

TEES VALLEY COMBINED AUTHORITY CABINET

Friday 28th October 2022 at 10am

Teesside

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
Councillor Mary Lanigan	Leader, Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council
Councillor Robert Cook	Leader, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Councillor Jonathan Dulston	Leader, Darlington Borough Council
Councillor Mike Young	Deputy Leader, Hartlepool Borough Council
Councillor Mieka Smiles	Deputy Mayor of Middlesbrough
Siobhan McArdle	Chair of Tees Valley LEP
<u>Officers and Others in Attendance</u>	
Julie Gilhespie	Group Chief Executive, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Peter Judge	Group Chief Legal Officer (Monitoring Officer), Tees Valley Combined Authority
Garry Cummings	Director of Finance, Development & Regeneration and Deputy MD
Geoff Field	Director of Environment and Community Services Middlesbrough Council
John Sampson	Managing Director, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council
Cllr John Hobson	Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Sally Henry	Governance Officer, TVCA
<u>Apologies</u>	
Mayor Andy Preston	Mayor of Middlesbrough
Councillor Shane Moore	Leader, Hartlepool Borough Council
Tony Parkinson	Middlesbrough Council
Denise McGuckin	Hartlepool Borough Council
Ian Williams	Darlington Borough Council
TVCA 012/22	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies for absence were submitted as detailed above.
TVCA 13/22	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST As Chair of the Local Enterprise Partnership, Siobhan McArdle declared an interest in item 9 – Tees Valley LEP Integration Plan for LEP Integration Plan.

<p>TVCA 14/22</p>	<p>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd July, 2022 were agreed as an accurate record. There were no matters arising.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd July 2022 were confirmed as an accurate record.</p>
<p>TVCA 15/22</p>	<p>GOVERNANCE & APPOINTMENTS</p> <p>Cabinet were invited to ratify the Chair and Vice Chair of the Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Chair and Vice Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee.</p> <p>They were advised that the Vice Chair of the Transport Committee will be updated at a future Cabinet meeting due to the timing of their meeting.</p> <p>Cabinet were also asked to ratify the appointment of a TVCA Audit & Governance representative to the STDC Audit and Governance Committee and also the appointment of an independent representative on to the STDC Audit and Governance Committee.</p> <p>Cabinet were asked to note the resignation of Liz Dargue from the Independent Remuneration Panel and note her replacement on the Panel.</p> <p>A resolution was passed to exclude the press and public under paragraphs 1 & 2 of schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972.</p> <p>The resolution was proposed by Cllr Lanigan and seconded by Cllr Dulston.</p> <p>Cabinet were then asked to note the appointments to the shadow board of the proposed Mayoral Development Corporations for Middlesbrough and Hartlepool. Following discussion Cabinet agreed to the appointments.</p> <p>Cabinet were also asked to approve the proposed amendments to the TVCA Constitution.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet agreed the appointments as set out in the report and at appendix 1; and • Approved the amendments to the Constitution.
<p>TVCA 16/22</p>	<p>MAYOR'S UPDATE REPORT</p> <p>The Chair introduced a report providing a general update on the key activities of the Mayor and Combined Authority since the last Cabinet meeting.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet noted the report.</p>

<p>TVCA 17/22</p>	<p>OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY INVESTMENT PLAN REFERRAL REPORT</p> <p>The Overview & Scrutiny Committee was invited to review the decision made by the Cabinet in relation to the approval of the Investment Plan Refresh (specifically recommendation 1) and agree whether to make a report and submit any appropriate recommendations to Cabinet. The Committee also considered whether their report should be published.</p> <p>The Committee met in August and agreed that a report of the meeting should be made to Cabinet for consideration and that the report be published.</p> <p>The Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee attended Cabinet and confirmed that the meetings had involved a robust question and answer session between committee members and The Mayor and Group Chief Executive.</p> <p>The Mayor thanked the Overview & Scrutiny Committee for their work.</p> <p>Councillor Lanigan confirmed that she was satisfied with the report and thanked the Committee for the level of detail that they had gone into.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet noted the report.</p>
<p>TVCA 18/22</p>	<p>QUARTER 1 BUDGET REPORT & MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN UPDATE</p> <p>Members were provided an update on the financial position of the Combined Authority for the period ending 30 June 2022 and presented with a revised Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP).</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted the quarter 1 financial position as of 30 June 2022. • Noted the revised Medium-Term Financial Plan; and • Noted that the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) programme delivery plan has now been agreed by government. <p>Councillor Cook enquired whether there was any cause for concern re: the increase in interest rates and borrowing. He was advised that the situation is being monitored on a daily basis and weekly calls are held with the auditors who have not raised any concerns. The situation will be assessed after the budget.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet noted the report.</p>
<p>TVCA 19/2022</p>	<p>TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID-YEAR UPDATE 2022/23</p> <p>Cabinet were informed of the mid-year performance against the treasury management and prudential indicators set in the Treasury Management Strategy approved by the Authority in January 2022.</p>

	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet noted the content of this report and the associated treasury management limits. • Cabinet approved the change from GE to SeAH as anchor tenant at Teesworks which remains within the previously approved borrowing limits and risk profile.
<p>TVCA 20/2022</p>	<p>TEES VALLEY LEP INTEGRATION PLAN</p> <p>Following a review of Local Enterprise Partnerships, the Government’s Levelling Up White Paper stated that “LEPs should be better integrated and aligned with empowered local institutions to unlock growth” and “should merge with MCAs where they exist”. LEPs were required to submit a Plan to Government, setting out their integration approach.</p> <p>Cabinet was presented with a report detailing how Tees Valley proposes to use this opportunity to review existing ways of working to enable a stronger and more influential business-led partnership.</p> <p>The LEP Chair, Siobhan McArdle thanked everyone concerned for all the work involved in getting to this stage. She explained that a rigorous process had been completed which included several meetings with Chief Executives.</p> <p>The Mayor confirmed that the LEP is an independent voice for business but works collaboratively with TVCA.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved the LEP Integration Plan; • Approved the proposed constitutional amendments set out in Appendix 1. • Delegated to the Local Enterprise Partnership Chair, working in partnership with the Group Director of Business and Skills, responsibility to deliver the Integration Plan. This will include working with existing Business and Local Authority Leaders to rebrand and develop Terms of Reference for the LEP successor body.
	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Friday 9th December 2022 at 10am</p>