
TEES VALLEY TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Meeting held at Cavendish House

2pm on Monday 26th March, 2018

These minutes are in draft form until approved at the next Transport Committee meeting and are therefore subject to amendments.

ATTENDEES

Members

Councillor Bill Dixon (Chair)	Leader of Darlington Borough Council	DBC
Councillor Lewis Young	Middlesbrough Council	MBC
Councillor Bob Norton	Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	R&CBC
Councillor Nick Wallis	Darlington Borough Council	DBC

Apologies for absence

Councillor Kevin Cranney	Hartlepool Borough Council	HBC
Councillor Mike Smith	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	SBC

Officers

Ada Burns	Chief Executive of Darlington Borough Council	DBC
Richard McGuckin	Stockton-On-Tees Borough Council	SBC
Mark Ladyman	Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	R&CBC
Sally Henry	Tees Valley Combined Authority	TVCA
Mark Wilson	Tees Valley Combined Authority	TVCA
Chris O'Keeffe	Tees Valley Combined Authority	TVCA

TVTC APOLOGIES

8/17

As above

TVTC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

9/17

None

TVTC MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5TH SEPTEMBER, 2017

10/17

Minutes of the meeting held on 5th September, 2017 were approved.

TVTC TEES VALLEY STRATEGIC TRANSPORT PLAN

11/17

Members were provided with a presentation which updated them on the Strategic Transport Plan and 5 supporting “daughter” documents. Copies of the Strategic Transport Plan and supporting documents were tabled. Mark Wilson advised that he is available over the coming month to brief members on an individual basis if requested.

The Committee were advised that it is proposed that the Combined Authority consult on the plan with the public and key stakeholders between May and August 2018 through an event within each local authority and an online and paper-based questionnaire.

Subject to agreement of the draft documents by the Cabinet on 28th March, it is proposed to format and design the documents and then consult on the Strategy between May and August 2018. Key stakeholders and the public will be able to view the documents on the Combined Authority’s website and at selected locations. There will also be a launch event plus a roadshow held within each of the local authorities. Stakeholders will be given the opportunity to comment on the Strategy through an online questionnaire and the normal postal and email channels. The Transport Plan and its supporting documents will be finalised for publication during April and an appropriate foreword agreed with the Mayor and Chair of the Transport committee prior to the release for consultation.

Informed by the findings of the consultation process, the final Strategic Transport Plan will be published during autumn 2018.

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

1. Members enquired as to whether it was wise to hold the consultation during the holiday period and suggested moving it

to September.

2. Members enquired as to progress reviewing the options for Bus Services, contained within the Bus Services Act. A paper will be developed for a future Transport Committee outlining progress to date. Members discussed the potential for an informal sub-group of the Committee to discuss bus issues.
3. Members enquired about the £59m Transforming Cities Fund and were advised that this is a 4 year allocation and that the Assurance Framework will be used to bring forward Business Cases
4. Members commented on the pipeline of road schemes as it was felt that the plan was very generic and short on specifics. They were advised that the pipeline is not included in the plan as they have not been fully developed at this stage.
5. Committee members asked whether consultation will include young people and were advised that focus groups are being established and that the Combined Authority Comms Team will be made aware.
6. Members asked about how success of the Plan is measured and were advised that whilst specific targets have not been made, there will be an Annual Monitoring Report.
7. Members suggested that a shorter, Executive Summary would be useful for the public consultation as it would be easier for non-transport policy experts to understand.

RESOLVED that:-

- i. The Transport Committee note the work to develop the Combined Authority's first ever statutory Strategic Transport Plan.

12/17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

TVTC DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

13/17 TBC