

Tees Valley Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

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Date: Thursday, 16th January, 2020 at 2:00 pm

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

Membership

Cllr Stephenson (Chair) (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council)
Cllr Rooney (Vice Chair) (Middlesbrough Council)
Cllr Barlow (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council)
Cllr Black (Hartlepool Borough Council)
Cllr Brown (Hartlepool Borough Council)
Cllr Clark (Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council)
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Cllr Loynes (Hartlepool Borough Council)
Cllr McTigue (Middlesbrough Council)
Cllr Renton (Darlington Borough Council)
Cllr Riordan (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council)

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Tees Valley Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Cavendish House, Teesdale Business Park, Stockton-On-Tees, TS17 6QY
Thursday, 17th October, 2019 at 09:30 am.

Present:

Cllr Stephenson (Chair) (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council)
Cllr Rooney (Vice Chair) (Middlesbrough Council)
Cllr Black (Hartlepool Borough Council)
Cllr Brown (Hartlepool Borough Council)
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Cllr Renton (Darlington Borough Council)
Cllr Riordan (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council)

Officers:

Sharon Jones (Governance & Scrutiny Officer - TVCA)
Julie Gilhespie (Chief Executive -TVCA)
Tom Bryant (Head of Transport & Infrastructure -TVCA)
Andrew Nixon (Monitoring Officer -TVCA)

Also in attendance:

Cllr Heather Scott (Leader) (Darlington Borough Council)

Apologies for absence:

Cllr Barlow (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council)
Cllr Jones (Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council)
Cllr Jones (Darlington Borough Council)

OS Declarations of interest

13/19 There were no interests declared.

OS Election of Chair and Vice Chair

14/19 Cllr Norma Stephenson was nominated by Cllr Denise Rooney as Chair of the Committee. This was seconded by Cllr Sue Jeffrey.

Cllr Stephenson was appointed as Chair of the Committee.

Cllr Denise Rooney was nominated by Cllr Sue Jeffrey as Vice Chair of the Committee. This was seconded by Cllr Stephen Harker.

Cllr Rooney is appointed as Vice Chair of the Committee.

OS Minutes

15/19 The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as a true record

OS **Chief Executive's Update**

16/19

A report was circulated updating members of the Committee on significant recent developments at the Tees Valley Combined Authority and informing them of the items on the agenda for the next Cabinet meeting on 25th October.

A question was raised regarding the confidential Cabinet papers and whether the Committee are entitled to have sight of these reports. It was confirmed by the Monitoring Officer that the Committee are entitled to see confidential papers where the information contained within them is relevant to an action or a decision that Members are reviewing or scrutinising, or where it relates to a review contained in the work programme of the Committee.

RESOLVED that the Chief Executive's update is noted.

OS **Strategic Transport Plan**

17/19

The Committee received a presentation from Tom Bryant, Head of Transport & Infrastructure and Cllr Heather Scott, Portfolio Holder for Transport. The presentation gave an overview of the Strategic Transport Plan. The plan has been drafted in conjunction with the five Local Authorities.

A discussion took place following the presentation and the following points were covered:

- Access for disabled passengers and those travelling with pushchairs should be a priority within the plan. Although Billingham Station is the only station in the North East with no disabled access there are others which have limited or restricted access. The Connect TV map will be reviewed to see if this can show what level of access each station within Tees Valley has currently.

- Timescale for the plan – there are currently no dates on the plan. There are also no targets showing against the objectives to allow for monitoring of progress. It was explained that the Plan is a ten year plan covering 2020-2030 but that it will be regularly reviewed over this period and will need to be responsive to change. Targets will be written into the plan further down the line but at this stage it is deemed still too early to set specific targets.

- Prioritising Funding – It was explained that the plan is currently being reviewed so that priorities can be set, and highlighted, in advance of submission to Cabinet in January 2020.

Bus services -The aspiration for bus services in the future is to be able to provide services which allow for travel for both work and social purposes. There will need to be some work carried out regarding funding as Bus Operators will only provide services where it is commercially viable for them. It is not yet know how this funding will be provided, but any decisions made in this area will be subject to the Combined Authority decision making process.

