

AGENDA ITEM 4**REPORT TO THE TEES VALLEY
COMBINED AUTHORITY CABINET****11TH MARCH 2022****REPORT OF THE TEES VALLEY MAYOR****TEES VALLEY MAYOR'S UPDATE****SUMMARY**

This report provides a general update on the key activities of the Mayor and Combined Authority since the last Cabinet meeting, which are not covered in other reports to this meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Tees Valley Combined Authority Cabinet notes the report.

DETAIL**TEESSIDE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

1. Plans have been submitted for the £200million business park set to be established on the Southside of the airport's land. Plans were unveiled for the 1.9million sq ft of logistics, distribution and industrial buildings on 270 acres of Southside land which is expected to create up to 4,400 jobs when fully operational. The first phase will see the creation of four units along a through-road covering 130,000sq ft. Plans have also been submitted for a new 1/5km A67 link road running to the area from a new roundabout near Urlay Nook.
2. The Teesside Airshow will be returning to the airport for the first time in five years on Saturday 11 June 2022 with plans to attract up to 25,000 people. A previous attempt to hold the airshow in 2020 had been hampered by coronavirus lockdown restrictions.
3. The new Bannatyne Spa, located in the airport's departure lounge, has now opened to customers following the Group's £100,000 investment. It offers a range of short treatments and is the first Bannatyne Spa to be opened in an airport.

TEESWORKS

4. Global pipe manufacturer SeAH Wind Ltd has confirmed it will bring a multimillion-pound monopile manufacturing facility to Teesworks. The firm's 90-acre site will sit alongside the under-development South Bank Quay, creating 750 direct jobs and 1,500 more in the supply chain and during construction.
5. Piling to strengthen the South Bank Quay wall is now taking place, with a total of 350 piles set to be installed to create the 15-acre hardstanding. It is expected to take four months, with the full phase one 450m quay due to be complete by March 2023.

FREEPORT

6. The Full Business Case for Teesside Freeport was submitted to HMG on 31st January 2022 and represents the final stage of the delivery of the Freeport as we transition over to operation. It is expected that the HMG review process will run for approximately eight weeks.
7. The trade and investment strategy for Teesside Freeport has been agreed and will see the Freeport working in unison with DiT and our Freeport Partners to gain further market penetration in our critical sectors of Offshore Energy, Chemicals & Materials Processing and Bio Life Sciences. One of the results of this was the confirmation of SeAH Wind Ltd, as above.

ONE PUBLIC ESTATE (OPE)

8. The OPE programme provides practical and technical support and funding to deliver ambitious property-focused programmes in collaboration with central government and other public sector partners. It aims to generate efficiencies, create economic growth and deliver better, more integrated customer services. The Combined Authority is the accountable body for the OPE programme in Tees Valley.
9. The Tees Valley OPE Partnership has been successful in securing £100,000 from the OPE 9 funding round for the Expansion and Re-Development of the Integrated Care Centre (The Live Well Centre) in Middlesbrough, to fund feasibility and business case development.

BROWNFIELD HOUSING FUND

10. In July 2020, £19.3m was devolved from Government to TVCA to enable new housing development to be brought forward on brownfield sites. An additional £1m was confirmed in February 2022 increasing the fund to £20.3m. The programme funding is fully committed and will deliver 1,589 new homes. The first scheme of 14 bungalows was completed in January at Elm House, Stockton.
11. TVCA has been allocated an additional £6.4m, to enable delivery of a minimum of 419 further new homes. Details of future funding allocations are under ministerial

consideration, and indications are that Tees Valley is in a strong position. Work is ongoing to develop the pipeline programme.

CYCLING & WALKING INVESTMENT

12. The first phases of new cycling infrastructure schemes in Darlington and Middlesbrough have started to be delivered and further progress has been made on the development of schemes in Stockton, Redcar and Cleveland and Hartlepool.
13. Construction has begun on the £1.7m phase 1 Woodland Road Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) scheme in Darlington, between Skinnergate and Darlington Memorial Hospital. Construction will also soon begin on the £2m phase 1 Linthorpe Road LCWIP scheme in Middlesbrough, providing an initial link between Borough Road and Ayresome Street.
14. TVCA has secured funding to carry out a feasibility study which will be assessed to determine whether TVCA will receive further funding to create an active travel social prescribing scheme with NHS partners, which would trial new walking and cycling programmes to enable increased active travel and physical activity.

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT & SKILLS

15. Following success in securing £395k for Skills Bootcamps the Combined Authority has submitted a proposal to develop new bootcamps from April 2022 to the value of £3.2m. These will enable employer-led short courses to train residents for current jobs and upskill for future jobs in priority and growth sectors.
16. The Combined Authority promoted apprenticeship opportunities and hosted events during National Apprenticeship Week (w/c 7th February), this included highlighting local businesses and employees who have achieved success via apprenticeships, with the JobsLive event gaining 1,500 views.
17. The Department of Education has confirmed the devolved skills budget for Academic year 2022/23 is £30, 575,078 for Adult Education Budget and £2,539,819 for Level 3 Training.

CREATIVE PLACE

18. The £1.6m Tees Valley Festivals Scale Up Programme was launched in January 2022 and is open to applications from existing, established Tees Valley Festivals with high growth potential. The aim is to support the growth and sustainability of the region's most exciting indigenous festivals through multi-year grant funding and tailored business development support.
19. Tees Valley has been identified as an Arts Council England (ACE) Priority Place for 2022 – 2024, the only Combined Authority area to receive designation in England. Priority Places have been designated where Arts Council England investment and cultural engagement is low, providing an opportunity to effectively increase ACE

investment and engagement. The TVCA Creative Place Team is working closely with ACE to convene relevant stakeholders and develop shared priorities.

20. The 'Tees Valley Young Creatives: Class of 2020' programme, established to support emerging professional creatives to secure fulfilling creative careers despite the pandemic has recently been rebranded Tees Valley New Creatives (TNC). The programme has been a success for its members. Since launch, there have been 86 members, aged 18 – 64. 36 members have gained freelance employment in creative and cultural industries directly attributed due to being TNC and 58 different paid opportunities have been created and filled.

CLEAN GROWTH

21. The Tees Valley Mayor and Combined Authority, with support from the North East & Yorkshire Energy Hub, led the bid to the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund, which aims to raise the energy performance certificate (EPC) rating of social homes to a minimum of Band C where possible. In turn, the fund will help reduce the number of people in fuel poverty and improve their comfort and health while driving down CO2 emissions and supporting the green economy and jobs. The £2.6million from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has been match-funded by £2.25million from partners to deliver the £4.86million scheme of 997 measures at 231 homes.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

22. There are no financial implications to this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

23. There are no legal implications to this report.

RISK ASSESSMENT

24. This report is an update and therefore is categorised as low risk.

LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP

25. This item has been considered at the LEP meeting in advance of it coming forward to Cabinet.

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