

Tees Valley Combined Authority Transport Committee Agenda

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Date: Tuesday, 5th September, 2017 at 9am

Venue: Meeting Room 1, Cavendish House, Teesdale Business Park,
Stockton-on-Tees, TS17 6QY

Membership:

Councillor Bill Dixon - Chair (Leader of Darlington Borough Council)

Councillor Nick Wallis (Darlington Borough Council)

Councillor Kevin Cranney (Hartlepool Borough Council)

Councillor Lewis Young (Middlesbrough Council)

Councillor Bob Norton (Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council)

Councillor Mike Smith (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council)

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
- 3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd March, 2017**

Minutes attached

- 4. Position Statement from Large Local Majors Projects**
 - Tees Crossing – Central & Eastern options
 - A66 East-West Connections Scheme

Report attached

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5. Tees Valley Strategic Transport Plan

Presentation

- Progress to date, timeline for draft STP and supporting documents for Member consideration, next steps
- Update on vision for buses and proposal for Transport Committee workshop

6. Any Other Business

7. Date of the Next Meeting

11th January, 2018

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TEES VALLEY TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Meeting held at Cavendish House
2pm on Wednesday, 22nd March, 2017

ATTENDEES

Members

Councillor Bill Dixon (Chair)	Leader of Darlington Borough Council	DBC
Councillor Nick Wallis	Darlington Borough Council	DBC
Councillor Kevin Cranney	Hartlepool Borough Council	HBC
Councillor Nigel Cooke	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	SBC
Councillor Charles Rooney	Middlesbrough Council	MBC
Councillor Dale Quigley	Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	R&CBC

Apologies for absence

None

Officers

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

**TVTC
21/16** **APOLOGIES**
None

**TVTC
22/16** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
None

**TVTC
23/16** **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 30th NOVEMBER, 2016**

Minutes of the meeting held on 30th November, 2016 were approved.

**TVTC
24/16** **A66 EAST-WEST CONNECTIONS SCHEME DEVELOPMENT**

Consideration was given to a report on the A66 East-West Connections Scheme Development.

Work has been undertaken on the preparation of a Strategic Outline Business Case for a package of schemes along the A66 corridor using development funding from the Combined Authority.

Members can obtain the full business case from their Heads of Transport.

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

1. Members were pleased with the work to date and happy that the work considered the full corridor between the A1(M) and Teesport
2. Members were keen to ensure that all pinch-points along the route are looked at;

RESOLVED that:-

1. Members noted the progress on the work to develop a business case and agreed the suggested approach to bringing forward the various elements of the package of works, recognising that elements will be delivered in different ways and potentially at different times.
2. Members agreed to the request to carry over funding identified for the preparation of the Outline Business Case into 2017/18 as a local contribution to the developing funding being provided by the Department for Transport.

**TVTC
25/16** **TEES VALLEY STRATEGIC PLAN CONSULTATION**

Consideration was given to a report which provided an update on the

responses to the engagement process and set out some of the key next steps in the preparation of the draft Strategic Transport Plan.

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

1. Members enquired whether a breakdown was available of consultees by geography. Mark Wilson agreed to investigate and respond.
2. Members enquired how we are going to continue to engage with consultees in the future and were advised that focus groups will be organized, social media utilised and a communications plan will be established.

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RESOLVED that members noted the contents of the report and the suggested next steps, particularly the request to carry over funding identified for the preparation of the draft Strategic Transport Plan into 2017/18.

TVTC 26/16 TEES VALLEY BUS NETWORK – REVIEW OF DELIVERY MODELS

The Committee considered a report which provided an update on the work undertaken on the review of the delivery models for the Tees Valley Bus Network.

The Transport Committee previously agreed to adopt a “twin track” approach to further investigation of the delivery models for the future Tees Valley Bus Network – working with operators to develop a more far reaching partnership than currently exists, while at the same time undertaking further feasibility work on whether franchising can both deliver better outcomes and be affordable within current financial constraints.

RESOLVED that:-

1. Members agreed to continue with the “twin-track” approach as there is still no clear obvious preferred delivery mechanism to support future requirements.
2. Officers should work to develop an ambitious, standalone Bus Strategy, starting with a Bus Summit in May/June 2017.

TVTC 27/16 NEW TEES CROSSING – STRATEGIC OUTLINE BUSINESS CASE

Consideration was given to a report which provides a summary of the Strategic Outline Business Case for a Central Crossing.

The draft SOBC contains a strong strategic case for intervention to address existing and future problems on the Tees Viaduct section of the A19.

The Committee were provided with a summary of the existing and future transport issues to illustrate.

