

CABINET
25 November 2016

PRESENT – Councillor Dixon (in the Chair); Councillors Copeland, Harker, C L B Hughes, McEwan, A J Scott and Wallis. (7)

INVITEES – Councillors Curry, I G Haszeldine and Mrs H Scott. (3)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE – Councillor Kelley.

C74. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – In respect of C76 below, Councillors Dixon, Harker, C L B Hughes, McEwan and Wallis declared non-pecuniary interests as they were members of the Board, Audit and Governance Committee, Education and Skills Board, Local Commission and Transport Committee respectively, of the Tees Valley Combined Authority.

C75. REPRESENTATIONS – No representations were made by Members or members of the public in attendance at the meeting.

C76. (URGENT ITEM) TEES VALLEY MAYORAL CONSTITUTION - The Chief Executive submitted a report (previously circulated) requesting that consideration be given to the Tees Valley Combined Authority (Functions and Amendment) Order 2016 (also previously circulated), which sets out the powers of the Tees Valley Mayor, and to the revised Tees Valley Constitution (also previously circulated), with amendments to make provision for the role of the Mayor.

Discussion ensued on the role of Scrutiny in decisions made by the Combined Authority and on the decision making process of the Combined Authority.

RESOLVED – That subject to, and taking account of the views of Council at the Council meeting of 24 November 2016, that :-

- (a) Cabinet consents to the Tees Valley Combined Authority (Functions and Amendment) Order 2016, as appended at Appendix 1 to the submitted report;
- (b) Cabinet delegates authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to give the Council's consent to the final draft Order being made when requested by the Secretary of State; and
- (c) the views of Cabinet and Council on the draft Mayoral Combined Authority Constitution, as detailed at Appendix 2 of the submitted report, will be referred to the Combined Authority for consideration when reaching its decision on approval of the new Constitution

REASONS - (a) Consent from the constituent councils of the Tees Valley Combined Authority is required by Government before legislation setting out the devolved powers and governance arrangements for the Tees Valley Combined Authority can be laid before Parliament.

(b) To enable the Tees Valley Combined Authority to update the Constitution to reflect legislation relating to the powers and functions for a Mayoral Combined Authority and the constitutional arrangements agreed locally.

**DECISIONS DATED –
MONDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2016**