



Tees Valley Combined Authority Cabinet Decision Record

Cabinet Meeting Date:

25th September 2026

Decision Details

QUARTER 1 2026/27 FORECAST REVENUE & CAPITAL OUTTURN

Decision Status:	Recommendation Approved
Is Key decision:	Yes
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Decided at Meeting of:	Cabinet

Purpose:

Cabinet received a report from the Interim Director of Finance and Resources, which provided details of the draft revenue and capital outturn position for Tees Valley Combined Authority for the year ending 31 March 2027.

It highlighted any key variances to the approved budget for the year based on the previous outturn position at the end of Quarter 1. It highlighted key variances within the draft outturn position and details of the draft reserves position at the end of March 2027.

The report also provided a draft outturn for Capital expenditure by Directorate within the Capital Programme for 2026/27.

Decision:

RESOLVED that Cabinet :-

- **NOTED** the draft revenue outturn position of a net surplus of £1.705m for the year ending 31 March 2027, an adverse variance of £0.278m against the budget for £1.983m;
- **NOTED** the forecast revenue project expenditure in Appendix 1 of £86.093m, an increase of £2.710m from the budgeted amount of £83.383m, but a reduction of £5.359m from the grant income received due to reprofiling of project expenditure;
- **NOTED** the proposed contributions to reserves of £3.443m and contributions from reserves of £1.738m, a net movement to revenue reserves of £1.705m;
- **NOTED** the total usable revenue reserves of £59.275m as at 31 March 2027;
- **NOTED** the draft outturn for the Capital Programme of £189.534m for the financial year to 31st March 2027, an increase of £68.645m against budgeted capital expenditure of £120.889m;
- **NOTED** the capital reserves forecast of £112.308m as 31st March 2028 and the proposed use of £97.093m of capital grants in year.



Alternative options considered:

No other alternative options were presented.

Accompanying Documents:

TVCA Cabinet agenda and papers

Declarations of Interest:

Member:	Declaration
Mayor Ben Houchen (Chairperson)	No declarations made.
Councillor Paul Rowling	No declarations made.
Councillor Dave Bruce	No declarations made.
Councillor Alec Brown	No declarations made.
Mayor Chris Cooke	No declarations made.

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Decision Details

ONWARD LENDING POLICY

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Purpose:

Cabinet received a report from the Interim Director of Finance and Resources, which sought member's approval of the On-Lending Policy.

Cabinet were asked to approve the policy and also asked to note the governance and reporting arrangements set out in the policy.

Decision:

RESOLVED that Cabinet:-

- **APPROVED** the On-Lending policy;
- **NOTED** the governance and reporting arrangements set out in the policy

Alternative options considered:

No other alternative options were presented.

Accompanying Documents:

TVCA Cabinet agenda and papers

Declarations of Interest:

Member:	Declaration
Mayor Ben Houchen (Chairperson)	No declarations made.
Councillor Paul Rowling	No declarations made.
Councillor Dave Bruce	No declarations made.
Councillor Alec Brown	No declarations made.
Mayor Chris Cooke	No declarations made.



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Decision Details

PARTLY OR WHOLLY OWNED COMPANIES POLICY

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Purpose:

Cabinet received a report from the Interim Director of Finance and Resources, which sought member's approval of the Wholly or Partly Owned Authority Companies Policy 2026-29 and supporting minimum standards.

Decision:

RESOLVED that Cabinet:-

- **APPROVED** the Wholly or Partly Owned Companies Policy 2026-29 and supporting minimum standard.

Alternative options considered:

No other alternative options were presented.

Accompanying Documents:

TVCA Cabinet agenda and papers

Declarations of Interest:

Member:	Declaration
Mayor Ben Houchen (Chairperson)	No declarations made.
Councillor Paul Rowling	No declarations made.
Councillor Dave Bruce	No declarations made.
Councillor Alec Brown	No declarations made.
Mayor Chris Cooke	No declarations made.

Contact Officer for Decision:



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Decision Details

LOCAL TRANSPORT DELIVERY PLAN 2026/27-2031/32

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Purpose:

Cabinet received a report for the Director of Infrastructure which sought approval to submit the Local Transport Delivery Plan (LTDP) to the Department for Transport (DfT). The Plan has been refined since originally approved in March 2026.

Cabinet's approval was also sought to delegate the final version of the LTDP to the Cabinet Portfolio Lead for Transport & Infrastructure and the Transport Committee once TVCA has received confirmation on the final format for the submission from the DfT.

