



Combined Authority Cabinet

# Tees Valley Combined Authority Cabinet Decision Record

Cabinet Meeting Date:  
27 June 2025

Tees Valley Combined Authority Cabinet  
Agenda

<b>Title of Item</b>
Governance & Appointments
<b>Record of Decision</b>
<p>Cabinet was provided report which set out a number of appointments for agreement and confirmation by the Combined Authority Cabinet at its Annual General Meeting (AGM).</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Cabinet:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ii. <b>NOTED</b> the position of the Chair of the Combined Authority;</li> <li>iii. <b>NOTED</b> the appointment of the Deputy Mayor;</li> <li>iv. <b>NOTED</b> the appointment to the Tees Valley Combined Authority Cabinet as detailed in Paragraph 4;</li> <li>iv. <b>NOTED</b> the proposed work to strengthen the role of Portfolio Holders amongst the Members of the Tees Valley Combined Authority Cabinet and <b>DELEGATED</b> to the interim Chief Executive, in consultation with Cabinet Members and the Monitoring Officer, the authority to finalise the new portfolios and new way of working, <b>SUBJECT TO</b> the Interim Chief Executive obtaining unanimous approval of all Cabinet members to the proposal, and to make the necessary changes to the TVCA Constitution;</li> <li>vi. <b>APPROVED</b> the appointments to the Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee;</li> <li>vii. <b>APPROVED</b> the appointments to the Transport Committee</li> <li>viii. <b>APPROVED</b> the appointments to the Audit &amp; Governance Committee;</li> <li>viii. <b>RATIFIED</b> the amendment to the South Tees Development Corporation Constitution as approved by South Tees Development Corporation, in respect of Board quorum;</li> <li>ix. <b>RATIFIED</b> the proposed amendments to the South Tees Development Corporation Constitution, <b>SUBJECT TO</b> approval of the same by South Tees Development Corporation Board;</li> <li>x. <b>NOTED</b> the appointments to the South Tees Development Corporation Board;</li> <li>xi. <b>APPROVED</b> the appointment of Councillor Alec Brown as Chair of South Tees Site Company Limited;</li> <li>xii. <b>NOTED</b> the appointment of the Chair of South Tees Development Corporation Audit &amp; Governance Committee;</li> </ul>

- xiii. **NOTED** the appointments to the Hartlepool Development Corporation Board;
- xiv. **RATIFIED** the amendments to the Hartlepool Development Corporation Constitution,;
- xv. **RATIFIED** the amendments to the Middlesbrough Development Corporation Constitution;
- xvi. **NOTED** the appointments to the Middlesbrough Development Corporation Board;
- xvii. **APPROVED** the appointments to the Freeport Board;
- xviii. **NOTED** the position in respect of the Chair and Vice Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Audit & Governance Committee;
- xix. **NOTED** the membership of non-statutory committees;
- xx. **NOTED** the update on the membership of the Business Board, the proposed process to recruit a new Chair and Board Members and the proposal to review the Terms of Reference;
- xxi. **NOTED** the appointments to external bodies;
- xxii. **NOTED** the appointments to officer groups;
- xxiv. **NOTES** the members' allowances scheme for 2024-25;
- xxv. **APPROVED** the minor amendments to the Tees Valley Combined Authority Constitution documents;
- xxv. **APPROVED** further amendments to the Tees Valley Combined Authority Constitution and
- xxvi. **NOTED** that a full review of the Constitution will be undertaken collaboratively with the constituent local authorities, aligned to the Best Value Notice Organisational Improvement Plan and presented to a future Cabinet for approval, including the changes required to the Mayoral Development Corporation's Constitutions.

## Declarations of Interest

Mayor Houchen declared a non-pecuniary interest in his capacity as current Chair of STDC Board, HDC Board and MDC Board.

Councillor Brown declared a non-pecuniary interest in his capacity as a member of the STDC Board, STSC Board and Freeport Board.

Mayor Cooke declared a non-pecuniary interest in his capacity as a member of the MDC Board

Councillor Harrison declared a non-pecuniary interest in her capacity as a member of the HDC Board.

