

Agenda – Tees Valley Local Enterprise Partnership Update

Tuesday April 14th 2020 at 5pm

Under the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 this meeting will take place via video link.

Introduction		
No.	Agenda Item	Lead
1.	Chair's welcome & apologies	Paul Booth
2.	Declarations of Interest	Paul Booth
3.	Minutes of previous meeting & action tracker	Paul Booth Attached
Discussion Items		
4.	Update on Tees Valley Combined Authority activity supporting businesses during the COVID-19 outbreak <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications • Single point of contact • Working with local authorities and business • Intelligence gathering 	Chris Beck Verbal and attached
5.	Postponement of LEP Recruitment (aligned to the deferment of Mayoral elections)	Paul Booth Verbal
6.	Update on LEP Network, NP11 discussions and M9.	Paul Booth and Chris Beck Verbal
7.	Round table update on impact of COVID-19 outbreak.	All Members Verbal
Date and Time of Next Meeting: Monday May 11th 2020, 5pm		

Draft forward plan for upcoming meetings

May 11 2020	TBC
June 1 2020	South Tees Development Corporation Update (TBC)
July 13 2020	Items for Cabinet on July 24 th 2020.

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**TEES VALLEY COMBINED AUTHORITY (TVCA)
LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP (LEP) BOARD AND INFORMAL CABINET**

**Cavendish House, Stockton-On-Tees, TS17 6QY
Monday March 2nd 2020 at 5pm**

MEETING

ATTENDEES

Members

Paul Booth	Tees Valley LEP (Chair)
David Soley	Tees Valley LEP (Deputy Chair)
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Others

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LEP 64/19	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING & ACTION TRACKER The minutes of the meeting of January 13 th 2020 were agreed and signed as a true record. The Governance Manager reported that all items on the Action Tracker were up-to-date.	
LEP 65/19	PRESENTATION FROM THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY Eddie Halstead from the Environment Agency gave a presentation to members detailing recent and planned flood prevention investment in the Tees Estuary, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• £15.5m completed investment in Greatham and Port Clarence, protecting 350 homes and 32 businesses.• £30m planned investment in Portrack Lane, Teesside Park and Seal Sands North, expected to deliver £500m of economic value. Members were requested to support the Environment Agency in making a business case for these projects, particularly in terms of providing supporting evidence and amplifying the message through member networks. Graham Robb requested an update on recent flooding, whether remedial work had been undertaken in the Portrack area following previous floods, and whether dredging of the South Bank area would assist with flood prevention. Catherine Saxon reported that local assets had performed well during the recent heavy rain, and post-event analysis was being undertaken. She stated that dredging would in all likelihood deliver only marginal benefits and would not be cost effective. Cllr Bob Cook confirmed that steps had been undertaken by Stockton Borough Council to address previous flooding in the vicinity of Durham Road. Zoe Lewis highlighted the impact of flooding in the Middlehaven area in 2009 and the development of the Outwood Academy on the affected area. Eddie Halstead confirmed that this area was under analysis and review.	

	<p>Siobhan McArdle requested further detail as to calculation of the £500m of economic value. Eddie Halstead stated that the figures has been developed using the Treasury Green Book. The Chair drew member’s attention to the disruption to the local chemical cluster caused by the 2013 tidal surge.</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT: Members expressed that they would like a follow up discussion with the Environment Agency with regards to the economic impact of flood risk and how the LEP and Combined Authority can work with them to achieve priorities.</p>	
<p>LEP 66/19</p>	<p>SOUTH TEES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION UPDATE</p> <p>The Chair invited the Tees Valley Mayor to update members on recent developments at the South Tees Development Corporation (STDC)</p> <p>The Tees Valley Mayor reported that Negotiations with SSI over the ownership of land at the Development Corporation site, including the site of the former Redcar Steelworks, had reached a successful conclusion allowing the land to revert to local ownership and development of the site to commence.</p> <p>The Mayor also updated members on engagement with the offshore wind sector undertaken by STDC and developments with the sale of British Steel and thanked Julie Gilhespie and Gary Macdonald for their assistance in negotiations.</p> <p>The Chair reported, as Chair of the South Tees Site Company, that access to parts of the site remained limited due to the ongoing Health and Safety Executive Investigation.</p> <p>Cllr Bob Cook asked if the deal would deliver financial savings in terms of budget headings previously allocated for the acquisition of the land. The Tees Valley Mayor and Chair acknowledged that this would be the case but drew members attention to the significant costs of demolition work necessary on the site.</p>	
<p>LEP 67/19</p>	<p>ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT CABINET</p> <p>Consideration was given to reports to be presented to Tees Valley Cabinet on March 13th 2020.</p> <p>Treasury Management Strategies 2020/21</p> <p>Gary Macdonald briefed members on the Combined Authority’s approach to borrowing, investments and cash flows, banking, money market and capital market transactions and the effective control of the risks associated with those activities.</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT: Members noted the paper and recommended that it be approved by Cabinet.</p> <p>Annual Audit Letter</p>	

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	<p>David Soley updated members on activities at Teesside International Airport, including the introduction of new routes, investment in passenger experience and the commencement of work on the South Side development.</p> <p>Geraldine Brown updated members on the recruitment of new LEP members, reporting that 27 applications had been received, and that members would receive details of recommended candidates at April's meeting.</p>	
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TEES VALLEY LEP ACTION TRACKER: 2019-20

