

## Overview and Scrutiny Committee Agenda

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**Date:** Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 10am

**Venue:** Cavendish House, Teesdale Business Park, Stockton-On-Tees,  
TS17 6QY

**Membership:**

Cllr Norma Stephenson OBE - Chair (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council)  
Cllr Ian Haszeldine – Vice Chair (Darlington Borough Council)  
Cllr Heather Scott (Darlington Borough Council)  
Cllr Sonia Kane (Darlington Borough Council)  
Cllr Stephen Akers-Belcher (Hartlepool Borough Council)  
Cllr Mike McLaughlin (Hartlepool Borough Council)  
Cllr Rob Cook (Hartlepool Borough Council)  
Cllr Vic Walkington (Middlesbrough Council)  
Cllr Matthew Storey (Middlesbrough Council)  
Cllr Jean Sharrocks (Middlesbrough Council)  
Cllr Glyn Nightingale (Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council)  
Cllr Neil O'Brien (Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council)  
Cllr Philip Thomson (Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council)  
Cllr Derrick Brown (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council)  
Cllr Matt Vickers (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council)

### **AGENDA**

**1. Apologies for Absence**

**2. Declarations of interest**

**3. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13th September 2018 for confirmation and signature

**4. Interim Managing Directors Update**

**5. Update: South Tees Development Corporation – Julie Gilhespie**

**6. Budget 2019/20 - Julie Gilhespie**

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7. **Portfolio Update: Transport – Cllr Stephen Harker**
8. **Scrutiny Study Update: Diversity and the Tees Valley Combined Authority**
9. **Forward Plan**

### **Date of the next Meeting**

6<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 10.00am – Cavendish House, Stockton-On-Tees,  
TS17 6QY

### **Members of the Public - Rights to Attend Meeting**

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## **Tees Valley Combined Authority Declaration of Interests Procedures**

1. The purpose of this note is to provide advice and guidance to all members (the Mayor, elected and co-opted members, substitute members and associate members) of the Combined Authority Cabinet, Sub-Committees and Local Enterprise Partnership Board, on the procedure for declaring interests. The procedure is set out in full in the [Combined Authority's Constitution](#) under the "Code of Conduct for Members" (Appendix 8).

### **Personal Interests**

2. The Code of Conduct sets out in full, the principles on the general conduct of members in their capacity at the Combined Authority. As a general principle, members should act impartially and should not use their position at the Combined Authority to further their personal or private interests.
3. There are two types of personal interests covered by the constitution:
  - a. "disclosable pecuniary interests". In general, a disclosable pecuniary interest will involve any financial interests, such as paid employment or membership of a body, interests in contracts, or ownership of land or shares. Members have a pecuniary interest in a matter where there is a reasonable likelihood or expectation that the business to be considered will affect your well-being or financial position, or the well-being or financial position of the following persons:
    - i. a member of your family;
    - ii. any person with whom you have a close association;
    - iii. in relation to a) and b) above, their employer, any firm in which they are a partner, or a company of which they are a director;
    - iv. any person or body in whom persons described in a) and b) above have a beneficial interest in a class of securities exceeding the nominal value of £25,000; or
    - v. any body as described in paragraph 3 b) i) and ii) below.
  - b. Any other personal interests. You have a personal interest in any business of the Combined Authority where it relates to or is likely to affect:
    - i. any body of which you are a member (or in a position of general control or management) and to which you are appointed or nominated by the Combined Authority;
    - ii. any body which:
      - exercises functions of a public nature;
      - is directed to charitable purposes;
      - one of whose principle purposes includes influencing public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union) of which you are a member (or in a position of general control or management).

### **Declarations of interest relating to the Councils' commercial role**

4. The constituent councils of the Combined Authority are closely integrated with its governance and financial arrangements, and financial relationships between the Combined Authority and Councils do not in themselves create a conflict of interest for Council Leaders who are also Combined Authority Cabinet members. Nor is it a conflict of interest if the Combined Authority supports activities within a particular council boundary. Nevertheless, there are specific circumstances where the Cabinet is considering entering into direct contractual arrangements with a council, for example in relation to a particular commercial investment project, or in which that council is a co-funder. In these circumstances a non-pecuniary declaration of interest should be made by the Council Leader or their substitute.