RESOLVED that the presentation is noted.

OS **Delegated Decisions**

18/19

A report was circulated detailing the delegated decisions signed off by the Combined Authority between April-October 2019.

The Committee expressed an interest in learning more about the Strength in Places Fund for a Hydrogen Economy Project. It was agreed that this should be added to the forward plan for the Committee and Chris Beck, Director of Business & Skills be invited to deliver a presentation on this topic.

RESOLVED that the report is noted.

OS Meetings and Forward Plan for Civic Year 2019/2020

19/19 A meeting will be scheduled as soon as possible between the Chair, Vice Chair and Scrutiny officer to agree a meeting schedule and forward plan for the Committee.

The Finance Sub-Committee role was explained and a meeting of this group will be convened in line with the budget setting process.

OS Date and time of next meeting

20/19

Next meeting TBC

AGENDA ITEM 4**REPORT TO THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE****JANUARY 16TH 2020****REPORT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE****UPDATE FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE****SUMMARY**

This report updates members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on significant recent developments at the Tees Valley Combined Authority, in addition to further verbal updates to be provided at the meeting.

DETAIL**ADULT EDUCATION BUDGET**

1. On 1st August 2019 the Adult Education Budget was formally devolved to the Combined Authority, with an allocation of £29.5m for Academic Year 2019/20.
2. The outcome of the Commissioning Process resulted in 33 providers being awarded grant funding agreements for the 2019/20 Academic Year.
3. In line with the Performance Management Framework, monthly meetings have been taking place with all providers since September 2019 to monitor the performance against their delivery plans.
4. The first performance management review point (R04 December) has now taken place.
5. The TVCA Provider Relationship and Performance Officers have scheduled meetings with all providers in January 2020 to communicate the outcomes of the review process and to work closely with those providers who are causing some concerns at this point in time.

STRATEGIC TRANSPORT PLAN

6. The Consultation period for the Strategic Transport Plan came to a close on November 20th, with 407 completed responses received. There was a strong level of support for the plan, however, the consultation process has highlighted areas where it could be further strengthened.
7. Taking the feedback on board the Plan has been amended and The proposed amendments raise the prominence of certain issues, expand on the detail in certain

sections and provide further clarity where it is felt to be beneficial. The key amendments can be summarised as:

- Raising the profile of the importance of improving bus services.
 - More emphasis on the fact that access for vulnerable people, including people with disabilities, will be at the forefront of our thinking in everything we do.
 - More emphasis on the commitment to ensure that neither deprivation nor rurality should be a barrier to opportunity
 - Making a slight amendment to the vision by replacing the word 'clean' with 'low carbon'. Furthermore, the wording of the 'Environmental Protection and Enhancement' objective has also been amended to 'Carbon Reduction and Environment'.
 - Strengthening the content around adaptation to climate change and ensuring the network is resilient to more extreme flooding events.
 - More emphasis on the need to integrate different transport modes, including ticketing, to ensure a seamless customer experience.
 - Expanding on the inter-relationship between the strategic road network, managed by Highways England, and the network managed by the local highway authorities.
 - More clarity on the relationship between the Strategic Transport Plan and the Local Implementation Plans that will be the responsibility of the local authorities.
8. The final Plan will be presented to Cabinet on January 31st 2020, alongside the Integrated Transport Programme.

CULTURE & TOURISM

9. With TVCA investment, award-winning theatre company, Zest have worked with over 500 young people from Tees Valley to inspire and inform their new show, Youthquake.
10. Following a hugely successful national tour, Youthquake will come home to Tees Valley in January 2020. Partner venues in each of the five boroughs will host performances of the show with tickets fully subsidised. In each area, a youth cast (12 – 20 local young people) will perform alongside the professional company.

INDIGENOUS GROWTH FUND

11. The Combined Authority Investment Plan allocated £50m to the Indigenous Growth Fund (IGF), a programme developed to support the SEP objective to develop 'Place' through area regeneration in support of economic growth.
12. The fund will provide capital support for:
- remediation/regeneration of vacant and derelict land and property;
 - public realm initiatives aimed at creating vibrant town centres;
 - strategic housing initiatives aimed at creating vibrant town centres;
 - investment specialist culture and tourism accommodation

- investment in the provision of specialist (sector specific) business accommodation and fit out.
- Operating costs for discrete programmes designed to support associated capital expenditure.

