

**TEES VALLEY COMBINED AUTHORITY CABINET**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 10am**

**Cavendish House, Teesdale Business Park, Stockton-On-Tees**

<b><u>ATTENDEES</u></b>	
<b><u>Members</u></b>	
Mayor Ben Houchen (Chair)	Tees Valley Mayor
Councillor Heather Scott OBE	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
Councillor Mieka Smiles	Middlesbrough, Deputy Mayor
Siobhan McCardle	LEP Board Chair
<b><u>Associate Members</u></b>	
Jen Vanderhoven	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Joanna Wade	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Kate Roe	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Stephen Gill	Member of Tees Valley LEP
<b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b>	
Mayor Andy Preston	Mayor of Middlesbrough
Annabel Turpin	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Brenda McLeish	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Matthew Ord	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Andrew Fulton	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Yasmin Khan	Member of Tees Valley LEP
<b><u>Officers and Others in Attendance</u></b>	
Julie Gilhespie	Group Chief Executive, Tees Valley Combined Authority, TVCA
Peter Judge	Monitoring Officer, TVCA
Gary Macdonald	Group Director of Finance & Resources, TVCA
Alison Fellows	Group Commercial Director, TVCA
Nolan Gray	Freeport Director, TVCA
Ruth Callaghan	Governance Manager, TVCA
Julie Danks	Managing Director, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Ian Williams	Chief Executive, Darlington Borough Council
Denise McGuckin	Managing Director, Hartlepool Borough Council
<b>TVCA 17/21</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>  Apologies for absence were submitted as detailed above.
<b>TVCA 18/21</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>

	No interests were declared by Cabinet Members
<b>BUSINESS MEETING:</b>	
<b>TVCA 19/21</b>	<p><b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b></p> <p>No amendments were raised and the minutes agreed as an accurate record of the previous meeting. There were no matters arising.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 2 July 2021 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.</p>
<b>TVCA 20/21</b>	<p><b>MAYOR'S UPDATE REPORT</b></p> <p>Mayor Houchen welcomed LEP Board members who had recently joined as associate members of the cabinet.</p> <p>Mayor Houchen introduced a report providing a general update on the key activities of the Mayor and Combined Authority since the last Cabinet meeting.</p> <p>A member recommended that it would be important to understand the spread of Covid recovery grants issued in different areas of the Tees Valley to understand which areas were not receiving the help they needed. Mayor Houchen agreed to circulate any relevant information on the spread of funding across the Tees Valley area.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet noted the report.</p>
<b>TVCA 21/21</b>	<p><b>GOVERNANCE AND APPOINTMENTS</b></p> <p>Members noted and agreed the proposed governance appointments.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. agreed the appointments as set out in this report</li> <li>ii. agreed the amendments proposed to procedure rule 19 of the TVCA Constitution as discussed in this report.</li> </ul>
<b>TVCA 22/21</b>	<p><b>STDC Constitution</b></p> <p>Mayor Houchen confirmed that the STDC Board were content with the proposed amendments to the constitution. He noted that the changes had benefitted from editorial support from Stockton Council. Mayor Houchen stated that he was content to recommend the approval of the amended STDC constitution.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Agreed the amendments to the Constitution as set out in Appendix 1.</li> <li>ii. Agreed that the revised Constitution may be published.</li> </ul>
<b>TVCA 23/21</b>	<p><b>Quarter 1 Budget Report and Medium-Term Financial Plan Update</b></p> <p>Cabinet were advised that the budget update included an overview of new funding investments secured since the last update to Cabinet. Mayor Houchen thanked Gary McDonald for his work in developing the updated budget.</p>

	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Noted the quarter 1 financial position as of 30 June 2021: and</li> <li>ii. Approved the revised Medium-Term Financial Plan.</li> </ul>
<b>TVCA 24/21</b>	<p><b>AIRPORT UPDATE</b></p> <p>It was noted that Cabinet had received the full version of the update report and that a redacted version had been made available to the public. There was no discussion relating to the report.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The updated position on the airport ownership</li> <li>ii. The progress made by the airport during the period since the previous Cabinet Report</li> <li>iii. The updated TIA Business Plan (2021-2029)</li> </ul>
<b>TVCA 25/21</b>	<p><b>FREEPORT UPDATE</b></p> <p>It was noted that Cabinet had received the full version of the update report. Under the terms of paragraph 3 of schedule 12a Local Government Act 1972, this report and appendices are not for publication.</p> <p>Mayor Houchen noted that a huge amount of work has gone into the Freeport Project by the Combined Authority and its constituent authorities. It was noted that the development of the final report had been dependent on several pieces of advice from across different Central Government Departments and Agencies.</p> <p>Mayor Houchen thanked Councillor Lanigan for her contribution to the project.</p> <p>Members questioned the rationale for the proposed Freeport Board membership which proposed that Jacob Young MP be appointed to represent all local interest. It was noted that Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council would also be represented. Members raised whether it would be beneficial for the MP representation to come from a different area within the Tees Valley to offer greater balance.</p> <p>Mayor Houchen agreed to discuss this matter with Jacob Young MP and to keep the issue of the constitution of the Freeport Board under review.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet noted the contents of the Freeport Update report.</p>
<b>TVCA 26/21</b>	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 10am</p>