

## TEES VALLEY COMBINED AUTHORITY CABINET

**Cavendish House, Teesdale Business Park, Stockton-On-Tees at 10.00am on  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

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

<b><u>ATTENDEES</u></b>	
<b><u>Members</u></b>	
Mayor Ben Houchen (Chair)	Tees Valley Mayor
Councillor Heather Scott	Leader, Darlington Borough Council
Councillor Shane Moore	Leader, Hartlepool Borough Council
Councillor Mary Lanigan	Leader, Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council
Councillor Bob Cook	Leader, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
<b><u>Associate Members</u></b>	
Paul Booth	Chair of Tees Valley Local Enterprise Partnership
Angela Howey	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Jerry Hopkinson	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Annabel Turpin	Member of Tees Valley LEP
<b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b>	
Mayor Andy Preston	Mayor of Middlesbrough
Darren Hankey	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Professor Paul Croney	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Graham Robb	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Mike Matthews	Member of Tees Valley LEP
David Soley	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Vikki Jackson-Smith	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Alby Pattison	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Mark South	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Nigel Perry	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Siobhan McArdle	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Brenda McLeish	Member of Tees Valley LEP
<b><u>Officers and Others in Attendance</u></b>	
Paul Wildsmith	Managing Director, Darlington Borough Council
Julie Danks	Chief Executive, Stockton on Tees Borough Council
Gill Alexander	Chief Executive, Hartlepool Borough Council
Sarah Robson	Corporate Director of Economic Growth, Enterprise and Environment, Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council
Tony Parkinson	Chief Executive, Middlesbrough Council
Linda Edworthy	Strategy Director, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Neil Cuthbertson	Finance Manager, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Sarah Brackenborough	Governance Manager, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Alison Fellows	Investment Director, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Tom Bryant	Head of Transport, Tees Valley Combined Authority

Gareth Roberts	Senior Manager, Mazars
Cameron Waddell	Partner, Mazars

<b>TVCA 11/19</b>	Mayor Houchen noted that although apologies had been submitted from Darren Hankey, Principal of Hartlepool College of Further Education, this would be his last meeting as the Further Education Representative. He noted thanks to Darren, on behalf of the Cabinet, for all his hard work. Zoe Lewis, Principal of Middlesbrough College would be the Further Education Representative for the next academic year.
<b>TVCA 12/19</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>  None.
<b>TVCA 13/19</b>	<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b>  RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 28 <sup>th</sup> June be confirmed and signed as a correct record.
<b>TVCA 14/19</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>  None
<b>TVCA 15/19</b>	<b>MAYOR'S UPDATE</b>  Cabinet considered the Mayor's Update report. Mayor Houchen updated on some areas that were not included within the report.  Following the announcement on British Steel a national support group chaired by the Secretary of State had been meeting weekly. All efforts were focused on achieving the sale of the whole of the business. There were several bidders currently in the due diligence process. Mayor Houchen committed to keeping all partners informed of progress.  The re-brand of Teesside International Airport as it was now called had been well received. Mayor Houchen thanked Mark Cross in the Combined Authority's Communications and Marketing team for all of his work on the design for the re-brand, which had been delivered completely in-house.  Progress had been made on accelerating national and local policy on freeports and support had been pledged by the new Prime Minister.  RESOLVED that the Mayor's Update be noted.
<b>TVCA 16/19</b>	<b>DECISION OF OVERVIEW &amp; SCRUTINY COMMITTEE CALL-IN</b>  Mayor Houchen noted that there was no longer a call-in request.
<b>TVCA 17/19</b>	<b>GOVERNANCE AND APPOINTMENTS</b>