13. A Programme Business Case has now been approved and the five Local Authorities will soon start to bring forward individual projects for delivery.

BUDGET CONSULTATION

14. The draft Combined Authority Budget for 2020-21 was presented to Cabinet on December 20th 2019.

15. Following this meeting, a four-week period of consultation began which will end on January 20th 2020. A final Budget will then be presented for approval at the Cabinet meeting of Friday January 31st.

JANUARY CABINET

16. The next cabinet meeting will take place on 31st January. The following reports will be on the agenda:

- Mayor's update - a general update on the key activities of the Mayor and Combined Authority since the last Cabinet meeting, which are not covered in other reports to this meeting.
- Governance & Appointments – an update on any changes to governance arrangements or appointments within the Combined Authority.
- Culture programme – approval for the culture programme and budget allocation.
- Strategic Transport Plan – final approval of the plan following the consultation period.
- Integrated Transport programme – approval for funding of projects within the Integrated Transport programme.
- Medium Term Financial Plan (Including Investment Plan Refresh) - final approval of the plan following the consultation period.
- O&S Task & Finish Group budget Consultation Report – final report from the committee following the work of the Finance & Resources sub-committee.
- Innovation Programme – Approval for Investment Plan funding for the Innovation Programme.
- Levelling up of Combined Authority Powers

The below reports will also be on the agenda but are not for publication by virtue of paragraphs 3 of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

- District Energy Network Update

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AGENDA ITEM 7**REPORT TO OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE****THURSDAY JANUARY 16th 2020****REPORT OF FINANCE AND RESOURCES SUB-COMMITTEE****BUDGET CONSULTATION REPORT****SUMMARY**

The Combined Authority is required to set out its Budget on an annual basis and to consult publicly before this Budget receives final approval by Cabinet.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has previously established the practice of convening a Finance and Resources sub-committee - made up of the committee's Vice-Chair and other members - to scrutinise on the Budget in more detail, conduct a full analysis of the draft documents and contribute to this consultation process.

This report details the findings of the sub-committee and their consultation response to be provided to Cabinet at its meeting on Friday January 31st 2020.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- i. Note the process undertaken by Overview and Scrutiny Committee Finance and Resources sub-committee to scrutinise the Budget.
- ii. Note the conclusion of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee Finance and Resources sub-committee that the budget should be noted.
- iii. Approve the attached report for presentation to Tees Valley Combined Authority Cabinet on Friday January 31st 2020.

DETAIL

1. The Overview & Scrutiny Committee agreed at its meeting of September 13th 2018 to establish the practice of convening a standing Finance and Resources sub-committee chaired by the Committee Vice Chair in order to focus on Combined Authority budget arrangements in detail when required, and to report back to the main committee.
2. As agreed at the committee meeting of October 17th 2019, this sub-committee is currently chaired by Councillor Denise Rooney (Middlesbrough Council) Vice-chair of the full committee. The other members of the group are Councillor Sue Jeffrey (Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council) and Councillors Mike Renton, Doris Jones and Stephen Harker (Darlington Borough Council).
3. The sub-committee first met to scrutinise the Combined Authority Budget for 2020/21 on Friday December 20th 2019, after being provided with the draft Budget upon its publication on Friday December 13th 2019. At this meeting they were able to

question the Director of Finance and Resources and Finance Manager on the proposed budget.

