

TEES VALLEY COMBINED AUTHORITY CABINET

Cavendish House, Teesdale Business Park, Stockton-On-Tees at 10.00am on
Thursday 21st December, 2017

<u>ATTENDEES</u>	
<u>Members</u>	
Mayor Ben Houchen (Chair)	Tees Valley Mayor
Mayor David Budd	Mayor of Middlesbrough
Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher	Leader, Hartlepool Borough Council
Councillor Bob Cook	Leader, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Councillor Bill Dixon	Leader, Darlington Borough Council
Councillor Sue Jeffrey	Leader, Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council
<u>Associate Members</u>	
Darren Hankey	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Angela Howey	Member of Tees Valley LEP
David Soley	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Jerry Hopkinson	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Albert Pattison	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Sarah Glendinning	Observer, on behalf of the Tees Valley Business Representative Bodies
<u>Apologies for Absence</u>	
Paul Booth	Chair, Tees Valley LEP
Professor Paul Croney	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Alistair Hudson	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Graham Robb	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Mike Matthews	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Siobhan McArdle	Member of Tees Valley LEP
<u>Officers</u>	
Tony Parkinson	Chief Executive, Middlesbrough Borough Council
Neil Schneider	Chief Executive, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Ada Burns	Chief Executive, Darlington Borough Council
Andrew Nixon	Monitoring Officer, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Andrew Lewis	Managing Director, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Sarah Brackenborough	Governance Manager, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Julie Gilhespie	Finance Director, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Alison Fellows	Investment Director, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Keith Wilson	Economic Strategy & Intelligence Manager, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Mark Wilson	Head of Transport, Tees Valley Combined Authority

<p>TVCA 49/17</p>	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>Mayor Budd declared an interest in agenda item 6 as Mayor of Middlesbrough.</p>
<p>TVCA 50/17</p>	<p>MINUTES</p> <p>Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd November 2017.</p> <p>Councillor Jeffrey requested that minute TVCA 39/17 be amended to “Councillor Jeffrey and Mayor Budd challenged the breakdown of the funding, its additionality, and also the misleading way the debate on the South Tees Development Corporation Funding had happened in the press and public”.</p> <p>Councillor Akers-Belcher requested that resolution i) of minute number TVCA 39/17 be amended to “That the Routes to Work Programme be brought to a Cabinet meeting for agreement and ratification of spend and delivery plans”.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd November be amended as set out above, and then confirmed and signed as a correct record.</p>
<p>TVCA 51/17</p>	<p>ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR</p> <p>No announcements were made by the Mayor.</p>
<p>TVCA 52/17</p>	<p>MANAGING DIRECTOR’S UPDATE</p> <p>Consideration was given to a report from the Managing Director, providing an update on key activities of the Combined Authority since the last Cabinet meeting.</p> <p>The Cabinet discussed the launch of the Industrial Strategy and the work being done by Tees Valley to ensure further alignment between the strategic economic plan and national policy.</p> <p>The Mayor updated the Cabinet on his meeting with the Rail Minister and the discussions on Darlington Station. The upcoming consultation on the Transport for the North Strategy was also discussed, and Cabinet requested that a report on this be brought to the next Cabinet meeting.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. That a report on the Transport for the North Strategy consultation be brought to a Cabinet meeting for consideration; and ii. The Managing Director’s update be noted.
<p>TVCA 53/17</p>	<p>INVESTMENT UPDATE AND PROJECT APPROVAL(S)</p> <p>Consideration was given to a report detailing progress with delivery of the Investment Plan. The report also presented Middlesbrough Borough Council’s (MBC) proposal to bring forward the development of new advanced manufacturing accommodation at Tees Advanced Manufacturing Park (TAMP) in Middlesbrough, designated as an Enterprise Zone.</p>