A Task and Finish Group was initially established to look at a range of options for a new crossing. Based on traffic modelling work, four

options were shortlisted and the Committee were provided with these. These options have been evaluated in detail using the DfT's EAST (Early Assessment Sifting Tool). This process identified 2 options for further development and assessment.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The Committee approved the SOBC prepared for the New Tees Crossing scheme, and, in particular, the proposal to take forward what is called "the most promising option" and "the next best alternative" for the Central Route and to prepare an OBC by November 2017.
2. The Committee approved the allocation of scheme development funding to consider the wider regeneration benefits and funding/financing options of a crossing to the east of the Tees Viaduct section of the A19: the Eastern Route.

TVTC ANY OTHER BUSINESS

28/16

1. The Committee were advised that the Secretary of State for Transport has agreed to the request from Transport for the North for it to become a statutory body.

A report will be taken to the June 2017 Combined Authority Cabinet recommending that the Combined Authority become a member.

2. The Combined Authority's Overview & Scrutiny Committee will be visiting Darlington where they will be given a tour and will look at the A66 East/West connection and other schemes of interest. The invitation will be extended to the Transport Committee.

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TVTC DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

29/16

To Be Confirmed

AGENDA ITEM 4

REPORT TO THE TEES VALLEY COMBINED AUTHORITY TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

5th SEPTEMBER, 2017

REPORT OF HEAD OF TRANSPORT

POSITION STATEMENT FROM LARGE LOCAL MAJORS PROJECTS

SUMMARY

The A66 East-West Connectivity and New Tees Crossing (central option) projects received Large Local Majors funding in Q4 2016

Strategic Outline Business Cases (SOBC) for both schemes have been approved by Transport Committee and TVCA to enable progression of individual Outline Business Cases (OBC) for submission to DfT in December 2017.

The Outline Business Cases (OBC) for both projects are following Highways England's Project Control Framework (PCF) Stage 1 – Option Identification, which ensures technical and financial robustness on major scheme development. This assessment work will also conclude in December 2017.

Detailed feasibility and technical reports continue for each project and a public information exercise has been undertaken the results of which will be analysed and built into the OBC.

At their last meeting the Transport Committee approved the allocation of scheme development funding to consider the wider regeneration benefits and funding and financing options of a crossing to the east of the Tees Viaduct section of the A19; an Eastern Crossing.

A Project Board to investigate the feasibility of an Eastern Crossing has been established, and a brief is in development for work to investigate the potential benefits of the scheme and to explore funding and financing options for it. It is anticipated that specialist advice to assist in this process will be in place by the end of September 2017.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Transport Committee note the content of the report.

DETAIL

1. The New Tees Crossing (central option) and A66 East-West connectivity OBC are approximately 50% through their delivery phase.
2. Both projects are developing technical documents on the route options to help build and inform the OBC. The reports cover elements such as:
 - scheme requirements;
 - programme & Project Plan;
 - traffic modelling;
 - environmental scoping;
 - geotechnical scoping;
 - financial case;
 - economic and commercial case;
 - funding & procurement strategy;
 - risk management;
 - communication.
3. The New Tees Crossing (Eastern Option) project is now in a position to commission specialist support to take work forward.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

4. A Tees Valley road improvements launch event was held on 11th July to promote the Tees Crossing (central option) and A66 East-West connectivity projects and engage with key regional public and private organisations and businesses. The event was attended by over 70 delegates and was well received, with clear support for both projects.
5. Five Public Information Exhibitions (PIE) were held, one in each of the five local authority areas, between 12th July and 7th August. Approximately 130 people attended the five PIE events.
6. Questionnaires, banners and information brochures were prepared for the stakeholder engagement events. So far, 285 responses have been received.
7. Separate evening meetings have been held at the request of Brafferton, Whesoe Parish Council and Whinfield Residents Associations. More than 200 people attended these combined events.
8. TVCA are coordinating responses to all stakeholder queries raised via the questionnaires and residents meetings.
9. The public engagement process continues until 1st September 2017. The public information exercise will be summarised in report form.
10. Engagement continues with key statutory stakeholders including Network Rail, The Environment Agency, incumbent utility providers, Autolink (A19 DBFO Concessionaires) and the Planning Inspectorate, on both projects.
11. Stakeholder engagement for the Tees Crossing Eastern Option will be undertaken as the work progresses.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

12. All three projects remain within budget and are forecast to be completed within budget. However no contingency exists within current budget allocations for the two OBCs that are due to be complete by December. The Managing Director of the Combined Authority has identified a small contingency pot from the Development Fund in case of any unavoidable overspend or scope change between now and December.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

13. None

RISK ASSESSMENT

14. The work being undertaken on these projects is categorised as low to medium risk. Existing management systems and daily routine activities are sufficient to control and reduce risk.

CONSULTATION

15. A series of public information events has been held, and a consultation questionnaire has been produced and publicised. There has also been engagement with key statutory stakeholders.

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