### **Procedures for Declaring Interests**

5. In line with the Code of Conduct, members are required to adhere to the following procedures for declaring interests:

#### **Register of Interests**

6. Each member is required to complete a register of interests form with their personal interests, within 28 days of their appointment to the Combined Authority. Details of any personal interests registered will be published on the Combined Authority's website, with the full register available at the Combined Authority's offices for public inspection. The form will be updated on an annual basis but it is the responsibility of each member to notify the Monitoring Officer of any changes to the register throughout the year. Notification of a change must be made to the Monitoring Officer within 28 days of becoming aware of that change.

#### **Declaration of Interests at Meetings**

7. The Combined Authority will include a standing item at the start of each meeting for declaration of interests. Where members are aware that any of their personal interests are relevant to an item of business being considered at a meeting they are attending, they must declare that interest either during the standing item on the agenda, at the start of the consideration of the item of business, or when the interest becomes apparent, if later.
8. Where members consider that their interest could be considered by the public as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the members' judgement then they may not participate in any discussion and voting on the matter at the meeting, but may attend the meeting to make representations, answer questions or give evidence relating to the business, before it is discussed and voted upon.
9. If the interest is a disclosable pecuniary interest (as summarised in paragraph 3a) then the member must leave the meeting room during discussion and voting on the item of business, but may make representations, give evidence and answer questions before

leaving the meeting room. Failure to comply with the requirements in relation to disclosable pecuniary interests is a criminal offence.

**Sensitive Information**

10. Members can seek the advice of the monitoring officer if they consider that the disclosure of their personal interests contains sensitive information.

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

## TEES VALLEY COMBINED AUTHORITY OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Cavendish House, Stockton-On-Tees, TS17 6QY  
Thursday 13th September 2018 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 Heather Scott OBE	Darlington Borough Council	DBC
Cllr Sonia Kane	Darlington Borough Council	DBC
Cllr Matthew Storey	Middleborough Borough Council	MBC
Cllr Vic Walkington	Middleborough Borough Council	MBC
Cllr Phillip Thompson	Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	R&CBC
Cllr Neil O'Brien	Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	R&CBC
Cllr Mike McLaughlin	Hartlepool Borough Council	HBC
Cllr Stephen Akers-Belcher	Hartlepool Borough Council	HBC

##### Apologies for absence

Cllr Ian Haszeldine	Darlington Borough Council	DBC
Cllr Rob Cook	Hartlepool Borough Council	HBC
Cllr Jean Sharrocks	Middlesbrough Borough Council	MBC
Cllr Glynn Nightingale	Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	R&CBC
Cllr Matt Vickers	Stockton Borough Council	SBC

##### Officers

John Hart	Governance & Scrutiny Officer	TVCA
Julie Gilhespie	Interim Managing Director	TVCA
Martin Waters	Head of Finance, Resources and Housing	TVCA
Linda Edworthy	Strategy Director	TVCA

##### Other Attendees

Mayor David Budd	Portfolio Holder for Culture, Tourism and Innovation	TVCA/MBC
Gareth Alexander	Senior Media Liaison Officer	TVCA

