

**TEES VALLEY COMBINED AUTHORITY (TVCA)  
LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP (LEP) UPDATE**

**Held remotely via Microsoft Teams**

**Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup> at 5pm**

**MEETING**

**ATTENDEES**

**Members**

Paul Booth	Tees Valley LEP (Chair)
David Soley	Tees Valley LEP (Deputy Chair)
Ben Houchen	Tees Valley Mayor
Cllr Heather Scott	Darlington Borough Council
Cllr Bob Cook	Stockton Borough Council
Cllr Shane Moore	Hartlepool Borough Council
Graham Robb	Recognition PR
Siobhan McArdle	The Strategy House
Annabel Turpin	Stockton Arc
Zoe Lewis	Middlesbrough College (representing Further Education Sector)
James Ramsbotham	North East England Chamber of Commerce (on behalf of Business Representation Groups)
Nigel Perry	CPI
Mark South	Double Eleven Ltd
Paul Croney	Teesside University
Brenda McLeish	Learning Curve Group

**Officers**

Julie Gilhespie	Chief Executive	TVCA
Chris Beck	Director of Business and Skills	TVCA
Gary Macdonald	Director of Finance and Resources	TVCA
Neal Smith	Head of Communications	TVCA
Geraldine Brown	Strategy, Intelligence and Policy Manager	TVCA
John Hart	Governance Manager	TVCA
Lewis Evans	Policy Officer (Private Sector)	TVCA
Julie Danks	Managing Director	Stockton Borough Council
Paul Wildsmith	Managing Director	Darlington Borough Council

<p><b>LEP 71/19</b></p>	<p><b>CHAIRS WELCOME &amp; APOLOGIES</b></p> <p>Apologies received from Jerry Hopkinson (PD Ports).</p>	
<p><b>LEP 72/19</b></p>	<p><b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING &amp; ACTION TRACKER</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020 were agreed and signed as a true record.</p> <p>The Governance Manager and LEP Policy Officer reported that all items on the Action Tracker were up-to-date.</p>	
<p><b>LEP 73/19</b></p>	<p><b>UPDATE ON TEES VALLEY COMBINED AUTHORITY ACTIVITY SUPPORTING BUSINESSES DURING THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK</b></p> <p>Chris Beck, Director of Business and Skills, provided an update on the work of the Combined Authority in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED – Members noted the report and update.</b></p>	
<p><b>LEP 74/19</b></p>	<p><b>LEP RECRUITMENT</b></p> <p>Paul Booth, Chair, introduced the issue of LEP Recruitment, asking for comment from Ben Houchen, Tees Valley Mayor.</p> <p>Ben Houchen informed members that LEP Recruitment is on pause for the moment and will resume at an appropriate time</p> <p><b>RESOLVED – Members noted the change in the LEP recruitment process and agreed with LEP membership extension.</b></p>	
<p><b>LEP 75/19</b></p>	<p><b>UPDATE ON LEP NETWORK, NP11 DISCUSSIONS AND M9</b></p> <p>Paul Booth, Chair, informed members that he is in close contact with NP11 on key issues and is having regular calls.</p> <p>Chris Beck, Director of Business and Skills, stated to members that TVCA are in close contact with BEIS, the LEP Network, NP11 and M9, voicing the important and common issues faced by businesses.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED – Members noted the update.</b></p>	
<p><b>LEP 76/19</b></p>	<p><b>ROUND TABLE UPDATE ON IMPACT OF COVID-19 OUTBREAK</b></p> <p>LEP Members and Officers provided an update on the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak generally on the economy, in specific sectors within the Tees Valley and the role of the TVCA and LEP in responding to the crisis.</p>	

	<b>RESOLVED – Members and Officers noted the updated from the round table.</b>	
<b>LEP 77/19</b>	<b>DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING</b> Monday May 11 <sup>th</sup> 2020, 5pm	