

TEES VALLEY TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Meeting held at Cavendish House

10.00am on Wednesday, 30th November, 2016

ATTENDEES

Members

Councillor Nick Wallis	Darlington Borough Council	DBC
Councillor Kevin Cranney	Hartlepool Borough Council	HBC
Councillor Nigel Cooke	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	SBC
David Robinson	LEP Member	LEP

Apologies for absence

Councillor Bill Dixon (Chair)	Leader of Darlington Borough Council	DBC
Councillor Charles Rooney	Middlesbrough Council	MBC

Officers

Andrew Lewis	Managing Director Tees Valley Combined Authority	TVCA
Jonathan Spruce	Tees Valley Combined Authority	TVCA
Sarah Brackenborough	Tees Valley Combined Authority	TVCA
Ada Burns	Chief Executive of Darlington Borough Council	DBC
Michael Greene	Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council	R&CBC
Richard McGuckin	Stockton-On-Tees Borough Council	SBC
Sally Henry	Tees Valley Combined Authority	TVCA

Action

TVTC 10/16 APOLOGIES

As listed above.

A Vice Chair had previously not been agreed therefore Cllr Nick Wallis nominated Cllr Kevin Cranney to act as Vice Chair.

RESOLVED that Cllr Kevin Cranney act as Vice Chair until formerly agreed at the next Tees Valley Combined Authority Board Meeting.

**TVTC
11/16** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

David Robinson declared an interest in the item on Improving the Northallerton to Teesport Rail Line.

**TVTC
12/16** **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22ND JUNE, 2016**

Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd June, 2016 were approved.

**TVTC
13/16** **CONNECTING TEES VALLEY – TVCA STRATEGIC TRANSPORT PLAN FRAMEWORK**

Consideration was given to a report on Connecting Tees Valley – TVCA Strategic Transport Plan. The consultation document was tabled.

Members were given the opportunity to make comment and ask questions on the report and these could be summarised as follows:-

1. The timing of the consultation was questioned as it covers the Christmas period.
2. Is a web-based consultation sufficient?
3. It was suggested that some Member events could be organized for January.
4. Residents' magazines are an opportunity to engage more actively with the public and TVCA currently have a 2 page spread in each of the magazines which could be utilized.
5. It was suggested Chief Executives discuss a coordinated approach to the programme.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The report be noted and endorsed.
2. The consultation process be noted.

**TVTC
14/16** **STRATEGIC TRANSPORT PRIORITIES – STATUS DASHBOARD**

Consideration was given to a report which sets out the current status of the four strategic transport priorities for the Tees Valley with respect to the preferred routes to delivery for each.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

**TVTC
15/16** **IMPROVING THE NORTHALLERTON TO TEESPORT RAIL LINE**

Consideration was given to a report which provides an update on the progress with one of the four strategic transport priorities for the Tees Valley. The report also suggested amended means of delivering the outcomes of the priority based on ongoing issues with rail electrification elsewhere in the country and the aim to identify “quick wins” to complement private sector investment proposals.

David Robinson declared an interest in respect of his connections to Tees Port.

Members were given the opportunity to make comment and ask questions on the report and these could be summarised as follows:-

1. Electrification still needs to be a long-term aim.
2. Revised approach makes sense in order to deliver this priority.
3. As a partner in Transport for the North, representation needs to be made to ensure this priority is achieved.

RESOLVED that this revised proposal be endorsed.

TVTC 16/16 DARLINGTON STATION MASTERPLAN

A presentation was provided on the progress made to date on the Darlington Station Masterplan.

Members were given the opportunity to make comment and ask questions on the presentation and these could be summarised as follows:-

1. The importance of Darlington Station was highlighted in Lord Heseltine’s report “Tees Valley: Opportunity Unlimited”
2. The 200th anniversary of the Stockton Darlington Railway is in 2025 and the station should be a key part of the celebrations.
3. As well as regeneration and growth around the town centre, the scheme generates a greater impact on the Tees Valley as a whole.

RESOLVED that presentation be noted.

TVTC 17/16 DEVELOPING THE TEES VALLEY BUS NETWORK

Consideration was given to a report on developing the Tees Valley Bus Network.

A presentation was provided highlighting the two principal delivery options – an enhanced partnership and franchising.

Members were given the opportunity to make comment and ask questions on the presentation and these could be summarised as follows:-

1. Having access to data on journeys is invaluable in shaping and scoping policy.
2. This is an opportunity for change – an opportunity to have a

connected bus network.

3. The legislation is hugely welcome as it gives options and opportunities.
4. This was part of the devolution deal.
5. The presentation was well received and would be welcomed at each Local Authority Cabinet meeting or as part of the wider Member engagement on the Strategic Transport Plan Framework.

RESOLVED that further work is undertaken on the two principal delivery options, including a discussion with the newly formed Tees Valley Bus Operators' Association and make a recommendation to the Committee on the preferred way forward at its next meeting in March 2017.

TVTC 18/16 ENGLISH NATIONAL CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL SCHEME (ENCTS)

Consideration was given to a report which provides an update on the preparation and intended actions for negotiating reimbursement payments to bus operators participating in the English National Concessionary Travel Scheme and, therefore payments made by each of the authorities for 2017/18.

RESOLVED that Members noted the requirements of the Combined Authority, and agreed to the method of negotiation outlined in the report.

TVTC 19/16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed to invite a representative from Durham Tees Valley Airport to attend a future meeting.

TVTC 20/16 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

22nd March, 2017