<p><b>OSC 18/18</b></p>	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b></p> <p>Apologies for interest were received from Councillors Cook, Haszeldine, Nightingale, Sharrocks and Vickers</p>	
<p><b>OSC 19/18</b></p>	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>There were no interests declared.</p>	
<p><b>OSC 20/18</b></p>	<p><b>MINUTES</b></p> <p>The amended minutes of the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018 were agreed and signed as a correct record.</p> <p>Cllr Kane reiterated several requests made by the committee for further details to be provided of the money spent on advice relating to the future of Durham Tees Valley Airport, and its request at the previous meeting that the Mayor of the Tees Valley provide further information about what that advice entailed. Martin Waters, Head of Finance, Resources and Housing sought clarification on what details the committee was requesting and undertook to supply them with the requested cost breakdown.</p>	
<p><b>OSC 21/18</b></p>	<p><b>ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE INTERIM MANAGING DIRECTOR</b></p> <p>Julie Gilhespie, Interim Managing Director, updated members on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Items scheduled to go to Cabinet on Friday September 28, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The proposed contracting process with adult education providers following devolution of the Adult Education Budget in August 2019.</li> <li>○ A review of the Local Enterprise Partnership, confirming the geographical boundaries within which the Partnership operates, and committing the LEP Board to a gender-balanced membership by 2020.</li> <li>○ The Local Industrial Strategy.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Councillor Heather Scott asked if under devolution adult education providers will be allocated resources or required to bid for them. Julie Gilhespie replied that as this funding would be subject to procurement rules a bidding process would be necessary.</p> <p>Councillor Vic Walkington asked if some of some of the current adult education providers commissioned in the Tees Valley were based outside of the region. Julie Gilhespie confirmed that there were.</p> <p>Cllr Phillip Thomson enquired whether the Combined Authority had enough resourcing to administer the devolved Adult Education Budget. Julie Gilhespie confirmed that preparations were well advanced, and plans were being developed for the scaling up of staffing.</p>	

	<p>Cllr Mike McLaughlin asked whether the Adult Education Budget represented additional funding or a relocation of existing funds. Julie Gilhespie stated that the budget was a relocation from the Department of Education in order to better align local training with regional economic needs.</p> <p>The Interim Managing Director then updated the committee on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Combined Authority’s ongoing prioritisation exercise, which would be used to develop a 10 year programme of activities.</li> <li>• An internal culture, vision and values exercise.</li> <li>• Transition arrangements for leadership of the South Tees Development Corporation following the conclusion of the contract of the previous Chief Executive.</li> </ul> <p>The Interim Managing Director then left the meeting.</p>	
<p><b>OSC 22/18</b></p>	<p><b>PORTFOLIO UPDATE: MAYOR DAVID BUDD</b></p> <p>The Portfolio Holder for Culture, Tourism and Innovation introduced a report of recent activities undertaken by the Combined Authority in these areas, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The bidding process for City of Culture 2025 and the launch of the Big Conversation with local communities and stakeholders informing the bid.</li> <li>• The upcoming Festival of Thrift and efforts to develop cross-border cultural activities.</li> <li>• The bicentenary of the Stockton-Darlington Railway.</li> <li>• The bidding process for host city status for the Rugby World Cup 2021.</li> </ul> <p>He also reported that confirmation had been received from the Arts Council that the Combined Authority’s bid for £3.4m of Cultural Development Fund support for the development of the film-making industry in the region had been unsuccessful and that feedback had been requested.</p> <p>He concluded by emphasising the importance of culture in terms of attracting inward investment to the region.</p> <p>Councillor Heather Scott endorsed the development of cross-border cultural activities – highlighting the success of the recent public performances of Glass Ceiling by Periplum, and thanked the portfolio holder for the Combined Authority’s support for development of cultural assets relating to the Stockton-Darlington Railway.</p> <p>Councillor Mike McLaughlin requested the portfolio holder outline how the Culture and Tourism’s budget was allocated, the approval process of capital expenditure, what metrics are used to assess the reach of destination marketing and how Combined Authority involvement in cultural projects was highlighted to stakeholders and attendees.</p> <p>The Portfolio holder outlined how the Culture and Tourism service is</p>	



