

THAMES VALLEY ASSEMBLY (TVA) MEETING

21st March 2024, 09.00 - 10.30am

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Purpose

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AGENDA		
1.	Welcome, aims and ambitions of the TVA <u>Paul Britton</u> , CEO Thames Valley Chamber of Commerce	09.00 - 09.05
2.	Foreign Direct Investment: UK sector and market trends / priorities for the future <u>Lucy Buzzoni</u> , Director of Investment Department for Business and Trade <u>Gareth Ralphs</u> , Head of Policy & Inward Investment TVCC Q&A	09.05 - 09.30
3.	Refreshing the value proposition for the region <u>Robert Van de Noort</u> CBE, Vice Chancellor University of Reading Roundtable Discussion The changing role of the Thames Valley in contributing to UK Global competitiveness.	09.30 - 10.00
4.	Future priorities for the TVA <u>Gareth Ralphs</u> , Head of Policy & Inward Investment TVCC - Update TVCC Policy work and input from TVA members	10.00 - 10.10
5.	National policy update <u>Alex Veitch</u> , Director of Policy & Insights, British Chambers of Commerce - BCC response to Spring Budget - BCC Global Britain Paper	10.10 - 10.25
6.	AOB, Sarah Irving	10.25 – 10.27
7.	Closing remarks, Paul Britton	10.27 - 10.30

Date of next meeting: Thursday 18th July 2024, 09:15 to 11:00, followed by AGM
Green Park Conference Centre, 100 Longwater Avenue, Reading, RG2 6GP

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TERMS OF REFERENCE

The TVCC hosts a region-wide Thames Valley Assembly (TVA), the aim of which is to support member engagement, on strategic policy issues, themes, and sector priorities across the Thames Valley. The TVA is a critical component of TVCC's strategic policy and sector-based work in supporting regional representation and global opportunity, ensuring the independent voice of business for the Thames Valley is heard.

Objective

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Terms of Reference

1. To work in the best interests of the TVCC and its wider objectives and governance.
2. To represent the independent voice of business.
3. Through debate, to help inform the priorities of the annual BM.
4. To regularly review progress and support the delivery of the BM.
5. To consider specific priorities relating to the BM or referred to the TVAA by the TVCC Executive or Board and, where relevant, TVA members.
6. To provide comment on specific consultations or media requests as they relate to the BM.
7. Where invited, to act in an Advisory role, only, to the TVCC Board
8. At all times, to maintain confidentiality with respect to the matters and information to which the BM and TVA have access and are discussing.
9. At all times, to maintain and uphold the integrity and professional standards of the TVCC and BCC.

TVA Membership

10. All TVA members must normally hold TVCC membership for at least 15 months before being appointed¹ (i.e., have renewed their TVCC membership at least once).
11. The recommended term of a TVA member should be [no more than 3 years]. A member, including its Chair, may serve no more than two concurrent terms (i.e., a total of six years).
12. TVCC's Board reserve the right to withdraw TVA membership at any time.
13. Candidates for the TVA must first be approved by the TVCC Board.
14. An individual TVA membership is non-transferable.
15. Subject to availability, up to two members of the TVA will be appointed by the Board to the Nominations Committee, including one Local President.

¹ Subject to ratification by the TVCC's Nominations Committee
Final: 02/2023