	15 th March 2018 at 13.00pm (Special meeting – DTVA)	