Questions to the TVCA Cabinet meeting, 20 December 2024

Item 4: Tees Valley Mayor's Update		
Question Number	Question	Notes
1	Will any inward investment be coming to the Tees Valley as a result of the missions outlined in the Mayors update?	Ref points 11, 12, 13
2	Who was procured to provide the 5G private wire network?	Ref point 18
3	As the government's Integrated Settlement eligibility criteria states: *"The government intends to roll out integrated settlements to further MCAs. It is important that decisions about which areas are eligible for this are made in a transparent way. To be eligible for the integrated settlement, an MCA or Mayoral County Combined Authorities (MCCA) must meet a series of objective criteria related to their track record of financial management. These criteria are that:* *• the MCA or MCCA is not subject to any ongoing (or implementing recommendations from an) externally mandated independent review"*	Ref: Government's Integrated settlements criteria for Mayoral Combined Authorities Point 19

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4	The first Mayoral Question Time has been announced numerous times now. When will a date for this actually be confirmed, and where will the first one be held?	Ref: points 24/25
5	What is the process of selecting the Independent Chairperson for the committee? Is there an application process? If so, what is the process? Or is the Chairperson selected? If so, who selected the Chairperson and what criteria are used?	Ref: point 26
6	*"The independent chairperson will determine the questions to be asked from a list provided, which contains all questions that have been submitted. Information and guidance will be published setting out the deadline for receipt of questions and the process to be followed."*	Ref: point 26

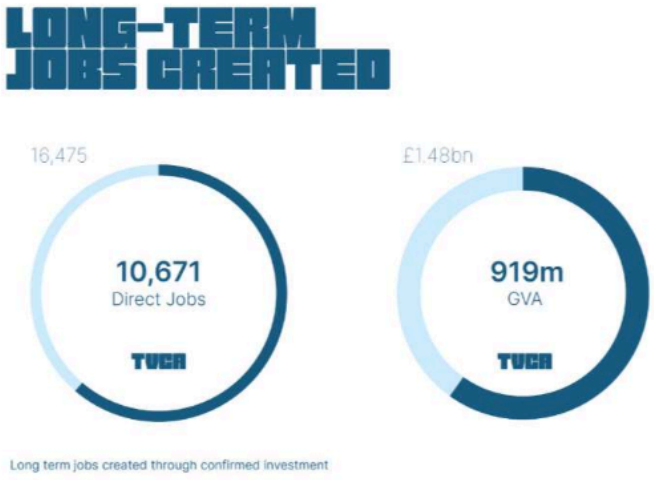
	Where on the TVCA website will this be published and will the public be notified?	
7	Will questions submitted but not selected for the meeting be subsequently answered and will those answers be published?	Ref: point 26
8	"*The tenant on the first unit constructed within the £200million Business Park South development has been confirmed. The company will begin operations in Unit D in December 2024.*" Who is the first tenant at the Business Park South development?	Ref: point 33
9	How has the Tees Valley's status as a Hydrogen SuperPlace been affected by BP's decision to cancel/delay the two flagship projects, the 'HyGreen' green hydrogen project and the 'H2Teesside' blue hydrogen project?	Ref: point 9
10	Has the Foreign & Commonwealth Office expressed security concerns about possible future Chinese participation in Tees Valley CCUS projects?	Ref: point 11

Item 5: Governance and Appointments		
Question Number	Question	Notes
11	Regarding the imminent appointment of a Chief Executive Officer for the STDC, to what extent has the STDC Board been involved in the new CEO recruitment?	
12	Was a recruitment panel set up to screen and select applicants? How many times has it met and when?	
13	What was the position of recruitment panel members? (eg statutory officer, STDC Board Independent Member, STDC elected Councillor)	
14	Were any other recruitment techniques involved, such as the use of headhunters?	
15	Has the STDC CEO role been advertised at the Teesworks Skills Academy? Has the role been advertised at any locations other	

	than this?	
16	When will the current TVCA CEO's employment contract be terminated?	
17	Following the announcement of the departure of the TVCA CEO, a local media outlet reported having access to the 'Revised Senior Management Structure'. Where can this be found, or is it confidential and only available to particular journalists? Has the new structure been costed? Were cost savings identified, or is the new structure likely to result in an increase in costs? Which committee approved the new structure, and where was it minuted/recorded?	

