

TEES VALLEY COMBINED AUTHORITY CABINET

**Cavendish House, Teesdale Business Park, Stockton-On-Tees at 10.00am on
Friday 27th July 2018**

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

<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 Jim Beall	Deputy Leader, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Councillor Stephen Harker	Leader, Darlington Borough Council
Councillor Sue Jeffrey	Leader, Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council
Paul Booth	Chair, Tees Valley LEP
<u>Associate Members</u>	
David Soley	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Mark South	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Simon Hanson	Observer, Tees Valley LEP
<u>Apologies for Absence</u>	
Councillor Bob Cook	Leader, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Darren Hankey	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Professor Paul Croney	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Jerry Hopkinson	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Angela Howey	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Mike Matthews	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Graham Robb	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Nigel Perry	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Albert Pattison	Member of Tees Valley LEP
<u>Officers</u>	
Julie Danks	Deputy Chief Executive, Stockton Borough Council
Amanda Skelton	Chief Executive, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council
Paul Wildsmith	Managing Director, Darlington Borough Council
Denise Ogden	Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods, Hartlepool Borough Council
Julie Gilhespie	Interim Managing Director, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Andrew Nixon	Monitoring Officer, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Sarah Brackenborough	Governance Manager, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Julie Gilhespie	Interim Managing Director, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Linda Edworthy	Strategy Director, Tees Valley Combined Authority

Martin Waters	Head of Finance, Resources and Housing, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Mark Wilson	Head of Transport, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Alison Fellows	Investment Director, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Neil Cuthbertson	Finance Manager, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Gareth Roberts	Senior Manager, Mazars LLP

TVCA 17/18	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
TVCA 18/18	<p>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <p>RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 1st June 2018 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.</p>
TVCA 19/18	<p>MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>Cabinet received an update on the outcome of the LEP Review, following its announcement on Tuesday 24th July. The key points to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of LEPs was to be strengthened; • The amount of capacity funding available to LEPs was to be doubled; • Transparency arrangements would be further improved; • Targets on gender representation had been announced as part of the review – a third of boards should be female by 2020 and one half should be female by 2023; • Government will work with LEP areas on overlapping geographies, 21 of the 38 LEP areas have overlapping geography; • Government would consolidate engagement with LEPs and CAs. <p>The Cabinet welcomed the review and agreed that Tees Valley will set a target of half of the LEP Board to be female by 2020. It was noted that there were also other diversity requirements. Cabinet also requested a report to the next meeting setting out the opportunities and full details of the review.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the updated be noted.</p>
TVCA 20/18	<p>ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR</p> <p>The Chair welcomed Councillor Stephen Harker to the Cabinet and noted the thanks and best wishes on behalf of the Cabinet to Councillor Bill Dixon.</p> <p>The Chair also welcomed Mark South, LEP Associate Member, to the Cabinet.</p> <p>The Cabinet was shown a video from Middlesbrough FC backing the Tees Valley's Rugby League World Cup Bid for 2021.</p>
TVCA 21/18	<p>GOVERNANCE AND APPOINTMENTS</p> <p>The Cabinet considered a number of appointments.</p>

	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The following appointments be approved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Councillor Stephen Harker, Cabinet Member and Tees Valley Deputy Mayor; o Councillor Norma Stephenson OBE, Chair, Overview and Scrutiny Committee; o Councillor Ian Haszeldine, Vice-Chair, Overview and Scrutiny Committee; o Councillor Nicky Walker, Chair, Audit and Governance Committee; o Councillor Barry Woodhouse, Vice-Chair, Audit and Governance Committee; o Councillor Anne Marshall, Member of Audit and Governance Committee. ii. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee's intention to conduct a study in to the diversity of the membership of TVCA be noted; iii. The withdrawal of the resignation of Siobhan McArdle from the LEP Board be noted.
TVCA 22/18	<p>INTERIM MANAGING DIRECTOR'S UPDATE</p> <p>Cabinet received a report providing a general update on the key activities of the Combined Authority since the last Cabinet meeting not covered in other reports to the meeting.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the update be noted.</p>
TVCA 23/18	<p>EXTERNAL AUDIT COMPLETION REPORT</p> <p>Cabinet considered a report detailing the findings of the external audit completed by Mazars LLP, for the financial year ended 31st March 2018.</p> <p>It was noted that the materiality figure on page 4 of the Audit Completion report had been amended to £1.537m.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the contents of the External Auditor report on the audit of the statement of group accounts for Tees Valley Combined Authority and South Tees Development Corporation, containing a value for money opinion, be noted.</p>
TVCA 24/18	<p>ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</p> <p>Cabinet considered a report detailing the Financial Statements, incorporating the Annual Governance Statement and Annual Report.</p> <p>The Interim Managing Director noted her thanks to the team at Mazars.</p> <p>Resolved that the Financial Statements the Annual Governance Statement and the Annual Report for 2017/18 be approved.</p>
TVCA 25/18	<p>INVESTMENT PLAN DELIVERY REPORT</p> <p>Cabinet received a report setting out progress made to date delivering the Tees Valley Combined Authority Investment Plan.</p>

	RESOLVED that the current position of the investment programme and project updates be noted.
TVCA 26/18	<p>HARTLEPOOL WESTERN GROWTH CORRIDOR</p> <p>Report detailing the proposal and request for funding by Hartlepool Borough Council to bring forward construction of a Western Growth Corridor for Hartlepool.</p> <p>Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher reiterated the importance of the scheme and welcomed the continued support of the Combined Authority to work with Homes England and the Housing infrastructure Fund.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Mayor and Portfolio Holder for Investment should be consulted as part of recommendation vii.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. the progress with the development of plans for the New Road be noted; ii. the work being carried out by HBC with Highways England and Homes England to bring the Project forward be noted; iii. it be noted that the total project cost is estimated at £18 million, of which £9.655 million will be funded by HBC by way of prudential borrowing against future s.106 contributions enabled by the New Road; iv. it be noted that this leaves a current funding gap of £8.345 million and that it is proposed that the Combined Authority invests half of this amount by way of grant funding; v. subject to business case approval and to due diligence, the investment of £4,172,500 of Combined Authority grant funding into the Project, be approved; vi. it be noted that the Combined Authority will continue to work with HBC to seek the balance of the funding required for the New Road (£4,172,500) from Homes England under its Housing Infrastructure Fund programme ("HIF"); and vii. the finalisation of the funding and associated contractual arrangements be delegated to the Interim Managing Director and the Investment Director, in consultation with the Mayor and Portfolio Holder for Investment.
TVCA 27/18	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Friday 28th September 2018</p>