	<p>allocated a set annual budget, with capital investment approved by Cabinet through the standard Combined Authority assurance process, before outlining growing visitor numbers on the Visit Tees Valley website and acknowledging that public awareness of Combined Authority involvement in cultural projects was at an early stage.</p> <p>Councillor Derek Brown queried whether or not the lack of prominent Rugby League teams in the Tees Valley area could adversely affect the Combined Authority's bid for World Cup Host City status. The Portfolio holder stated that given the organiser's aim of using the World Cup to spread the popularity of Rugby League throughout the country, the lack of prominent teams in the Tees Valley could be perceived as an advantage, and highlighted the popularity of the Big Weekend events in Newcastle as a sign of a large appetite for the sport in the North East.</p> <p>Cllr Stephen Akers-Belcher highlighted the transformative effect of Hull's successful bid for City of Culture status and asked if the Combined Authority had liaised with organisers of that bid. The portfolio holder confirmed that they had.</p> <p>Cllr Sonia Kane requested that efforts be made to integrate culture and transport - allowing non-drivers to more easily access cultural assets and events – or for events such as the Festival of Thrift to move between local authority areas. Cllr Phillip Thomson echoed the value of integration between transport and cultural initiatives and noted how marketing technologies being utilised by bus and rail companies be used to promote the Tees Valley's cultural offer.</p> <p>Cllr Vic Walkington asked if the Combined Authority's priority was attracting tourism to the region or developing cultural activities for residents of the region. The portfolio holder expressed his view that there was no conflict between the two aims.</p>	
<b>OSC 23/18</b>	<p><b>OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY STUDY: DIVERSITY IN THE TEES VALLEY COMBINED AUTHORITY</b></p> <p>John Hart, Governance and Scrutiny Officer updated members on the progress of the study and themes emerging from initial investigations.</p> <p>Cllr Stephen Akers-Belcher asked if disability was being considered as part of the study alongside gender, sexuality and ethnicity. John Hart confirmed that it was.</p>	
<b>OSC 24/18</b>	<p><b>BUDGET FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEES</b></p> <p>John Hart, Governance and Scrutiny Officer updated members on the proposed timetable for the sub-committee meetings examining the Combined Authority Budget and Expenses, and for reporting its findings to the full committee, as outlined in the Forward Plan.</p> <p>Members agreed to the timetable as set out.</p>	
<b>OSC 25/18</b>	<b>FORWARD PLAN</b>	

	<p>A verbal update about pre-planned committee appearances from portfolio holders for the coming civic year was provided by John Hart, Governance and Scrutiny Officer, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A change to a meeting date for a future meeting of the committee from Thursday February 28 2019 (10am) to Friday March 1 2019 (12noon) to accommodate the availability of the Portfolio Holder for Education, Employment and Skills.</li> <li>• A possible change to scheduling of the Portfolio Update from the South Tees Development Corporation necessitated by recent changes in leadership.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>OSC 26/18</b></p>	<p><b>DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>25th October 2018 at 10.00am</p>	



### TEES VALLEY OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ACTION TRACKER: 2018-19

Meeting Date	Item	Action	Owner	Target Date	Details	Status
16 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Budget 2018/19 – Overview and Scrutiny Budget Task & Finish Group (OSC 37/17)	Delegated Decisions be added to the Overview & Scrutiny agenda to allow full transparency of these decisions.	Governance and Scrutiny Officer	25 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Item to be added to the agenda.	<b>COMPLETED</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Minutes (OSC 3/18)	The Regional Schools Commissioner be invited to attend a future meeting of the Committee	Governance and Scrutiny Officer/Department of Education	1 <sup>st</sup> March 2019	The Regional Schools Commissioner will attend committee on March 1 2018 as part of the portfolio update on Education, Employment and Skills.	<b>COMPLETED</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Minutes (OSC 3/18)	The Committee Receive Minutes of the Regional Educational Board	Governance and Scrutiny Officer/Department of Education	13 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	Minutes circulated on August 14 2018 following Department of Education Release.	<b>COMPLETED</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Announcements from Managing Director (OSC 7/18)	The Committee requested that it play some role in the selection of the Combined Authority's incoming Chief Executive	Governance Manager	20 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Chair of Committee to join Appointment Panel during interview process.	<b>COMPLETED</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Announcements from Managing Director (OSC 7/18)	Committee requested that members be provided with TVCA Sector Action Plans.	Governance and Scrutiny Officer	n/a	Plans to be circulated to committee upon completion.	<b>COMPLETED</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Announcements from Managing	Committee to be updated on how "vibrant Town centres" are	Investment Director	6 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	The investment plan is currently under review. Committee will be updated	<b>COMPLETED</b>

