

TEES VALLEY COMBINED AUTHORITY CABINET

Friday 24th July 2020 at 10am

Under the provisions of the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 this meeting took place via video link.

<u>ATTENDEES</u>	
<u>Members</u>	
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
Mayor Andy Preston	Mayor of Middlesbrough
Paul Booth	Chair, Tees Valley Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)
<u>Associate Members</u>	
David Soley	Vice Chair, Tees Valley Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)
Annabel Turpin	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Zoe Lewis	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Brenda McLeish	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Jerry Hopkinson	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Mike Matthews	Member of Tees Valley LEP
<u>Apologies for Absence</u>	
Graham Robb	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Angela Howey	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Nigel Perry	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Professor Paul Croney	Member of Tees Valley LEP
James Ramsbotham	Business Organisation Representative, Tees Valley LEP
<u>Officers and Others in Attendance</u>	
Julie Gilhespie	Chief Executive, Tees Valley Combined Authority (TVCA)
Andrew Nixon	Monitoring Officer, TVCA
Gary Macdonald	Group Director of Finance & Resources, TVCA
Alison Fellows	Director of Commercial & Delivery, TVCA
Chris Beck	Director of Business & Skills, TVCA
Tom Bryant	Head of Transport & Infrastructure, TVCA

Shona Duncan	Head of Education, Employment & Skills, TVCA
Laura Metcalfe	Governance Manager, TVCA
Sally Henry	Governance Officer, TVCA
Rob Mitchell	Head of Policy and Performance, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council
Andrew Carter	Assistant Director Economic Growth, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council
Paul Wildsmith	Managing Director, Darlington Borough Council
Julie Danks	Managing Director, Stockton Borough Council
Tony Parkinson	Chief Executive, Middlesbrough Council

TVCA 01/20	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Apologies for absence were submitted as detailed above.</p>
TVCA 02/20	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>Councillor Cook, Councillor Lanigan, Councillor Moore, Councillor Scott, Mayor Preston, Zoe Lewis and Brenda McLeish declared an interest in agenda item 11, Adult Education Budget, as their establishments were involved in the grant process.</p> <p>In relation to confidential item 12, Culture Paper, a record of the declaration of interest from the Cabinet Member from the local authority area that the event will take place in is held by the Combined Authority.</p>
ANNUAL MEETING BUSINESS:	
TVCA 03/20	<p>GOVERNANCE AND APPOINTMENTS</p> <p>Cabinet considered several items of business at its Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>Councillor Norma Stephenson noted that the Stockton Council nominated substitutes for Overview & Scrutiny Committee were Councillors Eileen Johnson, Pauline Beall and Lynn Hall.</p> <p>Councillor Bob Cook noted that the nomination from Stockton Council for Overview & Scrutiny of Councillor Matthew Vickers was to be replaced with Councillor Tony Riordan.</p> <p>Councillor Mary Lanigan noted that the Redcar & Cleveland Council nomination for Audit & Governance Committee was Councillor Sandra Smith and the nomination for substitute member was Councillor Peter Berry.</p> <p>Councillor Heather Scott noted that the Darlington Council outstanding nominations for Overview & Scrutiny Committee were Councillors Bob Donoghue & Pauline Culley.</p>

	<p>Councillor Shane Moore noted that the Hartlepool Council nominations for Overview & Scrutiny Committee were Councillors Paddy Brown and Brenda Loynes, and Councillor Cameron Stokell was nominated as substitute member.</p> <p>Jerry Hopkinson noted that he was the LEP Member nominated to attend Transport Committee on a non-voting basis.</p> <p>Councillor Shane Moore noted that Mary Lanigan was nominated as Deputy Mayor in line with the rotation specified in the Combined Authority constitution.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. agreed the appointments as set out at Appendix 1; ii. agreed the members' allowances scheme for 2020-21 at Appendix 2; iii. confirmed changes to Combined Authority governance procedure as recommended by Internal Auditors.
TVCA 04/20	<p>CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS</p> <p>Cabinet agreed the Combined Authority Constitution in May 2017.</p> <p>The Constitution of the Combined Authority was agreed in May 2017. The Constitution has subsequently been periodically reviewed to ensure it is up to date and fit for purpose with proposed amendments traditionally presented for Cabinet approval at the Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>A table summarising the proposed amendments for the forthcoming year was presented to Cabinet.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet approved the proposed amendments to the Constitution.</p>
BUSINESS MEETING:	
TVCA 05/20	<p>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <p>RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 29th May 2020 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.</p>
TVCA 06/20	<p>MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>None</p>
TVCA 07/20	<p>MAYOR'S UPDATE REPORT</p> <p>The Tees Valley Mayor 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 08/20</p>	<p>INVESTMENT PLAN DELIVERY REPORT Q4</p> <p>Members received an update on delivery of the Combined Authority ten-year investment plan in the period January – March 2020.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet noted the report.</p>
<p>TVCA 09/20</p>	<p>OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT</p> <p>Councillor Norma Stephenson, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2019/20, presented the Committee’s Annual Report for the period of May 2019 to April 2020.</p> <p>Councillor Stephenson noted her thanks to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Robert Jenrick, for his quick response to her query relating to the appointment of substitute members for the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>Councillor Stephenson also noted her thanks to Cabinet for approving the amendment to the Tees Valley Combined Authority’s constitution allowing substitute members for this Committee. She added that she hopes this will ensure there are no further inquorate meeting of the Committee moving forward.</p> <p>Councillor Cook noted he was pleased that there had been a quorate meeting of the Committee to agree this report for Cabinet. He noted the important role of the Committee in ensuring effective scrutiny and transparency.</p> <p>Mayor Houchen noted the comments and added that with the exception of Councillor Stephenson who has always maintained attendance to Overview & Scrutiny Committee meetings, he would be pleased to see Councillors turning up to these meetings as that is what they are paid to do.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet noted the report.</p>
<p>TVCA 10/20</p>	<p>INWARD INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY</p> <p>Cabinet considered a report recommending, for approval, the award of £5.8m for a highway interchange improvement in order to secure a large inward investment opportunity with the potential to secure up to 3000 jobs.</p> <p>The interchange improvement is currently part of a wider bid for Department for Transport (DfT) funding, but if this bid is unsuccessful, approval is sought for the Combined Authority to award £5.8m in grant funding on the condition of a formal commitment from the investor to develop the opportunity. The grant award would be subject to a business case and appropriate due diligence in accordance with the Combined Authority’s Assurance Framework.</p> <p>A condition of the investor is that at this stage all details relating to the investment opportunity and proposed site must be kept confidential.</p> <p>Jerry Hopkinson, LEP Member, queried why with the substantial land blocks in the area under control of the Combined Authority, the interchange is needed.</p>

