

AGENDA ITEM 5**REPORT TO THE TEES VALLEY
COMBINED AUTHORITY CABINET****15th MARCH 2019****REPORT OF THE TEES VALLEY MAYOR****TEES VALLEY MAYOR'S UPDATE****SUMMARY**

This report provides a general update on the key activities of the Mayor and Combined Authority since the last Cabinet meeting, which are not covered in other reports to this meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Tees Valley Combined Authority Cabinet notes the report.

DETAIL**RUGBY LEAGUE WORLD CUP 2021**

1. Tees Valley has been confirmed as one of the host venues for the Rugby League World Cup 2021.
2. Our area will host a significant match featuring a prestige team at Middlesbrough Football Club's Riverside Stadium, following a successful bid led by the Tees Valley.

ADULT EDUCATION BUDGET

3. The Mayoral Combined Authority has received confirmation that the funding allocation it will receive for academic year 2019/20 under the devolution of the Adult Education Budget will be £29.4m.
4. This allocation was based upon the delivery to Tees Valley residents in academic year 2017/18 and future annual allocations will be based on this market share.
5. The commissioning process for Adult Education Budget closed on 1st February. The appraisal process is well underway and on track within the agreed deadlines.
6. A full report will be presented to cabinet in May 2019 to approve final funding awards.

LOCAL INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY

7. Tees Valley has previously been announced as a Wave 2 area for the development of a Local Industrial Strategy (LIS). The strategy will be jointly agreed with Government and will focus on:
 - i. Local strengths and challenges
 - ii. Future opportunities
 - iii. The action needed to drive productivity.

8. The core principles underpinning the development of the LIS are:
 - i. It must be centred around a robust and open evidence base
 - ii. Setting a distinctive long-term vision
 - iii. Building on local strengths
 - iv. Making choices and assessing trade-offs
 - v. Clarifying specific actions and investments; address the foundations of productivity
 - vi. Inclusive growth
 - vii. Integrating evaluation.

9. A report was brought to Cabinet in September 2018 confirming the national requirements to develop a LIS, and the process for development in Tees Valley. A project plan has been developed, working towards finalising the LIS for local sign-off in May, with a view to this being agreed by Central Government in Autumn 2019.

ENJOY TEES VALLEY

10. A new Tees Valley mini-guide has been produced, detailing attractions and culture in the Tees Valley. Over 100,000 copies to be circulated in all hotel and attraction racks within a two-hour drive of the Tees Valley.

11. The Tees Valley City Games, which will take place in September 2019 were formally launched with Brendan Foster and local athlete Richard Kilty in February. Marketing is now taking place to attract runners from all over the country.

12. The Mayoral Combined Authority has also attended two major walking and cycling shows in Ghent with 15,000 attendees and Utrecht with 30,000 attendees, profiling the excellent walking and cycling routes in Tees Valley. The Dutch and Belgian markets offer great potential for building awareness and attracting visits to Tees Valley.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

13. There are no financial implications to this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

14. There are no legal implications to this report.

RISK ASSESSMENT

15. This report is an update and therefore is categorised as low risk.

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