

Question:		Answer:
<b>Item 4 : Mayoral Update</b>		
1.	If the route for the Darlington Northern Link Road was publicly signalled as early as August 2025 by the Tees Valley Mayor, with him saying live on BBC Tees (see recording attached) that the road will go through Skerningham, what specific mechanisms were in place to ensure the Options Assessment Report remained an objective, data-driven exercise rather than a justification for a pre-determined outcome?	This question falls outside the remit of the Public Participation Protocol
<b>Item 5: Governance &amp; Appointments</b>		
2.	Who is the TVCA Cabinet portfolio holder for economy and investment who will be appointed chair of the investment committee	There will need to be a discussion with Cabinet about the chair of the Investment Committee.
<b>Item 6: Governance Review</b>		
3.	“Whilst not a legal requirement, it has been determined that any individual appointed to the Business Board will be unable to receive grants, funding, or contracts from the Combined Authority. This decision has been taken to establish a clear distinction between governance and delivery functions, and to eliminate any perceived or potential conflicts of interest, thereby strengthening the	The MDCs are currently under review.

	<p>integrity and transparency of the Board.”</p> <p>Will this also apply to the MDC’s ?</p>	
4	<p>If not, why not?</p>	<p>The MDCs are currently under review</p>
5	<p>Will it be applied to existing members?</p>	<p>There are no existing members of the Business Board except for Chair Matthew Ord, to which this also applies.</p>
6	<p>“This report (Review of Governance) was considered at the Informal Cabinet meeting held on 13 April 2026. The purpose of this consideration was to ensure the contents of the report were understood.”</p> <p>Is the Cabinet aware that the decision to consider the Review of Governance report in an informal meeting, not subject to public scrutiny is, in and of itself, an example of poor governance?</p>	<p>Cabinet meets informally to ensure members are fully briefed on agenda items ahead of the official Cabinet meeting. No decisions can be made during this meeting, which forms part of a regular schedule of meetings with all Cabinet members to ensure all have full oversight of their portfolio and TVCA activities.</p>