	<p>The report set out various appointments including the Chair and Vice Chair nominations for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Audit and Governance Committee and Transport Committee. It also confirmed Zoe Lewis as the Further Education Representative on the Local Enterprise Partnership. It was reported verbally that Councillor Storey had been nominated as Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee and Councillor Harrison as Vice Chair. Councillor Lynn Pallister was nominated as the representative on the South Tees Development Corporation Audit and Risk Committee.</p> <p>The Cabinet discussed the changes to the political balance of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Audit and Governance Committee and agreed that, until this has been confirmed, that their nominations for Chair and Vice Chair should be deferred and re-considered.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. the nominations for Chair and Vice Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Audit and Governance Committee be deferred and re-considered until political balance has been confirmed;</li> <li>ii. all other appointments as set out in the report be agreed.</li> </ul>
<p><b>TVCA 18/19</b></p>	<p><b>STRATEGIC TRANSPORT PLAN</b></p> <p>Cabinet was presented with the Strategic Transport Plan. The Tees Valley Combined Authority is the Local Transport Authority for the Tees Valley and had therefore led on the development of a draft Strategic Transport Plan. It was proposed that the Combined Authority consult on the plan with the public and key stakeholders between August and October 2019 through an online and paper-based questionnaire and at least one event within each local authority area.</p> <p>The Mayor thanked the team for their work on the draft plan and asked all partners to spread the message that the plan was open for consultation.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the draft Strategic Transport Plan be approved for the purposes of consultation between August and October 2019.</p>
<p><b>TVCA 19/19</b></p>	<p><b>BUS NETWORK DELIVERY OPTIONS</b></p> <p>The Cabinet considered a report on Bus Network Delivery Options. It was proposed that a new demand responsive model is piloted to provide better access for some of the rural communities in Darlington, Hartlepool and Redcar and Cleveland.</p> <p>The Combined Authority had also been exploring bus network delivery options in light of the Bus Services Act 2017 (the 2017 Act). A summary was provided of these new options and an update on developments within the Mayoral Combined Authorities in England.</p> <p>The Cabinet welcomed the report and reiterated the importance of piloting new approaches.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. the proposal to pilot a new demand responsive model to provide better access for some of the rural communities in Darlington, Hartlepool and Redcar &amp; Cleveland be noted;</li> <li>ii. The proposal to explore further a new partnership agreement with bus operators be noted.</li> </ul>
<b>TVCA 20/19</b>	<p><b>TEES VALLEY LOCAL INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY</b></p> <p>Cabinet considered a report which outlined the draft Tees Valley Local Industrial Strategy for Cabinet consideration, prior to formal submission to government for final discussions and publication of the co-produced strategy.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the draft Tees Valley Local Industrial Strategy be agreed, subject to further discussion and agreement with government, and the agreement of any further amends in discussion with government, where they are consistent with the overall direction and principles of the emerging strategy be delegated to the Mayor and Combined Authority Chief Executive.</p>
<b>TVCA 21/19</b>	<p><b>AUDIT COMPLETION REPORT</b></p> <p>Cabinet considered a report and update letter which illustrated the latest findings of the external audit currently being carried out by Mazars LLP for the financial year ended 31st March 2019.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the contents of the External Auditor report and update letter on the latest position regarding the audit of the statement of group accounts for the Tees Valley Combined Authority, containing a Value for Money Opinion, be noted.</p>
<b>TVCA 22/19</b>	<p><b>ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</b></p> <p>Cabinet considered the draft Annual Financial Statements for 2018/19 and the next steps for completion and sign-off. It was noted that it had been a particularly complex process due to the group structure and additional subsidiaries and that this had affected the timescales. The latest drafts had also been presented to the Audit and Governance Committee and they had requested sight of the final reports, once completed.</p> <p>The Mayor thanked the auditors and the Combined Authority Finance team on their work to date.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. the draft Annual Financial Statements and the progress to date on finalisation be noted.</li> <li>II. final sign-off be delegated to the Chief Executive in conjunction with the Audit and Governance Committee having sight of the final audit letter and accounts.</li> </ul>
<b>TVCA 23/19</b>	<p><b>APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS</b></p> <p>Cabinet considered a report that asked for formal approval the appointment of the Director of Finance and Resources and the Director of Business and Skills in accordance with the Combined Authority Constitution.</p>

	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Gary MacDonald be appointed as Director of Finance and Resources;</li> <li>and</li> <li>ii. Chris Beck be appointed as Director of Business and Skills.</li> </ul>
<p><b>TVCA 24/19</b></p>	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p>None.</p>
<p><b>TVCA 25/19</b></p>	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019</p>