
TEES VALLEY TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Meeting held at Cavendish House
2pm on Wednesday, 22nd March, 2017

ATTENDEES

Members

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| Councillor Bill Dixon (Chair) | Leader of Darlington Borough Council | DBC |
| Councillor Nick Wallis | Darlington Borough Council | DBC |
| Councillor Kevin Cranney | Hartlepool Borough Council | HBC |
| Councillor Nigel Cooke | Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council | SBC |
| Councillor Charles Rooney | Middlesbrough Council | MBC |
| Councillor Dale Quigley | Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council | R&CBC |

Apologies for absence

None

Officers

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| Andrew Lewis | Managing Director Tees Valley Combined Authority | TVCA |
| Sarah Brackenborough | Tees Valley Combined Authority | TVCA |
| Ada Burns | Chief Executive of Darlington Borough Council | DBC |
| Richard McGuckin | Stockton-On-Tees Borough Council | SBC |
| Michael Greene | Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council | R&CBC |
| Dave Carter | Middlesbrough Council | MBC |
| Sally Henry | Tees Valley Combined Authority | TVCA |
| Mark Wilson | Tees Valley Combined Authority | TVCA |

TVTC **APOLOGIES**
21/16 None

TVTC **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
22/16 None

TVTC **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 30th NOVEMBER, 2016**
23/16

Minutes of the meeting held on 30th November, 2016 were approved.

TVTC **A66 EAST-WEST CONNECTIONS SCHEME DEVELOPMENT**
24/16

Consideration was given to a report on the A66 East-West Connections Scheme Development.

Work has been undertaken on the preparation of a Strategic Outline Business Case for a package of schemes along the A66 corridor using development funding from the Combined Authority.

Members can obtain the full business case from their Heads of Transport.

Members were given the opportunity to make comment and ask questions on the report and these could be summarised as follows:-

1. Members were pleased with the work to date and happy that the work considered the full corridor between the A1(M) and Teesport
2. Members were keen to ensure that all pinch-points along the route are looked at;

RESOLVED that:-

1. Members noted the progress on the work to develop a business case and agreed the suggested approach to bringing forward the various elements of the package of works, recognising that elements will be delivered in different ways and potentially at different times.
2. Members agreed to the request to carry over funding identified for the preparation of the Outline Business Case into 2017/18 as a local contribution to the developing funding being provided by the Department for Transport.

TVTC **TEES VALLEY STRATEGIC PLAN CONSULTATION**
25/16

Consideration was given to a report which provided an update on the

responses to the engagement process and set out some of the key next steps in the preparation of the draft Strategic Transport Plan.

Members were given the opportunity to make comment and ask questions on the report and these could be summarised as follows:-

1. Members enquired whether a breakdown was available of consultees by geography. Mark Wilson agreed to investigate and respond.
2. Members enquired how we are going to continue to engage with consultees in the future and were advised that focus groups will be organized, social media utilised and a communications plan will be established.

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RESOLVED that members noted the contents of the report and the suggested next steps, particularly the request to carry over funding identified for the preparation of the draft Strategic Transport Plan into 2017/18.

TVTC 26/16 TEES VALLEY BUS NETWORK – REVIEW OF DELIVERY MODELS

The Committee considered a report which provided an update on the work undertaken on the review of the delivery models for the Tees Valley Bus Network.

The Transport Committee previously agreed to adopt a “twin track” approach to further investigation of the delivery models for the future Tees Valley Bus Network – working with operators to develop a more far reaching partnership than currently exists, while at the same time undertaking further feasibility work on whether franchising can both deliver better outcomes and be affordable within current financial constraints.

RESOLVED that:-

1. Members agreed to continue with the “twin-track” approach as there is still no clear obvious preferred delivery mechanism to support future requirements.
2. Officers should work to develop an ambitious, standalone Bus Strategy, starting with a Bus Summit in May/June 2017.

TVTC 27/16 NEW TEES CROSSING – STRATEGIC OUTLINE BUSINESS CASE

Consideration was given to a report which provides a summary of the Strategic Outline Business Case for a Central Crossing.

The draft SOBC contains a strong strategic case for intervention to address existing and future problems on the Tees Viaduct section of the A19.

The Committee were provided with a summary of the existing and future transport issues to illustrate.

A Task and Finish Group was initially established to look at a range of options for a new crossing. Based on traffic modelling work, four

options were shortlisted and the Committee were provided with these. These options have been evaluated in detail using the DfT's EAST (Early Assessment Sifting Tool). This process identified 2 options for further development and assessment.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The Committee approved the SOBC prepared for the New Tees Crossing scheme, and, in particular, the proposal to take forward what is called "the most promising option" and "the next best alternative" for the Central Route and to prepare an OBC by November 2017.
2. The Committee approved the allocation of scheme development funding to consider the wider regeneration benefits and funding/financing options of a crossing to the east of the Tees Viaduct section of the A19: the Eastern Route.

TVTC ANY OTHER BUSINESS

28/16

1. The Committee were advised that the Secretary of State for Transport has agreed to the request from Transport for the North for it to become a statutory body.

A report will be taken to the June 2017 Combined Authority Cabinet recommending that the Combined Authority become a member.

2. The Combined Authority's Overview & Scrutiny Committee will be visiting Darlington where they will be given a tour and will look at the A66 East/West connection and other schemes of interest. The invitation will be extended to the Transport Committee.

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TVTC DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

29/16

To Be Confirmed