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REPORT OF ACTING CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER (MONITORING OFFICER)

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FINAL REPORTS

At its meeting on 14 July 2023 the Overview and Scrutiny Committee established two separate Sub-Committees to undertake in-depth scrutiny activity and report back its findings to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The first Sub-Committee was set-up to review the area of buses (**appendix one**) with a particular focus on identifying whether TVCA decisions and policies were improving bus services for the residents of the Tees Valley.

A second Sub-Committee was setup to review the South Tees Development Corporation (STDC) (**appendix two**) with the key aim to better understand the relationship that exists between STDC and Tees Valley Combined Authority (TVCA).

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Cabinet endorses the Overview and Scrutiny reviews into a) Buses; and b) South Tees Development Corporation, as set out in appendices to this report.

DETAIL

1. The Sub-Committees undertook a number of working group sessions to gather information. Representatives were invited to attend working group sessions to assist with the reviews, provide feedback and respond to members' questions and comments.
2. Interim updates were provided to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings in November 2023 and January 2024 (informal update as the meeting was inquorate) to ensure that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee was kept up to date with how the reviews were progressing and ask questions, as appropriate.
3. At the February Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting, the Chairs of each Sub-Committee, presented draft final reports for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider and agree.
4. Following discussions at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting, Members opted to approve each of the draft final reports in relation to a) Buses; and b) South Tees Development Corporation. It was agreed that the reports should be presented to the next Cabinet meeting.



FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. There are no financial implications associated with this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6. There are no legal implications associated with this report.

RISK ASSESSMENT

7. This report is categorised as low risk.

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