Item 6: Quarter 2 Finance Position and MTFP		
Question Number	Question	Notes
18	*"The forecasted outturn for 2024/25 includes £14.3 million for the Brownfield Housing programme, the programme fund must be fully defrayed by March 2025. TVCA have previously highlighted the tight delivery deadlines associated with this funding. TVCA has identified a project that would allow full utilisation of this funding within the required timescale."* What project has been identified here?	Ref: point 25
19	Funds have been allocated to Gresham. Does this include funds that will be allocated for The Crown in Middlesbrough considering that the building represents a major safety hazard?	Ref: point 29
20	£3.8m has been re-profiled from the Hartlepool and Middlesbrough Development Corporation 2024/25 budget to future years. What is the remaining budget for the two development corporations in 2024/25?	Ref: point 31

Item 8: Investment Plan Performance Report

Question Number	Question	Notes
21	 *Direct jobs and Annual GVA as of June 2024.* Please give a breakdown of the industry and corresponding amount of '*jobs created through confirmed investment*'.	
22	Will the TVCA be looking at a child poverty strategy, considering that Ayresome Ward in Middlesbrough has the highest child poverty rate in England at 84%, and that the North East Combined Authority's mayor has just announced their child poverty strategy after only having been in office for 8 months?	Ref: point 4 .

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<tr><td>23</td><td>5. This report sets out progress against the economic targets set out in the SEP both in terms of job numbers and GVA. The data provided relates to actual jobs created and does not take into action projected jobs that will be generated from investment made.

6. Progress achieved to date against the Strategic Economic Plan is noted below:

<table><tr><th>SEP ambition</th><th>Progress</th><th>Context</th></tr><tr><td>25,000 additional jobs</td><td>10,000 more jobs. The headline Tees Valley jobs total was 302,000 in 2022 compared to 292,000 in from 2014 to 2016 (ONS) which was the first year of the SEP.
But also new jobs created since 2022 and those in the pipeline e.g., Teesworks 10,378 jobs in next 4 years (Colliers: Teesworks the Silicon Valley of Net Zero).</td><td>▪ In the period SSI closed (loss of circa 3,000 jobs) in 2015 and Covid pandemic.
▪ Net new jobs in our economy (as jobs have been lost in the period particularly due to economic shocks) (ONS)
▪ Definition of a job includes employees, the self-employed, government supported trainees, and HM forces (ONS NOMIS). Includes full and part time.</td></tr></table>
Why are you using a report commissioned by Teesworks to report on jobs progress when you have refused to comment on it previously when asked about it, stating that ‘This is a report commissioned by Teesworks Ltd’? Further to this, will you be commissioning your own independent research into jobs creation at Teesworks on behalf of the public?</td><td>Ref: point 6</td></tr>
<tr><td>24</td><td>‘The headline Tees Valley jobs total was 302,000 in 2022 compared to 292,000 in from 2014 to 2016 (ONS) which was the first year of the SEP.’

Please link the ONS data set you are using here.</td><td>Ref: point 6</td></tr>
<tr><td>25</td><td>Why has the GVA not been provided for the Land Remediated?</td><td>Ref: point 7</td></tr>
<tr><td>26</td><td>The Gateway Review confirms that 612 acres of land have been remediated. Could you confirm how many acres have been remediated in the following Teesworks zones? (1) Long Acres (2) The Foundry (3) Lackenby (4) Dorman Point (5) South Bank</td><td>Ref: point 7</td></tr>
<tr><td>27</td><td>The Gateway Review confirms the following Job Outcomes to June 2024: Direct 10,671, Indirect 7,096. How many of these 17,767 people were still in employment as of 30 June 2024?</td><td>Ref: point 7</td></tr>
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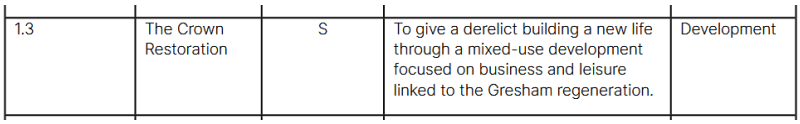
Item 10: Middlesbrough Development Corporation Update

Question Number	Question	Notes
28	How much did the MDC pay for the former House of Fraser store?	Ref: point 21
29	Why doesn't the Gresham masterplan, developed by Tarras Park Properties Limited, include the Crown pub?	Ref: point 22, item C
30	Why doesn't the 8-point 'Gresham Focus Area' update mention the Crown pub anywhere?	Gresham Focus Area, page 4
31	 How long is the development phase for The Crown Restoration expected to be?	Appendix 2 - 1.3
32	How many statutory officers are employed at the Middlesbrough Development Corporation?	Ref: point 22
33	Given that rental properties for families/professionals have dropped significantly in Gresham and HMO's are increasing rapidly, what percentage of the newly built homes will be allocated to families and not students?	Gresham Focus Area point a.

