

TEES VALLEY COMBINED AUTHORITY BOARD

Meeting Room 1, Cavendish House, Teesdale Business Park,
Stockton-on-Tees at 11.00am on Friday, 8th July 2016

ATTENDEES

Members

Mayor David Budd (Chair)	Mayor of Middlesbrough Council	MBC
Councillor Bill Dixon	Leader of Darlington Borough Council	DBC
Councillor Kevin Cranney (Substitute for Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher)	Hartlepool Borough Council	HBC
Councillor Jim Beall (Substitute for Councillor Bob Cook)	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	SBC
Paul Booth	Chair of Tees Valley LEP	LEP

Associate Members

Phil Cook	Member of Tees Valley LEP	LEP
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Apologies for absence

Councillor Sue Jeffrey	Leader of Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council	R&CBC
Councillor Bob Cook	Leader of Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	SBC
Paul Croney	Member of Tees Valley LEP	LEP
Ian Kinnery	Member of Tees Valley LEP	LEP
Alastair MacColl	Member of Tees Valley LEP	LEP
Naz Parkar	Member of Tees Valley LEP	LEP
Nigel Perry	Member of Tees Valley LEP	LEP
David Robinson	Member of Tees Valley LEP	LEP
David Soley	Member of Tees Valley LEP	LEP
Alison Thain	Member of Tees Valley LEP	LEP

Officers

Gill Alexander	Chief Executive of Hartlepool Borough Council	HBC
Peter Bell	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	SBC
David Bond	Monitoring Officer (TVCA)	SBC
James Bromiley	TVCA	R&CBC

Ada Burns	Chief Executive of Darlington Borough Council	DBC
Linda Edworthy	TVCA	TVU
Rob Mitchell	Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council	
Andrew Nixon	Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council	
Neil Schneider	Chief Executive of Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	SBC
Amanda Skelton	Chief Executive of Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council	R&CBC

Also in attendance

Neil Graham (Standing in for Naz Parkar – LEP Member)

Action

TVCA 34/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no interests declared.

TVCA 35/16 TEES VALLEY COMBINED AUTHORITY DRAFT GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Consideration was given to a report on the Tees Valley Combined Authority Draft Governance Review.

The Tees Valley devolution deal included provisions to change the governance of the Tees Valley Combined Authority to incorporate a Mayor. The report and attachments set out proposals for how the Tees Valley Mayor could work within a Combined Authority. If approved by the Combined Authority the proposals would be made available for public consultation ahead of potential legislative changes in the Autumn.

The leaders and elected mayor of the Tees Valley local authorities and the chair of the Local Enterprise Partnership signed the Tees Valley devolution deal in principle in October 2015. The deal was then approved in principle by local authorities.

The deal brought new powers and funding to the Tees Valley to enable progress in key areas around economic growth and supported the delivery of the Tees Valley Strategic Economic Plan.

An integral part of the devolution deal was changes in the governance of the Combined Authority to incorporate a Tees Valley Mayor, who would be directly elected for the first time in May 2017.

Work had taken place with colleagues across the Tees Valley local authorities and in the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) to develop proposals on the most appropriate governance arrangements in the Tees Valley. In broad terms, while the Mayor would hold certain powers directly, the aim was for the Mayoral function to become embedded within the wider governance arrangements of the Combined Authority.

In order to approve the proposed changes, the Secretary of State must

assess whether the three statutory tests set out in the relevant legislation had been met. The statutory tests were that:

- a) the Secretary of State considered that to do so [i.e. to make the governance changes proposed] would be likely to improve the exercise of statutory functions in the area or areas to which the order related,
- b) the constituent councils consented, and
- c) any required consultation had been carried out.

The report was accompanied by three papers which were required in order to enable the Secretary of State to assess the statutory tests:

-a Tees Valley Combined Authority Governance Review setting out the justification for broadening the remit and changing the governance of the Combined Authority;

-a Scheme to set out the proposed legal parameters of a Mayoral Combined Authority; and

-a consultation document which would be published to invite comments from members of the public and other stakeholders on the proposals.

If the proposals were supported by the Combined Authority a consultation would be launched on the changes. Other Combined Authorities were considering launching their own similar consultations.

Members agreed revised wording for Q1 of the consultation document. It was also agreed that reference to partnerships should be included in the Tees Valley Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) text part of the Tees Valley Combined Authority Governance Review.

RESOLVED that:-

- 1. The governance review, scheme and consultation documents be approved for publication.

- 2. Any further minor amendments to the documents ahead of publication be delegated to the Managing Director and the Chair of the Combined Authority working with officers.

Chair