**AGENDA ITEM 4**

	Director (OSC 7/18)	supported within the TVCA Investment Plan			as part of the 6 <sup>th</sup> December portfolio update on Investment and Business Growth)	
7 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Forward Plan (OSC 08/18)	Committee requested a Portfolio Update on the South Tees Development Corporation	Interim Managing Director	25 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Finance Director of STDC to provide update at 25 <sup>th</sup> October Meeting.	<b>COMPLETED</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Portfolio Update (OSC 13/18)	Committee to be provided with update of expenses occurred by TVCA Senior Members and Officers	Head of Resources, Housing and Communities	1 <sup>st</sup> March 2018	<b>To be delegated to Committee Finance Sub-Committee for reporting back following the completion of the 2019/20 Budget process.</b>	
19 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Portfolio Update (OSC 13/18)	The Mayor to provide further details of the legal advice received with regards to DTVA	Mayor of the Tees Valley	13 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	<b>Information still to be supplied.</b>	
13 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	Minutes (OSC 20/18)	Committee to be provided with breakdown of costs incurred to date by TVCA with regards to DTVA	Head of Resources, Housing and Communities	25 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	<b>Information still to be supplied.</b>	

## AGENDA ITEM 7

### REPORT TO THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018

### REPORT OF PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR TRANSPORT

#### **Overview and Scrutiny Committee Portfolio Update: Cllr Stephen Harker (Transport)**

##### **Introduction**

Over the next 10 years, the Tees Valley Combined Authority is aiming to create 25,000 new jobs and build 22,000 new homes, and this was set out in our Strategic Economic Plan. For all of this to happen and to ensure that everyone in Tees Valley is able to work, study, enjoy and fully participate in this ambitious vision for the future, we need a first class transport system where people and goods are able to move easily and safely.

The Tees Valley Combined Authority has developed a Draft Strategic Transport Plan in partnership with the five Local Authorities, with strong links to the Tees Valley Strategic Economic Plan and the Investment Plan. The plan addresses issues such as the area's strategy for the cycling, walking, bus, rail and road networks and has a vision for the future of transport in the Tees Valley:

*“To provide a high quality, quick, affordable, reliable and safe transport network for people and freight to move within, to and from the Tees Valley”*

Underpinning this are six closely linked themes for transport in the Tees Valley, including what and how the Combined Authority is planning to make improvements to them. The six themes are:

- National Rail;
- Major Roads;
- Connecting Centres;
- Supporting Economic Growth; and
- Local Journeys.
- Deliver Social Equality and Protect and Enhance the Environment

A framework document underwent a period of consultation during early 2017, which received generally positive support but highlighted a number of areas where the strategy would need further strengthening.

To achieve this, an over-arching strategy document has been produced, with a suite of supporting documents providing more detail on particular themes:

- Road strategy
- Rail strategy
- Freight and Logistics strategy
- Cycling and Walking strategy
- Bus vision

The intention is to take the draft Strategic Transport Plan to TVCA Cabinet in January 2019 and subject to Cabinet approval it will be consulted upon during early 2019 for a 3 month period. Informed by the findings of this consultation process, the final Strategic Transport Plan will be published before the end of 2019.

### **2018/19 Update**

Progress in 2018/19 includes:

- **Receipt of £59m Transforming Cities Fund.**

Cabinet agreed an approach to developing a TCF programme at their May meeting based around guidance from the Department for Transport that “TCF investment should be focused on improving public and sustainable transport, helping to reduce congestion and on improving air quality. The TVCA is encouraged to consider use of new mobility systems and technology.”

