

# MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 3

## COMMITTEE REPORT

COUNCIL

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### TEES VALLEY DEVOLUTION DEAL

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#### PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of the report is to seek Council's endorsement of a devolution deal with central Government for a package of devolved powers and resources for the Tees Valley.

#### BACKGROUND

The five Tees Valley local authorities have collectively been in negotiation with central Government for the devolvement of powers and resources that are currently controlled by central Government. This follows similar agreements reached in both the Manchester and Sheffield City Regions.

The Chancellor, accompanied by other Ministers was in the Tees Valley on Friday 23 October 2015 to sign a 'Devolution Deal' with the Tees Valley. This was subject to the agreement of the five respective Councils.

As the deal involves the agreement of all five Tees Valley Councils, it is important that the five Councils each consider the same package, with associated commentary and considerations so there are no ambiguities or differing interpretations on any of the matters. Therefore, Tees Valley Councils have an agreed common report to be presented to all Councils to ensure that the information is presented in the same manner to all authorities. This is attached in Appendix A. Attached with this report are two separate appendices on: a summary of the Devolution Deal; and, the Devolution Deal and what it means for the Tees Valley?

#### FINANCIAL, RISK AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

These are all addressed in the attached standard report.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Council supports the Tees Valley Devolution package as set out in the attached report.

## **REASONS**

The Tees Valley devolution deal will ensure that resources and powers previously discharged by Central Government and its agencies will be discharged and determined within the Tees Valley. This will considerably improve democratic accountability and assist in the economic growth of the area.

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