

Question:		Answer:
Item 4: Tees Valley Mayor's Update		
1.	Could the mayor update the cabinet on the number of businesses operating at the Teesside Airport Southside Business Park?	This is not a question on the agenda item but rather a request for an update.
Item 5: Governance & Appointments		
2.	How is an ex Conservative MP and co-chairman of the party, ex-deputy chief whip and minister without portfolio serving on the independent advisory board in any way politically neutral?	TVCA was not involved in the identification or selection of Board members. This process was led by Rob Whiteman, Chair of the Board who has sought to ensure that Board members bring the requisite skills/experience to support TVCA to improve on the areas identified in the Best Value Notice. The Board membership has been reported to TVCA Cabinet for endorsement.
Item 8: Quarter 1 Budget Report and Medium-Term Financial Plan		
3.	The agenda papers say that STDC needs to ask TVCA for payment holidays but these are subject to TVCA being able to bear the £10m cost. What happens if TVCA cannot bear this?	Rejected: information was not contained in the TVCA Cabinet papers
4.	Does the 85% fall in STDC reserves from 1/4/25 to 31/3/26, to just £0.88m, present a risk to the development corporation?	Rejected: information was not contained in the TVCA Cabinet papers
5.	Has Teesworks Limited been asked for a contribution from its funds (around £34m at 3/24)?	Rejected: information was not contained in the TVCA Cabinet papers
6.	Given the need for stable long-term borrowing, why did the TVCA borrow £20 million over a 15-month term in March 2025?	The Loan was taken in March 2025, following advice from the Authority's advisors. The loan was taken over a period of time where maturity, and subsequent re-financing, would result in overall lower costs of borrowing than fixing long-term at that time. At this point, long term yield rates were forecast to be lower than long term rates available at the time.
7.	What is the 'Mayoral support funding' of £1.5m used for?	This is a contribution towards core running costs for the delivery of services.

8.	<p>The entire increase in debt for TIAL and Southside is almost entirely due to rolled up interest (with only a tiny part due to new borrowing). What was the repayment schedule (both interest and principal) when the loan agreements for; TIAL Purchase £70,728,000, TIAL Opex & Capex £80,307,000, Southside £33,307,000 were entered into and signed?</p>	<p>This is a request for 'held' information rather than a question, should you wish to do so, please submit this as an FOI. If the information is held, it will be provided through that process.</p>
9.	<p>Was it one which allowed the rolling up of interest payments?</p>	<p>This question requires further clarification as it is not clear what the requester is asking. If the requester provides clarification, we will then determine under the Public Participation Protocol if it is a valid question.</p>
10.	<p>If so this isn't a usual loan agreement. Were the cabinet informed of the financial implications of such an agreement?</p>	<p>Subject to the above being clarified, we will reconsider this question in line with the Public Participation Protocol following receipt of the response.</p>
11.	<p>and when did they agree to it?</p>	<p>In line with the Public Participation Protocol which states 'a maximum of three questions are permitted to be asked by any person for any meeting, where more than three questions are received by an individual or one question contains several supplementary questions, the first three questions (in whole or supplementary) will be answered with the others disregarded', these questions has been disregarded.</p>
12.	<p>If not, and a more unusual payment schedule was entered into, (one whereby the expectation of interest payments and payments against principal were clearly set out) Have TIAL and Southside defaulted on this agreement?</p>	<p>In line with the Public Participation Protocol which states 'a maximum of three questions are permitted to be asked by any person for any meeting, where more than three questions are received by an individual or one question contains several supplementary questions, the first three questions (in whole or supplementary) will be answered with the others disregarded', these questions has been disregarded.</p>
13.	<p>By 2030 the total debt (TIAL and Southside grows to over £184m purely from interest compounding. That's an increase of over £32m in 5 years without a single payment being made. Are the cabinet aware of this and have they agreed it?</p>	<p>In line with the Public Participation Protocol which states 'a maximum of three questions are permitted to be asked by any person for any meeting, where more than three questions are received by an individual or one question contains several supplementary questions, the first three questions (in whole or supplementary) will be answered with the others disregarded', these questions has been disregarded.</p>

Item 9: Transport Programme Update		
14.	What is the estimated completion date of Darlington Station Western Gateway?	Progress continues on the Darlington Western Gateway scheme, with demolition now complete and rebuilding efforts underway. The programme for the main highways works is currently in development and the start of these works is largely dependent on securing S278 Highways Approval and aligning with utility providers' schedules for necessary diversionary works. Target date for securing design approval from the Highways Authority is early October, and engagement with utility companies is already in progress to further inform the delivery timeline. While some preliminary activity may begin before the end of 2025, the majority of construction is expected to commence in early 2026, with completion forecast by the end of May 2026. This is likely to coincide with the opening of the new multi-storey car park in Spring, which will in turn enable the temporary car park on the former auction mart site to be taken out of use.
15.	"Network Rail's contractor identified some potential risks and issues that need to be addressed which require consideration and additional planning and preparatory works" What is the anticipated opening date of the temporary footbridge at South Bank railway station?	TVCA, Network Rail and RCBC are working together to resolve the additional issues which have been identified by Network Rail's contractor brought in to demolish the footbridge and put in place a temporary replacement. This relates to the identification of buried services (pipes and cables), which had not been previously identified, and adds complexity to both the demolition and construction processes. Additional work is being carried out to amend the original proposals to mitigate these issues, but it is going to take a few weeks to develop the solution and until a revised start and completion date is known.
Item 11: Get Tees Working Plan		
16.	As Middlesbrough is the 5th most deprived local authority for health and disability in England it's concerning that your Get Tees Valley Working plan makes no mention of engaging with Disabled People's Organisations (DPO's) who know directly the barriers disabled people face locally. Will you engage with DPO's during this plan?	Further work to develop the Second Edition of the Get Tees Valley Working Plan will be undertaken between October 2025-March 2026. This will involve development workshops with wider partners and stakeholders.

Item 15: Overview & Scrutiny Annual Report		
17.	<p>Why were there no recommendations from the Finance and Resources sub-committee considering the TVCA has been placed under a Best Value Notice this year?</p>	<p>The purpose of the Finance and Resources Sub-Committee for the 24/25 municipal year was to deliver on the constitutional requirement to consult the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the TVCA Budget. Where the agreed remit was exclusively for the purpose of the budget review, they did not meet further than this requirement. The full Committee itself held several meetings on the Best Value Notice with facilitated workshops by the LGA to ensure they were suitably informed and consulted on the improvement plan. The Committee has agreed under the 25/26 work programme to expand the remit of the Finance and Resources Sub-Committee to include the full portfolio area of Finance, Resources, and Inward Investment. Discussions are ongoing with the Chair of the Sub-Committee to determine the remit in advance of the first meeting.</p>