#### **Attachments**

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Supporting papers

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<b>Title of Item</b>
Appointment of Chief Executive
<b>Record of Decision</b>
<p>Cabinet was provided report which set out the options available in respect of the conclusion of a recruitment exercise for the post of TVCA Chief Executive.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED-</b> That Cabinet <b>APPROVED</b> the appointment of Tom Bryant as TVCA Chief Executive.</p>
<b>Declarations of Interest</b>
<p>Mayor Houchen declared non-pecuniary interest in his capacity as a member of the appointments panel.</p> <p>Councillor Harrison declared a non-pecuniary interest in her capacity as a member of the appointments panel.</p> <p>.</p>
<b>Attachments</b>
<p><u>Report</u></p> <p><i>Appendix to this report is not for publication by virtue of paragraphs 1 (Information relating to an individual) and 2 (Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972</i></p>
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<b>Title of Item</b>
Appointment of Director of Inward Investment & Marketing
<b>Record of Decision</b>
<p>Cabinet was provided report which set out the options available in respect of the conclusion of a recruitment exercise for the post of Director of Inward Investment &amp; Marketing.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Cabinet <b>APPROVED</b> the appointment of Craig Peacock as Director of Inward Investment &amp; Marketing.</p>
<b>Declarations of Interest</b>
<p>Mayor Houchen declared non-pecuniary interest in his capacity as a member of the appointments panel.</p> <p>Councillor Harrison declared a non-pecuniary interest in her capacity as a member of the appointments panel.</p> <p>.</p>
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<b>Title of Item</b>
BEST VALUE NOTICE AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN
<b>Record of Decision</b>
<p>Cabinet received a report which sought approval of the TVCA Organisational Improvement Plan and accompanying detailed Action Plan which must be submitted to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government by 3 July 2025.</p> <p>Cabinet were also asked to endorse the establishment of an Independent Advisory Board and the Terms of Reference for the Board, whose role will be to support and challenge TVCA on its improvement journey.</p> <p>Cabinet approval was also sought for the proposed reporting arrangements to track progress against delivery of the Organisational Improvement Plan.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Cabinet:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NOTED:</b> the Tees Valley Combined Authority Best Value Notice letters issued on the 3 April 2025, included as <b>Appendix 1</b>.</li> <li>• <b>NOTED:</b> the extensive engagement that has been undertaken with members and officers to inform the Organisational Improvement Plan, summarised in paragraphs 10 to 12 and detailed in <b>Appendix 2</b>.</li> <li>• <b>APPROVED:</b> the proposed Organisational Improvement Plan, summarised in paragraphs 13 – 16 and included as <b>Appendix 3</b>, and the accompanying detailed Action Plan included as <b>Appendix 4</b>.</li> <li>• <b>ENDORSED:</b> the proposed membership of the Independent Advisory Board and Chair, summarised in paragraphs 17 – 22, with biographies detailed in <b>Appendix 5</b> and <b>Confidential Appendix 5.1</b>.</li> <li>• <b>DELEGATED:</b> authority to the Interim Chief Executive, in consultation with the Section 73 Officer and Monitoring Officer, to finalise <b>contracts with each of the proposed Board members, specifying the number of days to be worked and day rates for an initial twelve-month period, as summarised in paragraphs 30 – 31.</b></li> <li>• <b>ENDORSED:</b> the proposed Terms of Reference for the Independent Advisory Board, referenced in paragraph 23 and included as <b>Appendix 6</b>.</li> <li>• <b>APPROVED:</b> the proposed reporting arrangements to track progress against delivery of the Organisational Improvement Plan, summarised in paragraphs 24 – 25.</li> </ul>
<b>Declarations of Interest</b>
None
<b>Attachments</b>

*Appendix 5.1 to this report is not for publication by virtue of paragraphs 1 (Information relating to an individual) and 2 (Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972*

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<p><b>Title of Item</b></p>
<p>Transport Programme Update</p>
<p><b>Record of Decision</b></p>
<p>Cabinet were provided a report on the transport investment programme which included:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Details of the transport capital investment programme comprising Transforming Cities Fund, City Region Sustainable Transport Settlements 2022-2027 (CRSTS1) and 2027-2032 proposed allocation (CRSTS2), together with other funding which TVCA has been able to secure to support the delivery of the Strategic Transport Plan (2020-2030).</li> <li>• Details of the development funding committed since the last report to Cabinet to commence CRSTS2 project development.</li> <li>• Details of the Consolidated Active Travel Fund committed since the last report to Cabinet.</li> <li>• Details of the CRSTS revenue funding committed since the last report to Cabinet.</li> </ul> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i.<b>NOTED:</b> the update on the development of the transport capital investment programme as set out in paragraphs 1-44 and detailed in <b>Appendix 1</b>.</li> <li>ii.<b>NOTED:</b> the delegated decisions taken by the Director of Infrastructure to approve CRSTS2 development funding as set out in paragraphs 48 and 49 and detailed in <b>Appendix 2</b>.</li> <li>iii.<b>NOTED:</b> the delegated decisions taken by the Director of Infrastructure to approve Consolidated Active Travel Fund expenditure for the development and delivery of the transport capital investment programme as set out in paragraphs 48 and 49</li> <li>iv.<b>NOTED:</b> the delegated decisions taken by the Director of Infrastructure to approve CRSTS revenue expenditure for the development of the transport capital investment programme as set out in paragraphs 50 and 51</li> <li>v.<b>NOTED:</b> that a number of schemes are expected to be completing the project development phase in the next quarter (July – September) and the Business Cases will be appraised in accordance with TVCA’s Assurance Framework, ahead of moving into the delivery phase as set out in paragraphs 18 - 31. The specific schemes are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Levelling Up Fund (LUF) Active Travel Programme including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Darlington Town Centre to Northgate.</li> <li>• Bowesfield Lane to Stockton Town Centre.</li> <li>• Stockton Town Centre to Bishopton Road.</li> <li>• Middlesbrough Town Centre to Newport Bridge.</li> <li>• Middlesbrough Town Centre to South Bank.</li> <li>• Redcar Town Centre to West Dyke Road.</li> <li>• Saltburn to Marske.</li> <li>• Hartlepool Town Centre to Seaton Carew.</li> <li>• Hartlepool Town Centre to Catcote Road.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ol>