	<p>As part of this proposal, Cabinet approval was sought for an additional £6.15 million of Combined Authority investment in the TAMP project (on top of £1.5 million of grant funding previously approved).</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. the progress of the Investment Plan, including levels of funds committed and in the pipeline be noted; ii. MBC’s proposal to bring forward the speculative development of approximately 180,000 sq.ft. of new advanced manufacturing accommodation at TAMP be noted; and iii. the allocation of up to £6.15 million of additional Combined Authority investment funding in respect of site acquisition, ground remediation and infrastructure works at the TAMP site be approved.
<p>TVCA 54/17</p>	<p>BORROWING POWERS</p> <p>Consideration was given to a report detailing an update on the parliamentary process for borrowing powers legislation and the recommendation that Cabinet approves the delegation to the Managing Director to consent to the necessary legislation, once requested to by government.</p> <p>RESOLVED that consent to the necessary secondary legislation to establish the Combined Authority’s borrowing powers be delegated to the Managing Director.</p>
<p>TVCA 55/17</p>	<p>PRIORITY SECTOR ACTION PLANS</p> <p>Consideration was given to a report regarding priority sector action plans and the views of over 600 businesses from across Tees Valley who were contacted by independent economic consultants, Regeneris in 2017, to inform the development of 7 Sector Action Plans and 1 Cross-Cutting theme Plan.</p> <p>Cabinet discussed the definitions of the sectors and requested that the full detailed Sector Action Plans be circulated to Members for consideration. It was agreed to defer recommendations ii and iii of the report for further consideration in the budget process, and subsequent decision by Cabinet as the Sector Action Plans are further developed.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. the findings from the Sector Action Plan Work be noted and Sector Champions, with support from Officers, be charged with their annual update; ii. further labour market analysis to assess the particular constraints facing the construction, leisure and health and social care sectors and further assess the fitness of purpose (to these sectors) of the proposed workforce development programme be sanctioned.
<p>TVCA 56/17</p>	<p>LARGE LOCAL MAJORS SCHEMES FUNDING STRATEGY AND NEXT STEPS</p> <p>Consideration was given to a report providing an update on the development of Outline Business Cases for the New Tees Crossing and Darlington Northern Link</p>

	<p>Road funded by Department for Transport's (DfT) Large Local Major Schemes Fund (LLMs).</p> <p>Two members of the public were in attendance at the meeting and were invited by the Chair to speak. They expressed their support for the option being developed for the Darlington Northern link road, and for the opportunity provided by the consultation process. Cabinet welcomed their support and indicated that they would continue to ensure strong engagement with all community groups and the general public throughout the development of both schemes.</p> <p>Cabinet discussed the potential timescales for construction and completion of the Tees Crossing and the Darlington Northern Link Road, which were estimated at around 2023. The Head of Transport confirmed that both schemes would be classed as nationally significant infrastructure and therefore timescales for planning consent would be around 18 months to 2 years.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. the progress in developing proposals for a new Tees Crossing and the Darlington Northern Link Road be noted; ii. an allocation of up to £1 million in total for the two schemes be approved, as 20% matched funding alongside a proposal to DfT for £4 million from the Large Local Major Scheme budget, to continue further development of both proposals to a position where they could enter a national roads programme; iii. submission of the proposals to the DfT be delegated to the Managing Director of the Combined Authority in consultation with the Tees Valley Mayor and the Lead Portfolio Holder for Transport.
<p>TVCA 57/17</p>	<p>HOUSING INVESTMENT AGREEMENT</p> <p>Consideration was given to a report detailing the Housing Investment Agreement with the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA). The agreement had been developed by working in close partnership with the HCA, the constituent local authorities and registered providers.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. the proposed Housing Investment Agreement with the HCA that will provide significant support in the delivery of our housing priorities, with a total commitment of up to £91 million of additional HCA investment over a three year period, ring-fenced to the Tees Valley, to unlock sites, accelerate delivery and significantly increase the supply of good quality affordable homes, be endorsed; ii. the local delivery and governance arrangements which will best support implementation of the agreement; including a review of the remit of the Land Commission, be considered; and iii. responsibility be delegated to the Mayor and Portfolio Lead for Housing and Regeneration to finalise and sign the Investment Agreement on behalf of the Combined Authority and its partners.

<p>TVCA 58/17</p>	<p>GOVERNANCE AND APPOINTMENTS</p> <p>Consideration was given to a report setting out a number of changes to various Committees and Boards of the Combined Authority for consideration by Cabinet.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. the appointment of Councillor Katie Truman to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, and the appointment of Councillor Carl Quartermain to the Culture & Tourism Thematic partnership Board be agreed; ii. the recruitment processes for the Audit & Governance Committee and the Local Enterprise Partnership Board be noted.
<p>TVCA 59/17</p>	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting would be on Monday 5th February 2018. Cabinet requested that a later start time for the meeting be considered.</p>