

Combined Authority multiple bid ranking note

This note explains the process used by the Combined Authority to arrive at a package of proposals for inclusion in the TVCA's preferred submission to the National Productivity Investment Fund.

The Combined Authority has recently defined a Key Route Network (KRN). The KRN has been used as a strategic decision making tool to assist in the development of a programme of complementary NPIF proposals that improve its performance and contribute to economic growth and job creation.

The KRN:

- Incorporates Highways England's Strategic Road Network (SRN) within the Tees Valley
- Incorporates Transport for the North's Major Road Network (MRN) within the Tees Valley
- Includes a series of additional links (limited to A and B roads) that link important economic centres to the KRN
- Incorporates strategic freight routes

As part of the bid development process the TVCA as Transport Authority instigated a call for proposals from its constituent Highways Authorities. This resulted in a long-list of 20 proposals from partners. These were prioritised in to a preferred package of 6 interventions using the following considerations:

- Fit with NPIF guidance (including demonstrable contribution to congestion reduction, jobs creation or housing growth)
- Fit with the aims and objectives of the Tees Valley Strategic Economic Plan (SEP)
- Contribution to the efficient operation of the TVCA Key Route Network
- Synergistic benefits to other planned schemes – in particular programmed Highways England Schemes and the Large Local Major schemes being developed by TVCA
- Deliverability

The package of 6 proposals that all have equal status and are strongly supported by the Tees Valley Combined Authority is as follows:

- **A177 Horse and Jockey and Crathorne Interchange Improvement**
- **A66 East/West Cargo Fleet Roundabout Improvements**
- **Darlington Enterprise & Growth Zone Connectivity**
- **Elwick Bypass Improvement**
- **Stainton Way and B1365 Capacity Improvements**
- **Swans Corner to Flatts Lane Improvements**