



Tees Valley Combined Authority Transport Committee  
Agenda

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**Date:** Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019, at 9:30am

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

**Membership:**

Cllr Heather Scott - Chair (Leader of Darlington Borough Council)

Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher (Hartlepool Borough Council)

Councillor P Howell (Darlington Borough Council)

Councillor Dennis McCabe (Middlesbrough Council)

Councillor Wayne Davies (Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council) \*\*

Councillor Mike Smith (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council)

\*\* Appointment to be confirmed at Redcar & Cleveland Council Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019

**AGENDA**

**1. Apologies for Absence**

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Attached

**3. Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings held on 11<sup>th</sup> January and the notes from 22<sup>nd</sup> March for confirmation

**4. Matters Arising**

**5. Appointment of Vice-Chair**

**6. Strategic Transport Plan and Transport Programme**

Presentation

**7. Any Other Business**

**8. Date and Time of Next Meeting: TBC**

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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.

## Minutes

### **Tees Valley Transport Committee Cavendish House, Stockton-on-Tees 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – 9:00am**

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

#### **Attendees**

##### **Members**

Councillor Stephen Harker - Chair (Leader of Darlington Borough Council)  
Councillor Kevin Cranney – Vice Chair (Hartlepool Borough Council)  
Councillor Nick Wallis (Darlington Borough Council)  
Councillor Lewis Young (Middlesbrough Council)  
Councillor Bob Norton (Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council)  
Councillor Mike Smith (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council)

##### **Apologies for Absence**

None

##### **Officers**

Alison Fellows (Investment Director, TVCA)  
Martin Waters (Head of Finance, Resources & Housing, TVCA)  
Keith Wilson (Economist, TVCA)  
Laura Metcalfe (Business Plan Officer, TVCA)

<b>TVTC 9/18</b>	<b>RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</b>
	<p>The Chair proposed, and the Committee agreed, to pass a resolution to exclude the press and public under paragraph 3 of part 1 of schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972, in order to allow the Committee to consider matters of a commercially confidential nature.</p> <p>The proposition was seconded by the Vice Chair.</p>
<b>TVTC 10/18</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>
	None.
<b>TVTC 11/18</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>
	None.
<b>TVTC 12/18</b>	<b>DURHAM TEES VALLEY AIRPORT</b>
	<p>The Committee received a presentation on the proposed acquisition of the airport from the Investment Director, Economist and Head of Finance, Resources and Housing of the Combined Authority. Members then had the opportunity to ask questions of Officers.</p> <p>The Committee were advised that a special Cabinet would be held on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019 to formally consider the acquisition and that it was the intention to publicly publish the proposals relating to the acquisition alongside a business plan.</p>
<b>TVTC 13/18</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>
	To Be Confirmed.

**Tees Valley Transport Committee  
Cavendish House, Stockton-on-Tees  
22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019 – 2:00pm**

Meeting was inquorate so these are informal notes of what was discussed rather than formal minutes.

**Attendees**

**Members**

Councillor Stephen Harker - Chair (Leader of Darlington Borough Council)  
Councillor Lewis Young (Middlesbrough Council)

**Apologies for Absence**

Councillor Bob Norton (Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council)  
Councillor Mike Smith (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council)

**Officers**

Alison Fellows (Investment Director, TVCA)  
Richard McGuckin (Director of Economic Growth & Development, Stockton Borough Council)  
Jonathan Spruce (Fore Consulting)  
Sally Henry (Governance Officer, TVCA)  
David Bishop (Director of Rail Projects, Systra)  
Derek Gittins, Head of Heavy Rail, Nexus

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

As noted.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 could not be agreed as the meeting was inquorate. They will be carried forward to the next meeting.

**MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**DRAFT STRATEGIC TRANSPORT PLAN EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Alison Fellows introduced the item by explaining that the Strategic Transport Plan is a statutory document. It integrates with other strategies within the Combined Authority. The current draft of the Strategic Transport Plan Executive Summary incorporates comments made by the Tees Valley Chief Executives.

The Committee then received an update on the Strategic Transport Plan from Jonathan Spruce.

The presentation covered:-

- The Vision;
- Objectives & Outcomes;
- HS2 and Northern Powerhouse Rail;
- Darlington Station;
- Middlesbrough Station;
- The major Road Network;
- New Tees Crossing;
- Darlington Northern Link Road;
- Local Rail Network;
- Bus Network Delivery Options;
- Local Journeys;
- Social Equity and the Environment.

Jonathan then explained what the next steps are and the time scales involved. It is intended that the final Strategic Transport Plan will be developed by the end of 2019.

There was an opportunity for members to ask questions and comment and this can be summarised as follows:-

- How does the airport feature in the STP? It will unlock key sites and economic assets.



- Are we still looking at the twin track approach to bus service? Yes – the STP needs to lay out the aspirations of what is wanted from a bus service. Sheffield have recently a bus review and are happy to share their findings.
- Will there be a “plain English” version? Yes – it is intended to ask TVCA Comms Team to write it so it is not from a policy perspective.
- We need to state that we are influencing national decisions rather than just accepting them.
- 6 key themes - doesn't articulate what we are doing re: connecting economic assets or what we are trying to do. Our ambition is tremendous.

#### **NORTH EAST RAIL REVIEW**

David Bishop, Director of Rail Projects at SYSTRA and Derek Gittins, Head of Heavy Rail at Nexus, provided the Committee with a presentation on the North East Rail Review.

SYSTRA has been commissioned by Nexus/Tees Valley to undertake a study into the feasibility and potential benefits from further devolution of responsibility for local rail services.

Appraisal work has been undertaken and it suggests that an NER Operating Concession is the most likely governance structure to maximise delivery of benefits sought at an acceptable level of risk.

The next step is the development of an Outline Business Case to form the basis for a decision on which option should be taken forward to DfT/Williams Review. This will be completed by the end of March.

Strategic Outline Business Case to be completed by 28<sup>th</sup> June.

Members commented that local control is something we should be considering.

#### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To Be Confirmed.