Item 11: UK Shared Prosperity Fund Update		
Question Number	Question	Notes
34	What body allocates money to external organisations from the Shared Prosperity Fund?	
35	Do Siobhan McArdle and/or Matthew Ord in their roles as Chair and Vice Chair of the business board have any influence over allocations of money from the Shared Prosperity Fund?	
36	Is any capital from the Shared Prosperity Fund used internally by the TVCA for staff expenses - i.e. to attend conferences?	
37	Is any capital from the Shared Prosperity Fund used internally by	

	the TVCA for consultancy fees?	
38	Who decides what is spent internally by the TVCA to hold conferences etc, in contrast to what is awarded externally?	
39	What is the application process for awards from the Shared Prosperity Fund?	
40	Has any money from the Shared Prosperity Fund been awarded to Chris Musgrave / Martin Corney / Teesworks / The JV Partners? If so, what was the money awarded for? How much was awarded? Who made the decision?	
41	What is the financial and value for money monitoring process for grants awarded both internally and externally from the Shared Prosperity Fund?	
42	How do we access the list of every grant awarded to specific businesses and organisations, in addition to funds used internally by the TVCA to date? If it is not possible to access this information, could you please explain why?	

Item 12: Transport Programme Update		
Question Number	Question	Notes
43	Will the TVCA convene and lead an urgent meeting with Network Rail, Northern, and Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council to expedite the repairs to the footbridge at South Bank station, providing emergency funding if necessary?	Page 4
44	Given the ongoing issues with the footbridge at South Bank station and the risks to the funding of the proposed South Bank Transport Hub via CRSTS funding, will the TVCA urgently request DfT funding for a proposal that would combine both projects?	Appendix 1, Page 19
45	Risks still remain about the Eaglescliffe to Northallerton Gauge clearance project. This issue was first identified as a priority by the TVCA in November 2016. Why has no progress been made in more than 8 years?	Appendix 1, Page 7 https://microsites.darlington.gov.uk/media/1309/tvcaconnect2026.pdf

46	The target date of July 2025 for the completion of the Steel House Transport Interchange is unrealistic. Will a new target date be set?	Appendix 1, Page 18
47	Given that funding will no longer be available for Tees Flex after March 2025, could the TVCA provide certainty by confirming that this project will no longer continue after this date?	Appendix 1, Page 26
48	Regarding the Middlesbrough Station Work Package 3 (Third platform): Given a 'worst case' cost increase from £38.7m to £69.4m, will the TVCA now reconsider whether this project is likely to provide Value for Money?	Appendix 2, Page 4

Item 13: Local Growth Plan		
Question Number	Question	Notes
49	**Employee jobs (2023)** Source: ONS Business Register and Employment Survey : open access Given that the Office for National Statistics reports that the leading industries in the Tees Valley are 'Human Health and Social Work' as well as 'Activities and Wholesale And Retail Trade; Repair Of	Appendix 1

	Tees Valley (Employee Jobs)	Tees Valley (%)	North East (%)	Great Britain (%)
Total Employee Jobs	270,000	-	-	-
Full-Time	182,000	67.4	68.3	68.8
Part-Time	88,000	32.6	31.7	31.2
Employee Jobs By Industry				
B : Mining And Quarrying	1,000	0.4	0.1	0.1
C : Manufacturing	25,000	9.3	10.1	7.5
D : Electricity, Gas, Steam And Air Conditioning Supply	1,250	0.5	0.4	0.4
E : Water Supply; Sewerage, Waste Management And Remediation Activities	3,500	1.3	0.9	0.7
F : Construction	16,000	5.9	5.0	4.8
G : Wholesale And Retail Trade; Repair Of Motor Vehicles And Motorcycles	33,000	12.2	11.8	13.7
H : Transportation And Storage	18,000	6.7	5.6	5.0
I : Accommodation And Food Service Activities	18,000	6.7	7.7	8.0
J : Information And Communication	8,000	3.0	3.4	4.6
K : Financial And Insurance Activities	4,000	1.5	1.9	3.4
L : Real Estate Activities	6,000	2.2	2.3	1.9
M : Professional, Scientific And Technical Activities	18,000	6.7	5.9	9.3
N : Administrative And Support Service Activities	17,000	6.3	7.0	8.7
O : Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	16,000	5.9	7.2	4.7
P : Education	24,000	8.9	9.6	8.6
Q : Human Health And Social Work Activities	51,000	18.9	16.6	13.9
R : Arts, Entertainment And Recreation	6,000	2.2	2.5	2.6
S : Other Service Activities	5,000	1.9	2.0	1.9

	Motor Vehicles And Motorcycles', why has the TVCA focussed on Modern Industrial & Technology Cluster and Advanced Manufacturing as emerging top priorities?	
50	'*The Tees Valley digital sector is one of the fastest growing in the UK.*' Please provide the evidence for this.	Ref: point 16