



## TEES VALLEY COMBINED AUTHORITY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday, 26 June 2026 at 10.00am

Teesside Airport Business Suite, Teesside International Airport, Darlington

These Minutes are in draft form until approved at the next Cabinet meeting and are therefore subject to amendments.

| <b><u>ATTENDEES</u></b>    |                                                                                           |
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| <b>Members</b>             |                                                                                           |
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| Mayor Ben Houchen (Chair)  | Tees Valley Mayor                                                                         |
| Councillor Stephen Harker  | Leader, Darlington Borough Council                                                        |
| Councillor Graham Harrison | Leader, Hartlepool Borough Council                                                        |
| Mayor Chris Cooke          | Mayor of Middlesbrough, Middlesbrough Council                                             |
| Councillor Alec Brown      | Leader, Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council                                              |
| Councillor Lisa Evans      | Leader, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council                                                  |
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| <b>Officers</b>            |                                                                                           |
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| Tom Bryant                 | Chief Executive, Tees Valley Combined Authority                                           |
| Sarah Brackenborough       | Director of Operations, Tees Valley Combined Authority                                    |
| Jo Moore                   | Interim Director of Finance & Resources, Tees Valley Combined Authority (joined on Teams) |
| Craig Peacock              | Director of Inward Investment & Marketing, Tees Valley Combined Authority                 |
| Jonathan Spruce            | Director of Infrastructure, Tees Valley Combined Authority                                |
| Sarah Walker               | Director of Business Solutions, Tees Valley Combined Authority                            |
| Jeanette McGarry           | Interim Monitoring Officer, Tees Valley Combined Authority                                |
| Elizabeth Davison          | Executive Director, Resources & Governance, Darlington Borough Council                    |
| Matt Wilton                | Managing Director, Hartlepool Borough Council                                             |

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| Erik Scollay | Chief Executive, Middlesbrough Council              |
| Brian Archer | Chief Executive, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council |
| Mike Greene  | Chief Executive, Stockton Borough Council           |
| Jacqui Banks | Business Solutions Manager - Skills                 |
| Sally Henry  | Governance Officer, TVCA                            |

*These Minutes capture the key points and decisions of the meeting, but they do not attempt to reproduce every word spoken. The full recording can be found [here](#).*

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|                       | <p><b><u>CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS</u></b></p> <p>The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed Councillor Graham Harrison to his first Cabinet meeting.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>TVCA<br/>01/26</b> | <p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b></p> <p>Apologies for absence were submitted by Matthew Ord &amp; Rose Rouse</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>TVCA<br/>02/26</b> | <p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>No declarations declared</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>TVCA<br/>03/26</b> | <p><b>GOVERNANCE &amp; APPOINTMENTS</b></p> <p>The Cabinet received a report from the Chief Executive which detailed various appointments for agreement and confirmation.</p> <p>Councillor Harrison thanked the Mayor and Cabinet members for allowing him the opportunity to take on the Portfolio and advised that he looked forward to working on this area.</p> <p>Cabinet approved the recommendations set out in the report, with the exception of Councillor Alec Brown who abstained.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED that Cabinet :-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>NOTED</u> the appointment of the Deputy Mayor;</li> <li>• <u>NOTED</u> the appointment to the Tees Valley Combined Authority Cabinet;</li> </ul> |

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|                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>AGREED</u> the Portfolio responsibilities proposed by the Tees Valley Mayor;</li> <li>• <u>APPROVED</u> the appointments to the Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee;</li> <li>• <u>APPROVED</u> the appointments to the Transport Committee;</li> <li>• <u>APPROVED</u> the appointments to the Audit &amp; Governance Committee;</li> <li>• <u>NOTED</u> that the membership of the Investment Committee will be brought to a future Cabinet meeting;</li> <li>• <u>NOTED</u> the appointment of the Independent Persons and the partnership work with the Constituent Authorities;</li> <li>• <u>NOTED</u> the membership of the Independent Remuneration Panel;</li> <li>• <u>NOTED</u> that a full review of the Constitution will be undertaken and presented to the July Cabinet meeting;</li> <li>• <u>NOTED</u> that the Member Allowance is Scheme is under review and a report will be presented to a future Cabinet meeting;</li> <li>• <u>APPROVED</u> the appointments of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Tees Valley Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee;</li> <li>• <u>NOTED</u> that the position in respect of the Chair and Vice Chair of Audit &amp; Governance Committee;</li> <li>• <u>NOTED</u> the position in respect of the Development Corporation Board membership;</li> <li>• <u>NOTED</u> the appointments in respect of the Teesside Freeport Governance Board.</li> </ul> |
| <b>TVCA</b><br><b>04//26</b> | <p><b>DATES AND TIME OF FUTURE MEETINGS FOR 2026/2027</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Cabinet noted the schedule of future Cabinet meetings.</p> <p><b>Date and Time of Future Meetings for 2026/2027</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2026</li> <li>• Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2026</li> <li>• Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2026</li> <li>• Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2027</li> <li>• Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2027</li> <li>• Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2027</li> </ul> <p>All of the above meetings are to commence at 10:00am</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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