4. As a result, a list of the questions was submitted for response by the Director of Finance & Resources for answer at a further sub-committee meeting on Tuesday January 7th 2020.
5. Following these meetings the members of the sub-committee agreed that they were satisfied with the responses given and now felt they had a good understanding of the budget.
6. A report from the sub-committee has subsequently been drafted for presentation at the meeting of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee on Thursday January 16th 2020. This meeting will allow the full committee to review the findings of the sub-committee and put forward any final questions they may have to the Combined Authority Chief Executive.
7. The report in full, including a full list of questions posed by members and officer responses is attached in Appendix 1.
8. Sub-committee members were content with the information provided by officers and agreed to note the budget proposals.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. The final published report will set the budget for the Combined Authority.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

10. As a Mayoral Combined Authority, the Tees Valley Combined Authority is legally required to set a budget for the coming financial year and a Medium Term Financial Plan covering the coming financial year and the three years thereafter. Under its constitution, the Combined Authority is also required to have an Investment Plan.

RISK ASSESSMENT

11. This Budget is categorised as low to medium risk. Existing management systems and daily routine activities are sufficient to control and reduce risk.

CONSULTATION

12. Consultation is being undertaken with the public and key stakeholders in the period December 20th 2019 to January 20th 2020.

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APPENDIX 1

Tees Valley Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Budget 2020-21

The Finance and Resources Sub-Committee, acting with the authority of the Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee, are satisfied with the information provided by officers with regards to the proposed Combined Authority Budget for the period 2020-21.

Whilst concluding that this budget be noted members would like to place on record the following observations:

- The sub-committee raised concerns that the “Investment Plan is as last year with no amendments”, given continuing economic uncertainty. Members accepted that much of the activity undertaken by the Combined Authority since the last budget has focussed on translating broad budget allocations into specific delivery programmes and received assurances from the Combined Authority Director of Finance & Resources relating to the Combined Authority’s approach to risk management, such as the dedicated Lead Brexit Officer and Corporate and Directorate level Risk Registers.
- The sub-committee questioned whether this budget allocates enough resources to Skills Education and Research & Innovation.
- The sub-committee felt that it’s scrutiny of the budget may benefit from further detail as to spending within budget headings – but acknowledged that programmes providing this level of detail are to be presented to Cabinet in the coming months, after which further scrutiny will be possible.
- The sub-committee received assurances from officers that the continuing costs relating from the acquisition of Teesside International Airport were sustainable but continue to note the burden placed on Combined Authority resources of a commitment of this scale. Members noted that the initial Investment Plan allocation to the Airport had now been supplemented with a further loan to the Airport agreed by Cabinet in December 2019, taking financial commitments relating to the Airport to the equivalent to 20% of the overall value of the Combined Authority investment plan or 7% of its overall operating budget.
- The sub-committee notes that the budget sees Investment Plan Borrowing rise from £2,212,000 in 2019/20 to £57,027,000 in 2020/21.

For transparency purposes, the questions asked of officers relating to the budget are detailed in below.

Questions posed to officers by members of the Tees Valley Scrutiny Overview and Scrutiny Committee as part of the 2019-20 Budget Consultation Process at the meeting of Friday December 20th 2019.

- 1. Why is there such a significant year-on-year rise in allocation (from £17.015 in 2019/20 and £17.985m in 2020/21 to £52.7m in 2021/22) in the Business Growth budget heading?**

This budget heading has been revised to include anticipated costs relating to the acquisition of land at the South Tees Development Corporation in this period.

- 2. Can unspent resources be reallocated in other areas?**

Resources allocated to specific projects which remain unspent at the financial close of those projects can be re-allocated within the relevant budget heading.

Such a reallocation would require an appropriate and established decision-making process to be followed which, depending on value of the reallocation, may extend to full Cabinet approval.

- 3. Is the City of Culture bid still being pursued?**

An allocation of £20 million has been earmarked for a programme of activity including destination marketing, festivals & events and programmes of activity. Delivery of the current culture programme funded from the 2017-21 Investment Plan is still ongoing with an end date of March 2020. The new programme of activity is currently being developed and will be reported through to Cabinet in January 2020.

- 4. Should this budget be presented in the name of the Tees Valley Mayor rather than the Chief Executive and Director of Finance & Resources?**

As detailed in the Combined Authority's Constitution, the Chief Executive and Director of Finance & Resources have a statutory responsibility for ensuring the proper administration of the Authority's financial affairs. Previous Combined Authority Budgets have been presented in the name of the incumbent head of paid service or chief financial officer.

