
TEES VALLEY TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**Meeting held at Cavendish House****2pm on Tuesday 26th June, 2018**

These minutes are in draft form until approved at the next Transport Committee meeting and are therefore subject to amendments.

ATTENDEES**Members**

Councillor Bill Dixon (Chair)	Leader of Darlington Borough Council	DBC
Councillor Kevin Cranney	Hartlepool Borough Council	HBC
Councillor Bob Norton	Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	R&CBC
Councillor Nick Wallis	Darlington Borough Council	DBC

Apologies for absence

Councillor Lewis Young	Middlesbrough Council	MBC
Councillor Mike Smith	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	SBC

Officers

Paul Wildsmith	Managing Director of Darlington Borough Council	DBC
Andrew Corcoran	Stockton-On-Tees Borough Council	SBC
Simon Houldsworth	Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	R&CBC
Sally Henry	Tees Valley Combined Authority	TVCA
Mark Wilson	Tees Valley Combined Authority	TVCA

TVTC APOLOGIES

1/18

As above

The Chair informed the Committee that he has resigned his position as leader of Darlington Council with effect from 19th July. Cllr Cranney thanked him for his contribution to the work of the Transport Committee.

TVTC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2/18

None

TVTC MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26TH MARCH, 2018

3/18

Minutes of the meeting held on 26th March 2018 were approved.

The committee were advised that, since they last met, it has been agreed that the consultation on the Strategic Transport Plan be put back to early Autumn.

TVTC RAIL UPDATE

4/18

Members were provided with an update on a number of current strategic rail issues of relevance to the Tees Valley Combined Authority.

The update included:-

- Current Northern Rail and TransPennine service performance;
- Further Franchise Enhancements;
- East Coast Issues;
- Transport for the North;
- TransPennine Route Upgrade;
- Cross Country Franchise Consultation.

There was a discussion surrounding the new trains which will be introduced on the TransPennine Service later in the year and it was agreed that photos would be circulated as soon as they become available.

Members enquired about the Middlesbrough Station Masterplan and were advised that the plan is to improve the passenger facilities, increase capacity at the station and there is also a piece of work being commissioned to look at developing a third platform at the station.

RESOLVED that:-

- The Transport Committee note the content of the report.
- Photos of the new rolling stock to be circulated.

TVTC BUSES PAPER PARTNERSHIP WORK

5/18 Members were provided with an update on the Bus Work Programme. The Combined Authority is currently investigating the delivery models available via the Bus Services Act to determine which option will be most effective at delivering improvements to the Tees Valley's bus network. While this work is ongoing TVCA is working with operators to deliver incremental improvements ahead of entering into a formal partnership agreement or moving towards a franchise bus network.

Work includes:-

- Review of bus advertising shelters;
- Buses Capital Programme;
- Improvements to fares and ticketing;
- Marketing and Information;
- Review of Rural Transport Issues;
- Review of Concessionary Travel Scheme.

The Committee discussed the bus advertising shelters and agreed that there is merit in both options highlighted for the bus advertising shelters and that they would like to proceed with these 2 options.

The Committee discussed the Buses Capital Programme and it was suggested that an informal workshop would be a helpful way of discussing this with the operators.

The Committee enquired about the quality of the data received on the concessionary travel scheme and were advised that information on patronage is available but not the cost per journey.

RESOLVED that:-

- The Transport Committee note the content of the report.
- Both options for the bus advertising shelters are proceeded with.

TVTC BUSES PAPER FRANCHISING EXPLORATION

6/18 The Committee were provided with an update on the Bus Services Delivery Models.

Main points for the Committee to note were:-

- An Officer Liaison Group has been established with the bus operators in order to progress the development of a bus partnership agreement.
- The Tees Valley Bus Operators Association has agreed to put forward a first draft of a partnership agreement at November meeting.
- The Combined Authority are proposing to allocate funding of £150k to carry out an initial feasibility study in to bus franchising.
- It is hoped that on completion of the study TVCA will be in a solid position to formally adopt either the partnership or

franchising model.

RESOLVED that:-

- The Transport Committee note the content of the report.

TVTC URBAN TRAFFIC AND CONTROL CENTRE UPDATE

7/18 The Committee were provided with an update on the Urban Traffic Management and Control (UTMC) system.

The current system is used to monitor and manage urban transport networks however, in order to meet the objectives of the emerging Strategic Transport Plan, further development of the system is required. The aspiration is to improve and expand UTMC within the Tees Valley so as to better monitor the operation of the road network around the area, and intervene where appropriate to improve the flow of cars, goods, vehicles and public transport.

RESOLVED that:-

The Transport Committee note the content of the report.

8/18 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

TVTC DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

13/17 TBC