

**TRANSPORT FOR TEES VALLEY**

**Meeting held in the Mandela Room, Middlesbrough Town Hall  
at 2.00pm on Tuesday 17 July 2007**

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ATTENDEES

Councillor Bob Cook	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (SBC)	Chair
Councillor Nick Wallis	Darlington Borough Council (DBC)	Vice Chair
Councillor Ron Lowes	Middlesbrough Council (MC)	
Councillor Mary Lanigan	Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council (RCBC)	
Councillor David Budd	MC	
Stuart Drummond (SDr)	Hartlepool Borough Council (HBC)	
John Buxton (JB)	DBC	
Dave Stubbs (DS)	HBC	
Brian Glover (BG)	MC	
Simon Dale (SDa)	RCBC	
Mike Robinson (MR)	SBC	
Barrie Mason (BM)	North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC)	
Burney Johnson (BJ)	Durham County Council (DCC)	
Andrew Johnson (AJ)	Government Office North East (GONE)	
Penny Marshall (PM)	GONE	
Vanessa Gilbert (VG)	Highways Agency (HA)	
Nigel Cay (NC)	Network Rail (NR)	
Martyn Pellew (MP)	PD Ports	
Richard Whitehouse (RW)	Durham Tees Valley Airport (DTVA)	
Liz Esnouf (LE)	Arriva North East	
Robin Knight (RK)	Stagecoach North East	
Nigel Astell (NA)	Tees Valley Regeneration	
John Lowther (JL)	Tees Valley Joint Strategy Unit (JSU)	
Jonathan Spruce (JS)	JSU	

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**APOLOGIES**

Councillor Peter Jackson	HBC
Tom Warburton	One NorthEast (ONE)
Malcolm Bowes	North East Assembly (NEA)

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**1 CHAIR'S WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**Councillor Cook** welcomed attendees to the inaugural meeting of the Tees Valley Unlimited (TVU) Transport for Tees Valley Board.

**2 APOLOGIES**

As noted previously.

**3 THE STORY SO FAR**

**JS** offered a paper for information.

The Board Members noted the contents of the paper.

**4 TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**JS** introduced the paper setting out the Terms of Reference for the Board for information.

The Board Members noted the contents of the paper.

**5 TEES VALLEY UNLIMITED WORK PROGRAMME: 2007/08**

**JS** presented the paper setting out the anticipated work programme for the Board for decision.

**MP** asked about other funding bids not indicated in the paper, such as the work on gauge enhancements for freight traffic to and from the Northern ports being undertaken by the Northern Way. **JS** agreed that this was not shown in the work programme, but progress would be monitored and reported to the Board as appropriate.

Resolved that the paper be agreed, and that the priorities be accepted as shown within the paper.

**6 LGA INNOVATION FORUM: PILOT STATUS**

**JS** presented the paper for decision.

The **Board** suggested that some funding should be allowed in later years for the evaluation of the project.

**JS**

Resolved that the suggestions for using the additional funding as set out in the paper be endorsed, subject to the comment noted above.

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**7 “CONNECTING THE TEES VALLEY” – THE CITY REGION  
TRANSPORT STRATEGY**

**JS** introduced the paper and the supporting draft strategy. **JS** stressed that the draft strategy was an update to each Authority’s Local Transport Plans, and, as such, did not deviate from existing approved strategies.

**MP** asked whether the RSS Modifications had been taken into account within the strategy. **JS** replied that this was not the case at the moment, but that the final version would reflect the RSS.

Resolved that the Board review the strategy with a view to responding to the JSU with comments by 31 August, in order that a final version can be endorsed at the next meeting.

**All**

**8 PROJECT PROGRESS UPDATE**

*a). Tees Valley Bus Network Improvements*

**JS** set out the current position, and the intention to submit an updated business case in September/October.

**LE** stressed the need to ensure that enforcement is given important consideration within the scheme and its operation.

**RK** indicated that the draft legislation on Statutory Quality Partnerships was important, not only for the operators, but also for Local Authorities.

**BG** suggested that the involvement of the Police within the Steering Group may be useful with regards to enforcement.

*b). Tees Valley Metro*

**NA** gave a short presentation on the status of the Metro project.

**Councillor Lanigan** asked that consideration be given to possible extensions to East Cleveland.

**Councillor Wallis** asked what had been done regarding public consultation as it is important to gain public support. **Councillor Wallis** also stressed the need for clarity regarding the 2013 proposals. **NA** replied that TVR would offer support for any Local Authority consultations.

**SDr** endorsed this, and stressed the need for certainty regarding what the key benefits are for Hartlepool.

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**SDa** asked what happens if the Tees Valley supports the proposal, but Network Rail do not. **NA** replied that it would be difficult to drive the project forward without NR's support, and that was the reason as to why they were partners in the next stage of work.

**DS** stated that key academic institutions and industries need good links to Hartlepool and Redcar & Cleveland as trip patterns will become more dispersed in the future.

**RK** asked what guarantees and certainties would be given for patronage and revenue forecasts. **NA** replied that more detail on these would be provided through the next stage of the work.

**LE** stressed the need to ensure consistency of approach between the bus network proposals and any improvements to the rail network. **NA** replied that Metro is seen as part of an integrated transport network for the Tees Valley.

**NC** offered to circulate the terms of reference for the next stage of the work being led by NR to the Board members.

**JL** stated that the forthcoming Sub National Review may offer the opportunity to use supplementary business rates as a means of financially supporting the proposal.

**DS** stated that Members need to be more involved in the design process as it moves forward, particular if the work is to be accelerated to complement funding envelopes being considered later this year.

*c). A66(T)/A19(T)/A174(T) Area Action Plan*

**JS** set out the current position, and stated the intention to have a presentation of the key findings of the study at the next meeting.

**9 TEES VALLEY TRANSPORT MONITORING REPORT 2007**

**JS** introduced the report.

Resolved that the paper was noted, and that the 2007 report would include a foreword from the Chair of Transport for Tees Valley.

**10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None noted.

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**11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING(S)**

- Tuesday 16 October 2007
- Tuesday 22 January 2008

All meetings to commence at 2pm, venues to be confirmed.

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