

TEES VALLEY COMBINED AUTHORITY CABINET

Friday 17th December 2021 at 10am

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

<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 Jim Beall	Deputy Leader, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Mayor Andy Preston	Mayor of Middlesbrough
<u>Associate Members</u>	
Stephen Gill	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Matthew Ord	Member of Tees Valley LEP
<u>Apologies for Absence</u>	
Siobhan McArdle	LEP Board Chair
Councillor Bob Cook	Leader, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Joanna Wade	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Kate Roe	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Annabel Turpin	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Andrew Fulton	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Yasmin Khan	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Brenda McLeish	Member of Tees Valley LEP
Graeme Mallows	Member of Tees Valley LEP
<u>Officers and Others in Attendance</u>	
Julie Gilhespie	Group Chief Executive, Tees Valley Combined Authority, TVCA
Peter Judge	Monitoring Officer, TVCA
Gary Macdonald	Group Director of Finance & Resources, TVCA
Chris Beck	Director of Education and Skills, TVCA
Ruth Callaghan	Governance Manager, TVCA
Julie Danks	Managing Director, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Denise McGuckin	Managing Director, Hartlepool Borough Council
TVCA 27/21	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies for absence were submitted as detailed above. It was noted that Cllr Bob Cook's absence was due to a family matter.
TVCA 28/21	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

	<p>All Council leaders declared an interest in the decision on the Adult Education Budget decision.</p> <p>Cllr Jim Beall noted that he attends Stockton-on-Tees Council's Learning and Skills Governors meeting.</p> <p>No other interests were declared by Cabinet Members.</p>
BUSINESS MEETING:	
TVCA 29/21	<p>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <p>The minutes were 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 24th September 2021 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.</p>
TVCA 30/21	<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>Mayor Houchen added there had been a further recent announcement regarding the relocation of AXA to Middlesbrough retaining and securing new jobs within the Tees Valley region.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet noted the report.</p>
TVCA 31/21	<p>GOVERNANCE AND APPOINTMENTS</p> <p>Cabinet were provided a summary of changes to the membership of Tees Valley Combined Authority committees which have taken place since the previous Cabinet. They were also provided with details of a proposed amendment to article 62 of the TVCA Constitution.</p> <p>The Monitoring Officer noted the request from LEP Board to amend constitution to allow them to appoint up to 2 deputies as set out on page 3. Members supported this proposal.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. agreed the appointments as set out in this report ii. agreed the amendments proposed to article 62 of the TVCA Constitution as discussed in the report.
TVCA 32/21	<p>QUARTER 2 BUDGET REPORT AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN UPDATE</p> <p>Cabinet were provided an update on the financial position of the Combined Authority for the period ending 30 September 2021 and presented a revised Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP).</p>

	<p>It was noted that a Member had raised questions previously in relation to Hartlepool train station and that these had been satisfactorily actioned.</p> <p>Another Member had also raised questions regarding carparking which had also been satisfactorily addressed.</p> <p>Mayor Houchen reiterated that he had always been committed to upgrades to Hartlepool rail station to help increase capacity on the rail network in the Tees Valley area.</p> <p>A member explained that their queries regarding the offshore wind settlement had been addressed. Mayor Houchen confirmed that the funding was central government grant funding being accessed to fund the development of South Bank Quay.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. noted the quarter 2 financial position as of 30 September 2021: and ii. approved the revised Medium-Term Financial Plan.
TVCA 33/21	<p>TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID YEAR REVIEW 2021/22</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 2021.</p> <p>GM noted that further updates on debt and treasury management would be provided at future meetings if there was anything to report.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Cabinet noted the contents of the report: and ii. approved the revised Investment Limits set out in para 23 of the report.
TVCA 34/21	<p>ADOPTION OF DRAFT INVESTMENT PLAN, BUDGET 2022-23 AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN</p> <p>Cabinet were invited to agree the high-level financial allocations for the Investment Plan 2021-29 and approve the Draft Budget and Investment Plan for 2022-23 for the purposes of consultation.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Agreed the high-level financial allocations for the Investment Plan 2021-29: and ii. Approved the Draft Budget and Investment Plan for 2022-23 for the purposes of consultation.
TVCA 35/21	<p>ADULT EDUCATION BUDGET</p> <p>Cabinet were requested to approve the implementation of a reconciliation process for the devolved Adult Education Budget for Academic year 2020/21.</p>

	<p>The impact of Covid 19 has been significant on training providers ability to deliver training and Tees Valley residents to access it. The performance of providers has been less than anticipated. To ensure effective use of public spending reconciliation is considered necessary.</p> <p>Mayor Houchen acknowledged the large amount of work undertaken by TVCA and local authority counterparts to allocate funds from September 2022.</p> <p>A member asked for confirmation that discussions had taken place with Darlington College. Mayor Houchen and the Director of Business and Skills confirmed that extensive discussions had taken place with all learning providers.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Approved the application of a 90% reconciliation threshold to all TVCA Adult Education Budget funded providers for the 2020/21 academic year against their core allocations. ii. Agreed to base the decisions on the (R14) end of year performance data that has now been received by TVCA and will be analysed during December; iii. Agreed to delegate the implementation of this recommendation, to the Chief Executive in consultation with the elected Mayor and cabinet portfolio holder in line with existing decision-making approvals and receive a further exempt report highlighting the action taken and impact on each provider from this recommendation.
<p>TVCA 36/21</p>	<p>APPOINTMENT OF BUSINESS AND SKILLS DIRECTOR 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>Cllr John Hobson, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee stayed with the permission of the Chair.</p> <p>TVCA Chief Executive explained that constitutionally director appointments were approved by Cabinet. Due to the timing of the appointment and Cabinet cycle a job offer had been made and Cabinet were being asked approve the appointment.</p> <p>A member asked about the role of Members and portfolio leads in the recruitment of directors. Mayor Houchen and TVCA Chief Executive confirmed that Council leaders had been invited to be part of the recruitment to this role. Mayor Houchen and the Chair of the LEP had taken part in the process.</p> <p>Cabinet considered a report that asked for formal approval for the appointment of the Director of Business and Skills in accordance with the Combined Authority Constitution.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet approved the appointment.</p>
	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Friday 28th January, 2022 at 10am</p>