The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and confirmed that this practice is appropriate.

- 5. What proportion of the £56.5m allocated to the South Tees Development Corporation comes from central government and what proportion comes from Combined Authority Resources? Is sufficient resource available to meet the cost of the acquisition of outstanding land on the site through Compulsory Purchase?**

All funding detailed in this Budget comes from Combined Authority resources, but details of further government support are anticipated imminently.

Resources allocated for the acquisition of the remaining land on the site are thought sufficient on the basis of independent valuations. If this proves not to be the case, the Compulsory Purchase process allows three years for alternative arrangements to be made.

6. Will ongoing uncertainty relating to the future of HS2 impact on investment in rail infrastructure detailed in paragraph 13 of the budget?

This will be a consideration at the time of any investment being made.

7. What level of liabilities is the Combined Authority exposed to following the acquisition of Teesside International Airport – and what liabilities are the five Constituent Authorities exposed to?

There is a theoretical potential for a residual liability for the five constituent local authorities of all Combined Authority activity. Whilst the investment in the airport does carry financial risk for the Combined Authority independent analysis confirms that there is security in the airport as an asset to mitigate against that risk.

8. How much resourcing is allocated in this budget to attracting Inward Investment to the Tees Valley?

This allocation comes within in the overall Business Growth budget heading and has a value of £1.7m.

9. Is it possible to benchmark figures contained in the budget against other Combined Authorities?

The difference in responsibilities devolved to different Combined Authorities makes direct comparison difficult but work in this area is currently being developed in partnership with other Combined Authority Finance Directors and may be possible in future Budgets.

Government proposals announced in the December 2019 Queen's Speech to "level up" Combined Authority powers may also facilitate this work in future budgets.

10. Why are salary costs in this budget lower than in previous years?

A corporate restructure has been undertaken by the Combined Authority in the most recent financial period leading to reduced staffing costs. There have also been cost savings as a result of an actuarial pension review.

11. Why have Internal Audit costs increased so much year-on-year?

At the time of its inception the Combined Authority inherited an Internal Audit function undertaken by Stockton Borough Council as a legacy from Tees Valley Unlimited. The council served notice in the past year that it no longer wished to provide this service necessitating the Combined Authority going out to the market for a new provider.

The Combined Authority Audit & Governance Committee argued strongly that the future Internal Audit Service be much more comprehensive and rigorous than the previous service – a position supported by officers – leading to increased commissioning costs in line with established market rates.

12. Why has spending on ICT Support Costs increased from £33,000 to £49,817 year-on-year?

Investment has been made in the previous year to generate future ICT savings through smarter working, and to enhance business continuity.

13. Is there a risk that forecast income from government sources is too optimistic?

All allocations and forecasts have been made on the basis only of known income, and comprehensive modelling and scenario analyses are carried out on all income streams.

The Budget is also intentionally cautious when it comes to potential future financial returns generated through investments such as the South Tees Development Corporation and Teesside International Airport.

14. Are reserve levels detailed in the budget adequate?

No national recommendations or benchmarking exist for suggested Combined Authority reserve levels as is the case for Local Authorities, but detailed internal analysis is being undertaken to provide more comprehensive analysis of this issue in future Budgets.

With a focus on investment rather than service delivery, the Combined Authority has less prima facie need to maintain reserves at similar levels to local authorities, but government proposals relating to the “levelling up” of Combined Authority powers may require this to be reconsidered.

REPORT TO THE TEES VALLEY COMBINED AUTHORITY
OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

16th JANUARY 2020

REPORT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

DELEGATED DECISIONS OCTOBER 2019-JANUARY 2020

SUMMARY

The table below shows the Delegated Decisions signed off by the Combined Authority between October 2019 and January 2020

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Combined Authority Overview & Scrutiny Committee note the table below.

DETAIL

1. The table below shows the Delegated Decisions signed off by the Combined Authority between October 2019 – January 2020.