Cabinet 's approval was sought to delegate authority to the Director of Infrastructure to take all decisions required to progress business cases for each project/package/programme identified in the LTDP programme, including authorisation to spend up to 10% of the total approved investment package allocations for this purpose.

Finally, Cabinet's approval was sought to delegate the approval of project/package/programme business cases in accordance with the Single Assurance Framework, and in consultation with Cabinet Portfolio Lead for Transport and Digital Infrastructure.

Decision:

RESOLVED that Cabinet:-

- **AGREED** that TVCA submits the Local Transport Delivery Plan to the Department for Transport to meet the October 2026 deadline.
- **AGREED** to delegate authority to the Cabinet Portfolio Lead for Transport and Digital Infrastructure and the Transport Committee to finalise the Local Transport Delivery Plan following any feedback on the Plan from the Department for Transport, following the Cabinet, and prior to formal submission.
- **APPROVED** the acceptance of the Local Transport Delivery Plan programme within the Tees Valley Investment Pipeline, in accordance with the Single Assurance Framework.

- **AGREED** to delegate authority to the Director of Infrastructure to take all decisions to manage and deliver the Local Transport Delivery Plan programme within the approved investment package allocations, as shown in Appendix B, including decisions required to progress business cases for each project/package/ programme with authorisation to spend up to 10% of the total approved investment package allocations for this purpose. This is to be done in consultation with the Cabinet Portfolio Lead for Transport and Digital Infrastructure and the Transport Committee, in order to ensure that the requirements of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Department for Transport and TVCA are met.
- **AGREED** to delegate the approval of project/package/programme business cases in accordance with the Single Assurance Framework, and in consultation with Cabinet Portfolio Lead for Transport and Digital Infrastructure.
- **NOTED** that recommendations F – H of the Cabinet Paper dated 20 March 2026 regarding the delivery of the Tees Valley Bus Service Improvement Plan element of the Local Transport Delivery Plan programme remain valid.
- **NOTED** that the Transport Committee will receive a quarterly update on progress in delivering the Local Transport Delivery Plan programme and report any significant issues to Cabinet.
- **AGREED** to receive an annual report on progress in delivering the Local Transport Delivery Plan programme including any variances approved through the delegation.

Alternative options considered:

No other alternative options were presented.

Accompanying Documents:

TVCA Cabinet agenda and papers

Declarations of Interest:

Member:	Declaration
Mayor Ben Houchen (Chairperson)	No declarations made.
Councillor Paul Rowling	No declarations made.
Councillor Dave Bruce	No declarations made.
Councillor Alec Brown	No declarations made.
Mayor Chris Cooke	No declarations made.

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Decision Details

APPROVAL OF THE INWARD INVESTMENT STRATEGY

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Purpose:

Cabinet was presented a report by the Director of Inward Investment & Marketing which sought approval for the publication and adoption of the Tees Valley Inward Investment Strategy 2026–2031 and agreement to develop and enter into an Inter-Authority Agreement with local authority partners.

Decision:

RESOLVED that Cabinet:-

- **APPROVED** the Tees Valley Inward Investment Strategy 2026–2031 for publication and adoption.
- **AGREED TO DEVELOP AND ENTER INTO AN INTER-AUTHORITY AGREEMENT** with Tees Valley local authority partners to enable consistent delivery of the Business Tees Valley model, including the sharing of resources, data and procurement opportunities where this supports effective programme deliver.

Alternative options considered:

No other alternative options were presented.

Accompanying Documents:

TVCA Cabinet agenda and papers

Declarations of Interest:

Member:	Declaration
Mayor Ben Houchen (Chairperson)	No declarations made.
Councillor Paul Rowling	No declarations made.
Councillor Dave Bruce	No declarations made.



Councillor Alec Brown	No declarations made.
Mayor Chris Cooke	No declarations made.

Contact Officer for Decision:

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Decision Details

TEES VALLEY INVESTMENT ZONE: CAPITAL STRATEGY

Decision Status:	Recommendation Approved
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Purpose:

Cabinet was presented a report by the Director of Business Solutions which provided the findings of the Investment Zone Capital Review.

Cabinet's approval was sought for the proposed Investment Zone Capital Programme and associated investment priorities.

Cabinet was also asked to approve governance and delegation arrangements to enable the development and delivery of future projects through the Assurance Framework.

