

**TEES VALLEY COMBINED AUTHORITY
OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Cavendish House, Stockton-On-Tees, TS17 6QY

Thursday 30th November 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 Ian Haszeldine	Darlington Borough Council	DBC
Cllr Sonia Kane	Darlington Borough Council	DBC
Cllr Denise Rooney	Middlesbrough Borough Council	MBC
Cllr Glyn Nightingale	Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	R&CBC
Cllr Philip Thomson	Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	R&CBC
Cllr Neil O'Brien	Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	R&CBC
Cllr Heather Scott	Darlington Borough Council	DBC
Cllr Shane Moore	Hartlepool Borough Council	HBC
Cllr Matt Vickers	Stockton Borough Council	SBC

Apologies for absence

Cllr Jean Sharrocks	Middlesbrough Borough Council	MBC
Cllr Jordan Blyth	Middlesbrough Borough Council	MBC

Officers

Sharon Jones	Governance & Scrutiny Officer	TVCA
Andrew Lewis	Managing Director	TVCA
Julie Gilhespie	Finance Director	TVCA
Shona Duncan	Head of Education, Employment & Skills	TVCA

OSC 25/17	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
	There were no interests declared	
OSC 26/17	MINUTES	
	The minutes of the meeting on 17 th October 2017 were agreed and signed as a correct record.	
OSC 27/17	ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR	
	<p>The Chair made the following announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two Councillors from Hartlepool Borough Council have resigned from the Committee since the last meeting. The Council meeting for HBC is to be held on 19th December where two new Councillors' will be put forward to sit on this Committee. • The members for the budget task and finish group have been agreed. The Chair will be Cllr Haszeldine and the other members will be Cllr Rooney, Cllr Brown, Cllr Thomson and Cllr Scott. Any questions regarding the budget should be put forward to Cllr Haszeldine who will collate these in advance of the first meeting of the group on 7th December. <p>RESOLVED that the Chair's update be noted.</p>	
OSC 28/17	ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR	
	<p>The Managing Director made the following announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STDC – the Masterplan for the site has been launched and there are a series of events arranged within the Tees Valley to consult with communities. The Chancellor's budget announced an additional £123 million for STDC. This consists of £68million to maintain the site and keep it safe, £50 million for the first phase of remediation work and to bring sites forward for development, and £5 million to support the delivery of the Development Corporation itself. There are already over 60 enquiries received regarding the site and potential investors in this. • The budget also saw £59 million allocated to the Tees Valley Combined Authority from the Transforming Cities Fund. This will improve connectivity within regions and can be used to significantly improve public transport within Tees Valley. • We have been shortlisted for the Heathrow logistics hub. This will support local firms to supply to the £16 billion investment in Heathrow expansion, through a supply and logistics hub proposed for the STDC site. • The UK industrial Strategy has been launched and the Tees Valley was given high profile in the document as a case study for the work to establish the South Tees Development Corporation. We will continue to build on the work we have done and bring forward a local industrial strategy by March 	

	<p>2019.</p> <p>The Managing Director had received some pre-submitted questions which he gave a response to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Infrastructure Fund – Proposals have been put forward in conjunction with individual councils for the fund. Local authorities have also put forward their own smaller proposals. The fund was 8 times oversubscribed, and the Government has therefore now doubled the fund available. We are continuing to work to secure funding through this Fund; announcements are expected in spring and potentially in further phases beyond next year. • District Heating project – An update on this was delivered to Cabinet at their meeting on 23rd November. This is a significant project which has been several years in development and is of huge importance to the Tees Valley. The project offers cheaper heat to large organisations, with the prospect of extension to residential areas over time, whilst also reducing the carbon footprint. Proposals were put to cabinet for further work around the centre of Middlesbrough, specifically with James Cook hospital and Teesside University. The proposals will be brought to Overview & Scrutiny Committee when the project is further forward. • Sector Action Plans – The overview document is near completion and will be published soon. This will be followed by 7 executive summaries. These documents will be made available to Overview & Scrutiny once they are ready for publication. <p>RESOLVED that the Managing Director's update be noted.</p>	
OSC 29/17	Budget 2018/19 and Investment Plan	
	<p>Julie Gilhespie, Finance Director presented the Budget and Investment Plan documents.</p> <p>There were a number of questions put forward following the overview of the documents but it was agreed that these questions should be collated and sent to Cllr Haszeldine as Chair of the task and finish group to be answered fully in the meeting arranged for 7th December.</p> <p>RESOLVED that all questions for the task and finish group be submitted by Tuesday 5th December at the latest.</p>	
OSC 30/17	Education, Employment & Skills Strategy	
	<p>Shona Duncan, Head of Education, Employment and skills gave a presentation regarding the draft Education, Employment and Skills Strategy. It was explained that as per cabinet's agreement the draft Strategy is currently out for public consultation until 19th January 2018. There are two additional partner events planned to discuss the draft strategy further, all Tees Valley Councillors', including members of this committee are invited to a workshop on 18th December and a separate</p>	

	<p>Education, Employment and Skills Partnership Board meeting will also be held. The final Strategy will be presented to Cabinet on 5th February for final sign off.</p> <p>Discussion took place around the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are those in self-employment included in the Strategy? They are included in general terms but there is nothing specifically related to self-employment. This will be looked at to see if this should be included. • Timescales for the jobs that will be created – will these be permanent, long term positions. Temporary jobs are included in the Strategy and these do have their worth for a period of time. The long term plan however is to create sustainable, permanent roles. • What will the Strategy do to assist those young people who are less educated and more manually skilled – The Strategy definitely intends to support those people who are not following an academic route. If this has not been made clear in the document then this will be amended to reflect this. <p>Resolved that the Strategy be noted by the Committee and any feedback to the strategy be put forward during the consultation period.</p>	
OSC 31/17	FORWARD PLAN	
	<p>It was proposed by the Chair that the update to the Committee regarding high rise buildings/cladding would be removed from the forward plan. After discussions with the Local Authorities, it was proposed instead that each individual authority would provide a progress report to the members of their authority who sit on the Combined Authority Overview & Scrutiny Committee. Some Councillors' advised this has already been carried out in their Authority.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the forward plan be noted.</p>	
OSC 32/17	DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING	
	16 th January 2018 at 10.00am	