Strategic priorities identified within our emerging Transport Plan that fit with the objectives of the TCF include:

- **Improvements at major rail gateways.**

Delivery of the masterplan for Darlington Station is a key priority for the TVCA, and an important component of our Devolution Deal. The current estimated cost of the project is over £100m, and therefore larger than the funding available via the TCF. However, to promote delivery of large infrastructure projects of this nature an identified local contribution is generally required.

- **Improvements at other key stations on the local rail network.**

Emerging priorities identified as part of the TVCA Rail Strategy include delivery of the masterplan for Middlesbrough Station (including a remodelled southern entrance, and third platform to ensure current and future franchise commitments are met), extra platform capacity at Hartlepool Station and accessibility/interchange improvements at both Eaglescliffe and Redcar Central Stations.

- **Bus infrastructure improvements.**

These could include improvements to the interface between bus and rail within the Tees Valley, improvements at key bus interchanges and more rural locations and the potential for interventions to improve the reliability and punctuality of bus services utilising the identified Key Route Network within the Tees Valley.

- **Use of Intelligent Transport Systems and innovative technology.**

The effective and expeditious flow of traffic on the Key Route Network identified by the Combined Authority is an important component of our Road Strategy. Improvement and expansion of our Urban Traffic Management and Control System (UTMC) has the potential to assist in reducing congestion and improving journey times for commuters, bus services and freight. Improvements to the system also allow the potential for innovative technological interventions such as parking guidance, better driver information and improved air quality monitoring.

- **Other priorities.**

Other priorities identified within the TVCA transport plan that fit with the objectives of the TCF include improvements to our strategic cycling and walking network and the introduction of improved electric vehicle charging infrastructure on a strategic basis.

A suggested programme of works, with a 10 year pipeline approach is being developed and will be brought to a future Transport Committee and Cabinet for discussion.

- **Establish a Key Route Network for the Tees Valley**

The Key Route Network (KRN) identifies routes that strategically link the key economic areas of the Tees Valley. It is a live network that will evolve to meet the emerging needs of the Tees Valley economy, and will be updated and refined on a regular basis.

The Key Route Network has been developed to help to inform engagement with Transport for the North, and in particular to complement their work to develop a North-wide Major Road Network, to identify strategic routes in the North of England that contribute towards the area's economic prosperity.

- **Sustainable Access to Employment Programme**

The delivery of a number of walking and cycling schemes, providing a healthier travel alternative, reducing congestion and the impact of transport on the environment, and improving access for those without alternative travel options.

- **Submission of the Strategic Outline Business Case for Darlington Station**

A SOBC for Darlington Station has been submitted to DfT, with the aspiration to receive a 'decision to develop' from DfT as part of their Rail Network Enhancement Pipeline process. Cabinet have approved a further £3m for business case development.

- **Agreement with Network Rail to co-fund the business case development for Gauge Enhancement between Teesport and the East Coast mainline. (Northallerton to Middlesbrough).**

Following a £250k funding contribution from TVCA, Network Rail have begun work on designing a proposal to gauge clear this route, to allow the largest W12 rail freight containers to be transported easily.

## **Transport for the North**

- **Strategic Transport Plan**

TfN have recently consulted on a draft of their STP, and participation from TVCA has ensured that our major transport priorities are reflected in the document. It is anticipated that the finalised TfN STP and an associated investment plan will be published in the new year.

- **Northern Powerhouse Rail**

Two upgrade options are being developed for the Newcastle – Darlington – Leeds corridor. The SOBC for these is expected in December

- **Middlesbrough Station Masterplan.**

£4.5m of funding (£2m Network Rail £2.5m TVCA) secured towards the delivery of Middlesbrough Station Masterplan, a series of major improvements at the station to allow more efficient use by existing and planned future local and long distance rail services.

- **Bus Franchising/Partnership work.**

£150k was agreed at a TVCA Cabinet meeting in June 2018 to fund an investigation in to bus franchising.

## **Key Actions for 2019/20**

To continue to address the identified priority areas, key actions planned for 2018/19 are:

- **Darlington Station Masterplan.**

Developing the SOBC to Outline Business Case (OBC) stage, furthering the proposal for new platforms and buildings at the station to allow more long distance and local rail services to stop at Darlington and improve the vitality of the Station.