Meeting Date	Item	Action	Owner	Target Date	Details	Status
7 th May 2019	LEP 2/19 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING & MATTERS ARISING	LEP Board minutes to include details of officers or members responsible for requested action points and indicative timescales for those actions to be completed.	Geraldine Brown	10 th June 2019	Separate Action Tracker to be incorporated into Meeting Papers, in line with other TVCA Statutory and Non-Statutory Committees.	COMPLETE
7 th May 2019	LEP 6/19 GOOD EMPLOYERS CHARTER	TVCA will investigate the feasibility of developing a Tees Valley Good Employers Charter.	Angela Howey	Ongoing	Following a presentation at November's Board, Members remain supportive of a business-led Good Employer Charter and requested Seth Pearson from Darlington Cares prepare a paper setting out specific proposals for the Tees Valley, to include projections of financial and staffing requirements.	ONGOING
10 th June 2019	LEP 13/19 ROUND TABLE UPDATE	The Theme Lead for Health to develop a LEP Health Strategy for consideration at a future meeting.	Siobhan McArdle	9 th September	Report tabled at LEP Board meeting of September 2019.	COMPLETE
10 th June 2019	LEP 16/19 NORTHERN POWERHOUSE INVESTMENT FUND	Vice Chair to circulate a briefing on the Tees Valley Combined Authority and LEP's relationship with the Northern Powerhouse Investment Fund.	David Soley	12 th August 2019	Report tabled at LEP Board meeting of August 2019.	COMPLETE

8 th July	LEP 21/19 ROUND TABLE UPDATE	Members to receive a briefing on the NP11/Convention of the North Conference Planned for September 2018	John Hart	9 th September 2019	Briefing supplied	COMPLETE
8 th July	LEP 21/19 ROUND TABLE UPDATE	Members to receive briefing on proposed changes to Combined Authority Business Engagement operations	Mike Russell	7 th October 2019	Presentation to be given at October meeting as part of discussion of Cabinet Papers	COMPLETE
8 th July	LEP 21/19 ROUND TABLE UPDATE	The Chair and Chief Executive to investigate how the Tees Valley can maximise the local impact of significant investments made using Tees Valley developed technology.	Julie Gilhespie/Paul Booth	Ongoing	Updates to be provided at future LEP Board meetings.	ONGOING
8 th July	LEP 22/19 STRATEGIC TRANSPORT PLAN	Combined Authority Head of Transport to work with local authorities to ensure an appropriate level of engagement events in each Local Authority area.	Tom Bryant	Ongoing	Consultation programme extended following comments from LEP Board members.	COMPLETE
12 th August	LEP 30/19 ROUND TABLE UPDATE	TVCA to produce agenda briefings for the NPH Corporate Policy Board, drawing on input from policy leads and stakeholders as required	John Hart	Ongoing	First briefing provided on August 13 th 2019.	ONGOING
12 th August	LEP 30/19 ROUND TABLE UPDATE	Members to receive a presentation on the Combined Authority Digital Skills Analysis at a future Board meeting.	John Hart	9 th September 2019	Presentation took place at September's Board Meeting.	COMPLETE
12 th August	LEP 30/19 ROUND TABLE UPDATE	Members requested periodic updates from the Chief Executive of the South Tees Development Corporation	John Hart	11 th November 2019	The Chief Executive of STDC has agreed to attend LEP Board meetings on a quarterly basis to provide this update, and to provide members with further updates as required. The first of these presentations took place on November 11 th 2019.	ONGOING

12 th August	LEP 30/19 ROUND TABLE UPDATE	Briefing on the PRISMS bid to be circulated with view to LEP endorsing proposal that Tees Valley LEP was requested to formally support the bid as the lead LEP for the North	Geraldine Brown	Comments regarding on proposal to be received by Friday August 23 rd 2019	Circulated to members on August 16 th .	COMPLETE
9 th September	LEP 35/19 DIGITAL SKILLS ANALYSIS	LEP Thematic Lead for Digital to meet with Director of Business & Skills and Head of Education, Employment and Skills to develop ask to government relating to digital careers	Chris Beck/Shona Duncan/Mark South	7 th October 2019	Feedback provided at October's board meeting.	COMPLETE
9 th September	LEP 38/19 UPDATE FROM THEMATIC LEAD FOR HEALTH	Thematic leaders to set out what projects and resources could be developed and deployed to use regional research strengths and innovation assets to tackle local health challenges.	Nigel Perry/Siobhan McArdle	Ongoing	Recommendations to be presented at future meeting.	ONGOING
20 th January	LEP 60/19 INTEGRATED TRANSPORT PROGRAMME	Members requested immediate update on Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure and Fleets.	Tom Bryant	March 2 nd 2020	Update circulated to members on 21 st January 2020.	COMPLETE
2 nd March	LEP 68/19 NORTH EAST CLIMATE CHANGE COALITION	Members resolved to send a letter to the Coalition stating that the Tees Valley LEP is supportive of its aims and prepared to assist with specific projects developed by it, in particular through NP11.	Geraldine Brown	April 14 th 2020	Letter sent to the North East Climate Coalition on March 6 th , 2020.	COMPLETE
2 nd March	LEP 65/19 ENVIRONMENT AGENCY	Members expressed that they would like a follow up discussion to take place with the Environment Agency with regards to the economic impact of flood risk and how the LEP and Combined	Geraldine Brown/ Lewis Evans	May 11 th 2020	Preparations underway to form an initial group to follow up this issue with the Environment Agency.	ONGOING

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