
**TEES VALLEY COMBINED AUTHORITY
OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Mandela Room, Town Hall, Albert Road, Middlesbrough, TS1 2QJ

Thursday 24th November 2016 at 10.30am

MEETING

ATTENDEES

Members

Councillor Phil Dennis (Chair)	Stockton on Tees Borough Council	SBC
Councillor Ian Haszeldine	Darlington Borough Council	DBC
Councillor Sonia Kane	Darlington Borough Council	DBC
Councillor Heather Scott	Darlington Borough Council	DBC
Councillor Stephen Akers-Belcher	Hartlepool Borough Council	MBC
Councillor Marjorie James	Hartlepool Borough Council	MBC
Councillor Bob Norton	Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	R&CBC
Councillor Philip Thomson	Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	R&CBC
Councillor Derrick Brown	Stockton on Tees Borough Council	SBC
Councillor Norma Stephenson	Stockton on Tees Borough Council	SBC
Councillor Glyn Nightingale	Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	R&CBC

Apologies for absence

Councillor Jean Sharrocks	Middlesbrough Borough Council	MBC
Councillor Kaylee Sirs	Hartlepool Borough Council	HBC
Councillor Jon Rathmell	Middlesbrough Borough Council	MBC
Councillor Denise Rooney	Middlesbrough Borough Council	MBC

Officers

Andrew Lewis	Managing Director TVCA	TVCA
Garry Cummings	Chief Financial Officer	TVCA
David New	Senior Finance Officer	TVCA
Sarah Brackenborough	Governance Manager	TVCA
Sharon Jones	Scrutiny Officer	TVCA
Joan Stevens	Scrutiny Officer	HBC

OSC **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

10/16

There were no interests declared.

OSC **MINUTES**

11/16

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 12th October 2016.

RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

OSC **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR**

12/16

The Chair announced that the suggested amendments to the draft constitution, including the proposal that the Committee be allowed to recommend their own Chair, have been accepted by the TVCA Board.

A discussion took place regarding the TVCA being able to create Mayoral Development Corporations, which already exists in shadow form for the South Tees area; including the former SSI site. Following government legislation being published it is proposed that this will become a more formal arrangement. Consultation will need to take place before any proposal is accepted and this includes consultation with Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

RESOLVED that:-

1. O&S will be fully consulted regarding any proposals for Mayoral Development Corporations
2. O&S are provided with documents showing the plans for the establishment of the South Tees Development Corporation-
3. Mayoral Development Corporation be added to the work programme

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR

OSC
13/16

The Managing Director gave an update regarding the Autumn Statement and areas of this which relate directly to TVCA and also an update regarding the Northern Powerhouse.

RESOLVED that the update be noted

COMBINED AUTHORITY FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND MANAGEMENT

OSC
14/16

Consideration was given to a report on TVCA financial resources and management.

The report outlined the budget process and financial management arrangements for the TVCA and detailed the expected funding coming into the Combined Authority for the period 2016-2021.

It was highlighted to the Committee that Combined Authorities are now to be granted borrowing powers along the same lines of Local Authorities and that further information will be provided with regard to how this process will work.

It was also highlighted that budget setting for 2016/2017 is currently being worked on and will be considered by TVCA Board in their December meeting

Members were given the opportunity to ask questions or make comment around the report. Discussion took place around the following topics:-

- Breakdown of transport funding
- TVCA borrowing powers
- Enterprise Zones – How the estimated income figures were reached
- Difference between European funding and Local growth fund and how the European funding has been allocated
- Resource available to TVCA for financial management and audit arrangements

Resolved that:-

1. O&S be provided with the further information on the financial framework for Enterprise Zones
2. O&S be provided with a copy of the European Structural Investment Fund strategy
3. A glossary of terms be added to future papers

STATUTORY FRAMEWORK FOR COMBINED AUTHORITY SCRUTINY

**OSC
15/16**

The Committee was asked to note the emerging statutory framework for Overview and Scrutiny and consider how these arrangements should be applied within the Tees Valley. It is expected that the new arrangements will come into force on 8th May 2017 subject to approval by Parliament.

Members were given the opportunity to ask questions or make comment around the report. Discussion took place around the following topics:-

- The process that the Committee will use to initiate call in
- The case for and against establishing an independent budget for O&S Committee
- Training for O&S Committee

Resolved that:-

1. O&S be provided with information as to how the 5 constituent authorities implement call in with a view to agreeing their own process
2. Training for O&S begins with the first session on 8th December, further training will follow.

FORWARD PLAN

OSC Consideration was given to the O&S forward plan
16/16
RESOLVED – that the O&S forward plan be noted

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

OSC The date of the next meeting to be held in Hartlepool on 10th January
17/16 was noted