Title	Amount	Date signed	Key Decision
<p>Darlington Station – urgent land acquisition (<i>key decision made previously</i>) Funding released in advance of the outline Business Case. There are a number of sites identified for acquisition to help ensure the “Station Gateway” elements of the overall scheme can be delivered to the Transforming Cities Fund timeframe. This is to secure the purchase of a key site in agreement with the land owner.</p>	400,000	14/10/19	No
<p>Stockton International Riverside Festival (<i>key decision made previously</i>) The Stockton International Riverside Festival is an annual free outdoor arts and street theatre festival in Stockton-on-Tees. In collaboration with companies such as the Stockton Arts Centre and performers, it creates a unique and entertaining programme of arts, commissioned work and select performances. Taking place over four days in August, it attracts international artists performing to thousands of spectators.</p>	57,000	31/10/19	No
<p>Feasibility Report - District Heating (<i>key decision will be made if bid successful</i>) Funds needed to match with Darlington Borough Council to look to deliver techno-feasibility study following masterplan Scope for District Heating</p>	10,000	04/11/19	No

Title	Amount	Date signed	Key Decision
<p>provision to LA and commercial properties in Darlington City Centre. Initial scoping report delivered and funded by BEIS via the Heat Network Delivery Unit. DBC have got match funding in place and are ready to proceed</p>			
<p>Central Park - Incubation Space & Office Development (<i>key decision made previously</i>) Approval was previously given for £10m for the Central Park CPI Healthcare Futures Centre project. A business case was submitted, and due diligence has been undertaken which resulted in changes to the delivery mechanism for this project. This has resulted in a need for Darlington Council to redesign their Business Central 2 project to incorporate incubation space. Due to the project changes a requirement for £500,000 in advance of the business case submission is requested to complete the design work that feeds into both the TVCA and ERDF business case.</p>	500,000	15/11/19	No
<p>Revitalising Redcar Project (<i>key decision made previously</i>) Approval was previously given for up to £20million for the 'Revitalising Redcar & Cleveland' Programme. £1,199,829 (6%) is sought as advance funding for Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council to develop project business cases to be considered under delegated arrangements as set out in the Assurance Framework. This expenditure will ensure the Regent Cinema, Coatham Development and Redcar Station is developed through RIBA Stages 1- 4 which will inform the overarching programme business case and subsequent call off of funds.</p>	1,199,829	29/11/19	No
<p>Supporting offshore wind supply chain projects across the Tees Valley (<i>key decision made previously</i>) This work aligns with the Business Growth and the Research, Development, Innovation and Energy themes within the SEP. This specifically supports the Development of key sector networks to encourage knowledge transfer/collaboration as identified in both the Advanced manufacturing and Process, Chemicals and Sector Action Plans. The offshore wind sector is identified as a key opportunity with the draft Local Industrial Strategy and as a key sector for potential occupiers of the South Tees Development Corporation.</p>	65,000	12/12/19	No

2. All key decisions are sent to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee within 2 days of being made. All other delegated decisions are provided for information at their next scheduled meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. The report derives from the Constitution and Assurance Framework for the Combined Authority, which have embedded within them the statutory financial regulations.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4. The Report derives from the Constitution and the Assurance Framework for the Combined Authority which sets out the appropriate statutory framework and is legally binding.

RISK ASSESSMENT

5. The report is categorised as low risk. Existing management systems and daily routine activities are sufficient to control and reduce risk.

CONSULTATION & COMMUNICATION

6. Not Applicable

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

7. Not Applicable

LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP

8. Not Applicable

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Tees Valley Combined Authority Overview & Scrutiny Proposed Work Programme 2019/20

Standing Items

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16 th January 2020 at 2pm	Cavendish House Teesdale Business Park Stockton On Tees TS17 6QY	Budget Report – Finance & Resources Sub Committee. Tees Valley Airport Update Culture Portfolio Update
19 th March 2020 at 10.30am	Cavendish House Teesdale Business Park Stockton On Tees TS17 6QY	LEP Update Education Portfolio Update

Proposed Items to be scheduled

- Annual Financial Statements & Annual Report
- Combined Authority Budget – Quarterly updates
- Portfolio Lead updates
- Strength in Places Fund – Hydrogen Economy Project
- Updates from Finance and Resources Sub Committee (where applicable)

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