An update was also provided to Cabinet on progress in delivering the Investment Zone and the role of capital investment in supporting delivery of the approved Vision and Missions.

Decision:

RESOLVED that Cabinet:-

- **APPROVED** the Digital & Creative Investment Zone Capital Review and the prioritised Investment Zone Capital Programme within the requirements of the funding envelope, including the Phase 1 and Phase 2 strategic priorities identified within the Review, as the framework for future investment decisions;
- **DELEGATED** approval of individual business cases and project development activity to the Director of Business Solutions in consultation with the Combined Authority's Statutory Officers in accordance with the Assurance Framework and in consultation with the Accountable Cabinet Portfolio Leads for Business Growth and Investment.
- **DELEGATED** authority to the Director of Business Solutions to manage and deliver the approved Capital Programme within the strategic framework and budgets approved by Cabinet, in consultation with the Accountable Cabinet Portfolio Leads for Business Growth and Investment.
- **NOTED** that quarterly updates on delivery of the Investment Zone and Capital Programme will be provided to Cabinet, including:

- progress against the Capital Review recommendations;
- business case development;
- project approvals;
- expenditure;
- match funding secured;
- risks and approved variances.

Alternative options considered:

No other alternative options were presented.

Accompanying Documents:

TVCA Cabinet agenda and papers

Declarations of Interest:

Member:	Declaration
Mayor Ben Houchen (Chairperson)	No declarations made.
Councillor Paul Rowling	No declarations made.
Councillor Dave Bruce	No declarations made.
Councillor Alec Brown	No declarations made.
Mayor Chris Cooke	Non-pecuniary interest declared.

Contact Officer for Decision:

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Decision Details

APPROVAL OF STRATEGIC PLACE PARTNERSHIP WITH HOMES ENGLAND

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Purpose:

Cabinet was presented a report by the Director of Infrastructure which provided an overview of the proposed Strategic Place Partnership (SPP) with Homes England.

Cabinet was also recommended to approve the Partnership Business Plan and associated governance arrangements.

Decision:

RESOLVED that Cabinet:-

- **NOTED:** the update on the development of the Strategic Place Partnership with Homes England;
- **APPROVED** the Partnership Business Plan and associated governance arrangements

Alternative options considered:

No other alternative options were presented.

Accompanying Documents:

TVCA Cabinet agenda and papers

Declarations of Interest:

Member:	Declaration
Mayor Ben Houchen (Chairperson)	No declarations made.
Councillor Paul Rowling	No declarations made.



Councillor Dave Bruce	No declarations made.
Councillor Alec Brown	No declarations made.
Mayor Chris Cooke	No declarations made.

Contact Officer for Decision:

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Decision Details

BROWNFIELD HOUSING FUND ROUND 4 PROGRAMME BUSINESS CASE

Decision Status:	Recommendation Approved
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Purpose:

Cabinet was presented a report by the Director of Infrastructure which provided a brief overview of the Brownfield Housing Fund (BHF) Round 4.

The report sought approval of the Brownfield Housing Fund (BHF) Round 4 Programme level business case.

Cabinet was also asked to delegate authority for approval of the Full Business Case to the Combined Authority's Statutory Officers in accordance with the current Assurance Framework, in consultation with the Accountable Cabinet Portfolio Leads for Housing and Investment.

Cabinet was asked to delegate authority for subsequent project-level investment decisions in accordance with the arrangements set out in this report.

Approval was also sought to delegate authority to the Director of Infrastructure to take all decisions necessary to manage and deliver the programme within the strategic framework and budgets approved by Cabinet, in consultation with the Accountable Cabinet Portfolio Leads for Housing and Investment.

Finally Cabinet was asked to agree to an annual report on the progress of programme delivery, including details of any variances approved through delegated authority arrangements.

Decision:

RESOLVED that Cabinet:-

- **APPROVED** the Brownfield Housing Round 4 Programme Business Case which has been appraised in accordance with the Assurance Framework
- **AGREED TO DELEGATE** final sign-off of the BHF Round 4 Programme Business Case to the Combined Authority's Statutory Officers to include any recommended

changes/amendments post Cabinet, in consultation with the Accountable Cabinet Portfolio Leads for Housing and Investment;

- **AGREED** to delegate authority for subsequent project-level investment decisions in accordance with the arrangements and thresholds set out in the report;
- **AGREED TO DELEGATE** authority to the Director of Infrastructure to take all decisions to manage and deliver the programme within the strategic framework and budgets agreed by Cabinet through this paper and the BHF Programme Business Case, including responsibility for programme management, commissioning, intervention prioritisation, operational decision making, and performance monitoring and reporting, in consultation with the Accountable Cabinet Portfolio Leads for Housing and Investment where required;
- **AGREED** to receive an annual report on progress in delivering the programme including any variances approved through the delegation.