- Hartlepool Town Centre to the Headland.
- A689 / A19 – Wynyard Pedestrian & Cycling Improvements Phase 2.
- Darlington Woodland Road Phase 2.
- Station Accessibility and Modal Integration Enhancements: Darlington North Road.
- South Bank Station temporary footbridge.

vi. **APPROVED:** an allocation of £250K to cover the operational costs associated with the Zetland car park for up to twelve months (as detailed in paragraphs 55-59) and noted that an options assessment on the future of the asset will be reported back to Cabinet in September 2025.

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None
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<b>Title of Item</b>
Local Growth Plan & Investment Pipeline
<b>Record of Decision</b>
<p>Cabinet were provided with a further update on the Local Growth Plan, specifically the areas where Government has committed to work jointly with the Combined Authority and the proposed approach and timeframe up to approval and publication of the final Local Growth Plan.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Cabinet:-</p> <p><b>NOTED:</b> the update on the Local Growth Plan;</p> <p><b>APPROVED</b> the proposed approach to the development of the Local Growth Plan;</p> <p><b>APPROVED</b> the proposals to develop a new monitoring and evaluation framework;</p> <p><b>APPROVED</b> the proposed vision and objectives of the Investment Pipeline.</p> <p><b>APPROVED</b> the proposed approach to develop the Investment Pipeline.</p> <p><b>APPROVED</b> the proposed timescales for the development of the Local Growth Plan;</p> <p><b>NOTED:</b> that the Tees Valley Local Growth Plan Investment Pipeline will inform the future Tees Valley Investment Plan and that the Investment Plan will be reported to Cabinet at a future meeting</p>
<b>Declarations of Interest</b>
All Cabinet members declared an interest in this item
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<b>Title of Item</b>
Get Tees Valley Working Plan
<b>Record of Decision</b>
<p>Cabinet were provided an update report on Get Tees Valley Working Plan – which directly aligns to delivery of the workforce element of the Local Growth Plan.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NOTED</b> the update on the Get Tees Valley Working Plan;</li> <li>• <b>APPROVED</b> the proposed approach and timescales for the development of the Get Tees Valley Working Plan;</li> <li>• <b>APPROVED</b> the initial summary of proposals for the Get Tees Valley Working Plan in <b>Appendix 1</b> to be submitted to the Department for Work and Pensions</li> </ul>
<b>Declarations of Interest</b>
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<b>Title of Item</b>
Connect to Work
<b>Record of Decision</b>
<p>Cabinet were provided a report which set out a detailed overview of the national programme, the local delivery model options considered and the recommended delivery model for the Tees Valley Connect to Work programme.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED that Cabinet:-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>NOTED:</b> the options considered against the criteria identified, considering the requirements of the Connect to Work guidance.</li> <li>ii. <b>ACCEPTED:</b> the Tees Valley Connect to Work programme into the TVCA Investment Plan as a specific grant with an anticipated maximum funding allocation for 5 years of £17.7m (2027/28 onwards is subject to future spending reviews).</li> <li>iii. <b>APPROVED:</b> the proposed mixed-model of delivery through a grant award to Local Authorities; and</li> <li>iv. <b>DELEGATED:</b> authority to the TVCA Chief Executive, in consultation with the Section 73 Officer and Monitoring Officer, to take the necessary actions, including, but not limited to responding to Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) feedback, approval of the final delivery partners in line with the DWP approved delivery plan and entering relevant contracts and/or other legal agreements to implement the decision at (ii) and (iii) above.</li> </ul>
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<b>Business Growth – Service Delivery Plan</b>
<b>Record of Decision</b>
<p>Cabinet were provided a report which set out the review of the current Business Growth service which has been undertaken prior to allocating the remaining 2025/26 UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Supporting Local Business allocation. The package of business support delivered through UKSPF to date was a pilot designed to test alternative delivery models, which finished at the end of March 2025, so further performance and evaluation data is now available.</p> <p>The report set out the review undertaken to date, the proposed Tees Valley model and made recommendations on the allocations of UKSPF in 2025/26, which support the transition to this new model.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Cabinet:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>APPROVED</b> the new business support model in full and to <b>DELEGATE</b> delivery of the model as set out in this paper to the Interim Director of Business Solutions, in consultation with the Interim Chief Executive, Section 73 Officer and Monitoring Officer with regular reports coming back to Cabinet;</li> <li>• <b>APPROVED</b> the full proposed allocation set out in paragraphs 44 to 53, and the proposed delivery route as set out in the table in paragraph 48 and to</li> <li>• <b>DELEGATED</b> the delivery of the activity set out in paragraphs 44 to 53 of this report to the Interim Director of Business Solutions in consultation with the Interim Chief Executive, Section 73 Officer and Monitoring Officer with regular reports coming back to Cabinet.</li> </ul>
<b>Declarations of Interest</b>
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