

## Agenda Item 4

### TEES VALLEY COMBINED AUTHORITY OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Hartlepool  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 10.00am

#### MEETING

#### ATTENDEES

##### Members

Cllr Norma Stephenson OBE	Stockton On Tees Borough Council	SBC
Cllr Derrick Brown	Stockton on Tees Borough Council	SBC
Cllr Sonia Kane	Darlington Borough Council	DBC
Cllr Jordan Blyth	Middlesbrough Borough Council	MBC
Cllr Denise Rooney	Middlesbrough Borough Council	MBC
Cllr Jean Sharrocks	Middlesbrough Borough Council	MBC
Cllr Philip Thomson	Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	R&CBC
Cllr Neil O'Brien	Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	R&CBC
Cllr Glyn Nightingale	Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	R&CBC
Cllr Shane Moore	Hartlepool Borough Council	HBC
Cllr Rob Cook	Hartlepool Borough Council	HBC

##### In attendance (Item 11/17)

Mayor Ben Houchen                      Tees Valley Mayor

##### Apologies for absence

Cllr Marjorie James	Hartlepool Borough Council	HBC
Cllr Heather Scott	Darlington Borough Council	DBC
Cllr Ian Haszeldine	Darlington Borough Council	DBC

##### Officers

Andrew Lewis	Managing Director	TVCA
Sarah Brackenborough	Governance Manager	TVCA
Keith Wilson	Economic Strategy & Intelligence Manager	TVCA
Joan Stevens	Scrutiny Officer	HBC

<b>OSC 09/17</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	
	Councillor Norma Stephenson declared an interest during the Mayor's update, as Chair of the Cleveland Police and Crime Panel.	
<b>OSC 10/17</b>	<b>MINUTES</b>	
	The minutes of the meeting on 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2017 were confirmed as a correct record.	
<b>OSC 11/17</b>	<b>MAYORAL UPDATE</b>	
	<p>The Mayor attended, and discussed with the Committee, a number of key areas of activity since the election. In summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Committee had previously asked for further information on the appointment process for the Special Adviser post and this had been provided. The Mayor gave further detail on the process;</li> <li>• Discussions had taken place to date with Cleveland Police and Durham Police on how closer working could be achieved with the Combined Authority. The Chair offered her assistance, as Chair of the Cleveland Police and Crime Panel;</li> <li>• The Mayor informed the Committee that, following the recent announcement on delays to the rail electrification programme, he had recently met the Chancellor to discuss the plans for the overall strategy for HS2 and HS3 and the positioning of Tees Valley within this;</li> <li>• The Mayor is keen to attend community and resident groups and to strengthen communication with communities;</li> <li>• Following the official launch, the South Tees Development Corporation Board had met and would be having detailed discussions on site ownership in the coming months;</li> <li>• Key transport developments, including the development of business cases for the A66 East West and Additional Tees Crossing projects and the timetable for developing a Transport Plan, including supporting strategies for Buses etc.;</li> <li>• The Mayor outlined the work of the Land Commission, and the current piece of work to look at options for a new settlement/garden town in the Tees Valley;</li> <li>• Discussions are ongoing on the future Durham Tees Valley Airport;</li> <li>• The Mayor would be meeting with David Davis to discuss the impact of Brexit on the Tees Valley and the plans for successor funding following the UK's departure from the EU;</li> <li>• A number of work streams were ongoing in education, employment and skills, including the launch of the £7.5m Routes to Work Programme and plans to offer a comprehensive careers advice service to all schools in the Tees Valley. Following the delay in the devolution of the Adult Education Budget, Tees Valley is having ongoing discussion with</li> </ul>	

	<p>government to secure greater local influence during in the run-up to devolution from 2019.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Mayor's update be noted.</p>	
<b>OSC 12/17</b>	<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR</b>	
	<p>The Managing Director gave the following updates to the Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The South Tees Development Corporation Masterplan launch would be taking place in October and the Committee would be invited to attend;</li> <li>• The Combined Authority had developed a MoU with Teesside Pension Fund to look at opportunities for joint investment for projects in the Tees Valley. The Pension Fund has ring fenced £200m for potential investment proposals. Going forward the Combined Authority would be speaking to other Pension funds to consider whether there are further opportunities for joint investment;</li> <li>• The £6m Routes to Work Programme recently launched by the Mayor is the largest allocation given to any of the Combined Authorities;</li> <li>• The Heathrow Airport development is looking for areas of the country to act as logistics hubs to support the runway and terminal development. The Combined Authority has put forward a submission for this;</li> <li>• The Business Summit in July was the most successful to date, attracting over 500 delegates. Plans to build upon the event for next year are already being developed;</li> </ul> <p>In response to a question about the recruitment of a civil service post to work with the South Tees Development Corporation, the Managing Director confirmed that this was a role within central government, and not within the Tees Valley Combined Authority, and wouldn't therefore be directly subject to scrutiny through this committee. Nevertheless, the Combined Authority welcomed the fact that government was reflecting its own responsibilities for the site, and securing the necessary staff to oversee those responsibilities.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Managing Director's update be noted.</p>	
<b>OSC 13/17</b>	<b>COMBINED AUTHORITY ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE</b>	
	<p>The Committee noted the structure chart and asked that contact details be added.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the organisational structure be noted.</p>	
<b>OSC 14/17</b>	<b>INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY AND SECTOR ACTION PLANS</b>	
	<p>The Combined Authority's Economic Strategy and Intelligence Manager gave a presentation to the Committee on the development of Sector Action Plans, following on from the launch of the refreshed Strategic Economic Plan for Tees Valley.</p>	

	<p>The following points were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workforce development assistance is important for local companies, to help to address the lack of skilled workers;</li> <li>• Ensuring Universities and Colleges provide labour market relevant courses is also important to ensure the Tees Valley has an appropriately skilled workforce;</li> <li>• Grant dependency is still an issue for some businesses and steps to address this are being taken but it needs to be a longer term vision;</li> <li>• The Investment Plan will make the findings and recommendations from the Sector Actions Plans operational, and the impact, in particular progress against the 25 thousand jobs figure, will be appropriately monitored and evaluated.</li> </ul> <p>The Committee requested that the presentation be circulated.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the update be noted.</p>	
<b>OSC 15/17</b>	<b>FORWARD PLAN</b>	
	<p>The Managing Director passed on a request from Cabinet members that the Committee report on their activities to Cabinet. The Chair welcomed this, and proposed that the Committee discuss the form and timing of this report at the next meeting.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the forward plan be noted.</p>	
<b>OSC 16/17</b>	<b>DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING</b>	
	17 <sup>th</sup> October 2017, 10.00am	