Alternative options considered:

No other alternative options were presented.

Accompanying Documents:

TVCA Cabinet agenda and papers

Declarations of Interest:

Member:	Declaration
Mayor Ben Houchen (Chairperson)	No declarations made.
Councillor Paul Rowling	No declarations made.
Councillor Dave Bruce	No declarations made.
Councillor Alec Brown	No declarations made.
Mayor Chris Cooke	No declarations made.

Contact Officer for Decision:

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Decision Details

SINGLE ASSURANCE FRAMEWORK ADOPTION

Decision Status:	Recommendation Approved
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Purpose:

Cabinet received a report from the Chief Executive seeking approval to adopt the Tees Valley Single Assurance Framework for adoption.

Members were advised that the Single Assurance Framework has undergone the required Government approval process and that Adoption will begin once Cabinet agree the SAF Implementation Plan at its meeting in November 2026.

The report also set out the feedback Government provided alongside its approval, how each point will be addressed, and the next steps to publish and implement the SAF.

Decision:

RESOLVED that Cabinet :-

- **APPROVED** the Tees Valley Single Assurance Framework
NOTED that implementation will begin once Cabinet has agreed the SAF Implementation Plan at its meeting in November 2026.

Alternative options considered:

No other alternative options were presented.

Accompanying Documents:

TVCA Cabinet agenda and papers

Declarations of Interest:

Member:	Declaration
Mayor Ben Houchen (Chairperson)	No declarations made.
Councillor Paul Rowling	No declarations made.
Councillor Dave Bruce	No declarations made.
Councillor Alec Brown	No declarations made.



Mayor Chris Cooke	No declarations made.
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Contact Officer for Decision:

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Post Title: Chief Executive

Decision Details

ROUGH SLEEPING PROGRAMME 2026-29

Decision Status:	Recommendation Approved
Is Key decision:	Yes
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Purpose:

Cabinet was presented a report by the Director of Infrastructure which provided an update on the homelessness and rough sleeping funding allocations secured by Tees Valley Combined Authority (TVCA) from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG), including the new Rough Sleeping Programme (RSP) 2026-29. The report provided Cabinet with an overview of the RSP 2026-29 and its role in supporting the Government's national ambition to reduce rough sleeping, strengthen homelessness prevention activity and improve long-term outcomes for vulnerable residents.

Approval was sought from Cabinet to allocate the confirmed 2026/27 RSP revenue funding of £1,203,779 to constituent local authorities using the indicative MHCLG Single Homelessness and Rough Sleeping funding methodology, enabling services to be mobilised rapidly ahead of winter 2026/27.

Cabinet was asked to seek delegated authority for the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Section 73 Officer and Monitoring Officer, to finalise and enter into onward grant funding agreements with constituent local authorities to support timely programme delivery.

Decision:

RESOLVED that Cabinet:-

- **APPROVED** the allocation of the 2026/27 RSP revenue funding of £1,203,779 to constituent local authorities, using the indicative MHCLG Single Homelessness and Rough Sleeping funding methodology as the basis for distribution, subject to submission of satisfactory local delivery plans and compliance with TVCA assurance requirements;
- **AGREED** to delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Section 73 Officer and Monitoring Officer, to finalise and enter into onward grant funding agreements with constituent local authorities for the 2026/27 RSP revenue allocation;

- **NOTED** that proposals for the deployment of years two and three of the RSP revenue and capital allocation will be brought back through the appropriate governance route once national requirements and regional priorities have been further considered.

Alternative options considered:

No other alternative options were presented.

Accompanying Documents:

TVCA Cabinet agenda and papers

Declarations of Interest:

Member:	Declaration
Mayor Ben Houchen (Chairperson)	No declarations made.
Councillor Paul Rowling	No declarations made.
Councillor Dave Bruce	No declarations made.
Councillor Alec Brown	No declarations made.
Mayor Chris Cooke	No declarations made.

Contact Officer for Decision:

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