- **Middlesbrough Station.**

Delivery of Phase 1 of the station fabric improvement, - improving the southern entrance and remediating the station undercroft. Continue to work with Network Rail to design further phases of improvement to the station fabric. Work in partnership with TfN and Network Rail to finalise the business case for a third platform at the station.

- **New Tees Crossing.**

Continue to develop a business case for a new crossing of the River Tees, to address current issues with journey times and delays, whilst allowing the local road network to be improved in order to help deliver a number of new employment and housing sites. A contribution to the cost of scheme development is expected from DfT, and the hope is to fund the scheme via Highways England's Road Investment Strategy 2 (RIS2) process for delivery in 2023 onwards.

- **Darlington Northern Link Road.**

Continue to develop a business case for improved East-West links along the A66 corridor, to provide a consistent standard of route all the way to the international port at Teesport and the



South Tees Development Corporation. Various sources of funding will be explored for this project, including RIS2 and the new National Roads Fund.

- **Bus Franchising/Partnership work.**

An investigation in to franchising to determine its suitability vs other options in the Bus Services Act will be undertaken.

### **Summary**

Continued joint working has established a strong platform for achieving the ambitions of our forthcoming Strategic Transport Plan and commenced key areas of work that will ensure we continue to support growth in the Tees Valley economy by providing a high quality, quick, affordable, reliable and safe transport network. It will help prioritise future investments such as the Transforming Cities Fund.

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## Tees Valley Combined Authority Overview & Scrutiny

### Work Programme 2018/19

#### Standing Items

Minutes from the Previous Meeting  
Announcements from the Chair  
Announcements from the Managing Director  
Forward Plan  
Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Item / Responsible Officer</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 10am	Room 1 Cavendish House Teesdale Business Park Stockton On Tees TS17 6QY	Portfolio update: Cllr Sue Jeffrey (Investment and Business Growth) Budget Sub-Committee: Update on Draft Budget and Half-Year Budget Performance Update on Investment Strategy, including Vibrant Town Centres and Investment Plan – Allison Fellows. Scrutiny Study Update: Diversity and the Tees Valley Combined Authority – John Hart
17 <sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 2pm	Room 1 Cavendish House Teesdale Business Park Stockton On Tees TS17 6QY	Diversity and the Tees Valley Combined Authority: Draft Report – John Hart Budget Sub-Committee: Approval on Draft Budget Report Update on Durham Tees Valley Airport
1 <sup>st</sup> March February 2019 at 12noon	Room 1 Cavendish House Teesdale Business Park Stockton On Tees TS17 6QY	Portfolio update: Cllr Christopher Ackers-Belcher (Education, Employment and Skills) Janet Renou, Regional Schools Commissioner (TBC)
25 <sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 10am	Room 1 Cavendish House Teesdale Business Park Stockton On Tees TS17 6QY	Full-Year Budget Performance (2018/2019)

**Items to be scheduled**

Durham Tees Valley Airport

**Budget Sub-Committee** (Members: Cllrs Haszeldine, Thompson, Storey, Scott, Brown)

<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 3 2018 at 1.30pm</b>	<b>Draft 2019/2020 Budget (Circulated to members 23<sup>rd</sup> November)</b>
<i>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 10am</i>	<i>Full Committee Meeting to agree areas for investigation.</i>
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Draft 2019/20 Budget Meeting</b></li> <li>• <b>Half-year Budget Performance (2018/2019)</b></li> </ul>
<i>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 10am</i>	<i>Full Committee to agree Draft Report</i>
<i>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 10am</i>	<i>Cabinet receives Final Budget and Committee Report</i>
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February TBC</b>	<b>Expenses incurred by Combined Authority Members</b>
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March TBC</b>	<b>Full-Year Budget Performance (2018/2019)</b>
<i>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April TBC</i>	<i>Full Committee to receive report on Expenses Incurred by Combined Authority Members</i>

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