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## TEES VALLEY COMBINED AUTHORITY BOARD

**Cavendish House, Teesdale Business Park, Stockton-on-Tees at 10.00am on  
Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2017**

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### ATTENDEES

#### Members

Mayor David Budd (Chair)	Mayor of Middlesbrough
Councillor Bob Cook	Leader, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Councillor Bill Dixon	Leader of Darlington Borough Council
Councillor Christopher Akers- Belcher	Leader of Hartlepool Borough Council
Councillor Sue Jeffrey	Leader of Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council
Paul Booth	Chair of Tees Valley Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)

#### Associate Members

Phil Cook	Member of Tees Valley LEP
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#### Apologies for absence

Paul Croney	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Ian Kinnery	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Alastair MacColl	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Nigel Perry	Member of Tees Valley LEP
David Robinson	Member of Tees Valley LEP
David Soley	Member of Tees Valley LEP

#### Officers

David Bond	Monitoring Officer, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Sarah Brackenborough	Governance Manager, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Garry Cummings	Chief Finance Officer, Stockton Borough Council
Shona Duncan	Head of Skills Education & Employment, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Alison Fellows	Investment Director, Tees Valley Combined

Andrew Lewis	Authority Managing Director, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Tony Parkinson	Interim Chief Executive of Middlesbrough Council
Neil Schneider	Chief Executive of Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Amanda Skelton	Chief Executive of Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council
Gill Alexander	Chief Executive of Hartlepool Borough Council
Ian Williams	Director of Economic Growth, Darlington Borough Council

**TVCA 84/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Sue Jeffrey declared a Pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 6, 'Tees Valley Mayor's Remuneration' (minute number 88/16), as a candidate for the Tees Valley Mayoral Election, and left the room for the consideration and decision of the item.

**TVCA 85/16 MINUTES**

Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher requested that the second resolution for minute number 80/16 be amended to reflect the agreement that the funding should be aligned to the needs of the Strategic Economic Plan.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2017 be amended to add "It was further agreed that additional funding should be aligned to the needs of the Strategic Economic Plan", and then be confirmed as a correct record.

**TVCA 86/16 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR**

The Chair confirmed that all matters were covered on the agenda.

**TVCA 87/16 COMBINED AUTHORITY CONSTITUTION**

The Board considered a report that presented the Combined Authority Constitution for formal adoption by the Board. The Constitution represented an important step towards the governance arrangements for the Combined Authority, post-election of the Tees Valley Mayor, and upheld the strong principles of collaboration and partnership.

It was noted that the procedures for Overview and Scrutiny, including Call-in arrangements, would follow for agreement at the next Board meeting, and subject to this agreement, would be inserted in to the Constitution.

The Board commented on the importance of the Constitution in ensuring the right checks and balances for the Combined Authority and for the residents of Tees Valley. The Board thanked all those who had been involved in the development of the Constitution.

RESOLVED that the Combined Authority Constitution be adopted, subject to the approval of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Call-in arrangements.

**TVCA 88/16 TEES VALLEY MAYOR'S REMUNERATION**

The Board considered a report that set out the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) for the allowance of the Tees Valley Mayor, once elected in May 2017. The IRP had been appointed by the Combined Authority Board, slightly in advance of the legislation, with a representative drawn from each of the IRPs or Audit Committees in place for each of the five Local Authorities.

The IRP discussed a number of considerations including the role and powers of the Mayor within the Tees Valley context and in conjunction with the existing roles of the five Council Leaders, comparator information (where available) from other Combined Authority areas, taking into account the different areas, powers and responsibilities which different Mayors will be fulfilling.

As the over-riding consideration, the IRP acknowledged the clear principle within the Tees Valley Combined Authority constitution that the role of the Tees Valley Mayor will be to work collaboratively and in partnership with the other Tees Valley Council Leaders through the TVCA Cabinet. In keeping with this spirit of partnership, the Panel felt that the levels of remuneration for the existing council leaders was an appropriate peer group and reference point.

Taking all of this information in to account, the Panel recommended that the Mayor's allowance should be set at the average of the Council Leaders allowances for the period of the municipal year 2017-18. 7. The Panel also recommended that this allowance be reviewed by a meeting of the IRP in one year's time.

RESOLVED that :

1. The allowance of the Tees Valley Mayor, for the period 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 to 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018, be the average of the allowances for the five Constituent Authorities' Leaders;
2. The allowance of the Tees Valley Mayor be reviewed by the Independent Remuneration Panel in one year's time, with a recommendation to be reported back to the Combined Authority Cabinet at the appropriate point.

**TVCA 89/16 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

**TVCA 90/16 REMOVING BARRIERS TO WORK**

The Board considered a report that outlined details of a competitive bidding

process to the Department for Work and Pensions Hardest to Help Fund.

RESOLVED that:

1. The bid to the Department for Work and Pensions Hardest to Help Fund be approved.
2. Submission of the bid be delegated to the Managing Director of the Combined Authority, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Education, Employment and Skills.

**TVCA**    **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**  
**91/16**    22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017