	<p>Mayor Houchen confirmed that the identity of the inward investor and the proposed location is confidential however, he can confirm that there have several been months of dialogue with the investor and they have chosen the location and have been clear on their infrastructure requirements. He added that without the interchange improvements, they will look elsewhere in the country to place this investment. He said that this where the public sector plays a part in securing jobs and investment.</p> <p>Jerry Hopkinson noted that the location was at the discretion of the investor however there are significant land bulks at Teesside International Airport and on the South Tees Development Corporation site that could be acceptable.</p> <p>Mayor Houchen confirmed that the Combined Authority have not been involved in the decision relating to the site for investment. Other options were put forward to the investor, but they opted to continue with their original choice of location. He added that the Combined Authority are here to make sure this happens.</p> <p>Jerry Hopkinson concluded that he felt it would be great if this opportunity was brought to fruition.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Approved an in principle £5.8m grant award for the interchange improvement, on the condition of a formal commitment from the investor to develop the opportunity in Tees Valley. The grant would only be required if the wider bid to DfT is unsuccessful. ii. Approved that, should a grant from the Combined Authority be required, then in accordance with the Assurance Framework a business case is developed, and approval is delegated to the Combined Authority Chief Executive, in consultation with Tees Valley Management Group, the S73 Officer and the Monitoring Officer.
<p>TVCA 11/20</p>	<p>ADULT EDUCATION BUDGET (AEB)</p> <p>Cabinet considered a report providing detail regarding the approach to making funding allocations for the devolved Adult Education Budget for academic year 2020/21. This funding provides adult skills training for the unemployed and those on low wages delivered by 31 Training providers, including Further Education and Sixth Form Colleges, Independent Training providers and the five Councils in the Tees Valley.</p> <p>Julie Gilhespie, Tees Valley Combined Authority Chief Executive, noted that for the avoidance of doubt, the requirements noted in paragraph 19 of the report are based on existing funding rules.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Approved the presented provider funding allocations of £25.6m, plus uplift and any additional carry over learning values (estimated at £200k) for the 2020/21 Academic Year;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. Approved the approach considering further in-year funding allocations for 2020/21 once the impact of Covid19 is clearer and the carry over funding is confirmed; iii. Agreed to delegate the operational management including any in-year additional funding allocations to the Chief Executive in consultation with the elected mayor and portfolio holder in line with existing decision-making approvals; iv. Approved the implementation of a revised, linear payment profile; v. Agreed to receive a further report in 2021 summarising the outcome of an external evaluation of AEB for the 2019/20 Academic Year.
TVCA 12/20	<p>CULTURE PAPER</p> <p>Cabinet considered a report requesting the approval of the allocation of funds from the £20m identified for Culture & Tourism activity in the Combined Authority's Investment Plan, to support the delivery of a major event in 2023.</p> <p>Jerry Hopkinson, LEP Member, highlighted the extensive amount of planning that would be required for the event.</p> <p>Councillor Cook noted that the Combined Authority needs to ensure there is a legacy from the Culture & Tourism funds in the investment plan. He added that a strategy in relation to these funds would be beneficial rather than approving individual projects in a piecemeal fashion.</p> <p>Mayor Houchen agreed with these comments and noted that Annabel Turpin, LEP Member, has recently been appointed to lead on developing the Combined Authority's Cultural Strategy. Her knowledge and experience of the sector is invaluable and will provide a sense of direction. He added that he looks forward to seeing the Strategy develop.</p> <p>Annabel Turpin confirmed she is looking forward to getting started on this work in the following week.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Subject to due diligence, approved the allocation requested of the Investment Plan culture funding to support the delivery of the event in 2023, as set out in this report; and ii. Delegated the finalisation of the funding and associated contractual arrangements to the Chief Executive and Group Director of Finance & Resources.
TVCA 13/20	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>None.</p>
TVCA 14/20	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Friday 11th September 2020 at 10am.</p>