

North East Combined Authority, Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday 27th September, 2016 at 2.00 pm

Meeting to be held at Sunderland Civic Centre

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AGENDA

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1. Apologies for Absence

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Please remember to declare any personal interest where appropriate both verbally and by recording it on the relevant form (to be handed to the Democratic Services Officer). Please also remember to leave the meeting where any personal interest requires this.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

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4. Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair

Members are requested to note the intention to circulate the above report on a supplemental agenda in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

5. Policy Review: Transport Related Barriers to Employment: evidence from Arriva

Members are requested to note the intention to circulate the above report on a supplemental agenda in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

6. North East Local Enterprise Partnership update

Members are requested to note the intention to circulate the above report on a supplemental agenda in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

7. 2017/18 Budget Process and Timetable

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8. North East Combined Authority - Devolution Update

Members are requested to note the intention to circulate the above report on a supplemental agenda in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

9. Forward Plan and Scrutiny Work Programme

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10. Date and time of the next meeting

Tuesday 1 November 2016 at North Tyneside

Contact Officer: Brenda Joyce Tel: E-mail:

To All Members

North East Combined Authority, Overview and Scrutiny Committee 7 July 2016

(2.00 - 3.00 pm)

Meeting held Durham County Hall

Present:

Councillor: Wright (Chair)

Councillors: Crute, Glindon, Graham, Meling, Pidcock and Snowdon

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Armstrong, P Dillon, J Eagle, B Flux and A Lower.

The Chair confirmed that the committee is not quorate and any decisions taken would be ratified at the next meeting.

2 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR & VICE-CHAIR

V Geary confirmed that as the meeting is not quorate, appointment of the Chair and Vice-Chair will be carried out at the next meeting. It was highlighted that the Leadership Board had discussed the challenges in holding a quorate meeting and changes have been proposed to the governance arrangements to allow for substitute members. It would be the responsibility of the committee member to organise for their substitute to attend.

Councillor Wright was nominated and seconded as Chair of this meeting only.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

[Councillors Glindon and Pidcock joined the meeting].

4 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 22 March 2016 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Matters Arising

(minute 45 refers)

Members queried if the request for training around transport matters had been progressed. K Brown indicated that this would be included within the informal sessions for committee.

(minute 46 refers)

Members requested an update on the rolling out of the smart card by Nexus. K Brown indicated that regular updates from Nexus are included on the committee work programme and that this update will be requested.

(minute 47 refers)

It was confirmed that Councillor Glinton left the meeting at this point and the committee became inquorate.

5 DEVOLUTION AGREEMENT, GOVERNANCE REVIEW & SCHEME FOR THE PROPOSED MAYORAL AUTHORITY

Submitted: A report of the Interim Head of Paid Service (previously circulated and copy attached to the official minutes).

A Wilkinson presented the report to Committee, which provided information on the current position in relation to the devolution proposals for the North East Combined Authority.

Members raised a number of questions and the following was noted:

- Establishment of the Mayoral Authority is currently going through the legal process, with a view to being established in May 2017.
- Gateshead will continue to be involved in the combined authority as a nonconsenting authority until the order is complete. At that point another order will remove Gateshead from the mayoral authority prior to due process being completed.
- The Leadership Board are concerned that elements of the deal may be at risk following the referendum, particularly in relation to EU Funding, of which £430m is received by the region. Assurance is now being sought from the government around powers and funding, as any changes could have a negative impact on the deal. Initial feedback from the government is that this has still to be unpicked but that they will provide a timeline for this.
- The Leadership Board will want to be satisfied about the assurances received, prior to consulting on the governance structure, which will be carried out over a six week period. It is not anticipated that current delays will impact on the process, but further delays might. The worst case scenario could be that a Mayor is in place before governance arrangements have been finalised.
- Members discussed the ability of Civil Servants and Ministers to provide sufficient assurance at this point. In response, it was highlighted that the government had indicated that Ministers in post could give those assurances and that other combined authorities had started to speed up the process to bring forward agreement on proposals.

- The assurances sought from the government relate to the totality of the deal including devolution, mayoral structure and finance, rather than specific assurances around the detailed elements of the deal, for example Air Passenger Duty.
- Members queried if any changes to ministerial appointments could impact on the proposals. In response, it was confirmed that this would depend on where proposals are in the process. Once orders have been laid, a repeal of legislation by Parliament would be required to stop any deal. There is also provision in the devolution legislation that authorities can seek to become mayoral if they so wish. There would also be further complications around the Bus Services Bill, which includes a role for an elected mayor. It was noted that there is a groundswell of government department support for devolution.
- Members discussed the timing and nature of the extensive public consultation referred to in the report. In response, it was confirmed that the Leadership Board will trigger the start of the consultation process once sufficient assurance has been received from government. The consultation is on the governance scheme only. Consultation has already taken place in relation to an elected mayor and other specific areas.
- Members commented that previous consultation had achieved a low number of responses and was not consistent across the area. A delay, which would result in holding the consultation until after the summer period, was welcomed.
- It was highlighted that the minutes of the Leadership Board would confirm that the Leadership Board did not endorse the governance review at their last meeting.
- Members raised concerns about the current level of uncertainty. In response, it
 was highlighted that there are elements that need to be confirmed, but the
 underlying essence of the proposals had not changed; it therefore provided for
 greater local influence in relation to national budgets and opportunities to bring
 funding streams together.
- Queries were raised about the extent to which any withdrawal of EU funding would impact on the proposals. It was confirmed that the deal included the management and allocation of EU funding and that there were now no future guarantees around this. EU funding already allocated now and over the next 2-3 years will continue and any delays to leaving the EU may extend this, but there is the possibility of claw-back on funds not allocated in time. Overall the impact is anticipated to be £430m of EU Funding and assurances are being sought about this.

The Chair expressed concern about the uncertainties at this point and confirmed that the scrutiny committee had requested a regular devolution update at each meeting, which may need to include a review of any changes to the devolution agreement in light of the referendum decision.

The Chair thanked A Wilkinson for attending the meeting

6 FORWARD PLAN AND WORK PROGRAMME

Submitted: A report of the Monitoring Officer (previously circulated and copy attached to the official minutes) on the Forward Plan and scrutiny annual work programme for 2016/17.

In discussion, members requested further information on the scrutiny role at the next meeting in September. V Geary confirmed that recent draft regulations have clarified the enhanced role of scrutiny, and this will be reflected in the constitution. It was noted that current provisions allow for any member of a constituent authority to call-in a decision and further clarification will be sought on this.

RESOLVED: that committee agree that the NECA Forward Plan be received and the scrutiny work programme be agreed subject to ratification at the next meeting.

7 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

27 September 2016 at 2pm, at Sunderland.

Agenda Item 7

North East Combined Authority

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: 27 September 2016

Subject: 2017/18 Budget Process and Timetable

Report Of: Chief Finance Officer

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to set out the process and timetable for the preparation, consultation and approval of the 2017/18 budget and indicative medium term financial strategy. The process and timetable will be considered by the Leadership Board at its meeting on 20th September, with the Final Budget proposals for 2017/18 to be considered and approved at the Leadership Board meeting on 17th January 2017.

The North East Combined Authority is required by law to set its Transport Levies for 2017/18 by 15 February 2017, and has previously agreed its overall budget in January in order to enable constituent authorities to take the levies and other contributions to the Authority into account in setting their own budgets for 2017/18.

The timetable involves a draft budget report being considered by the Leadership Board at its meeting on 15th November, which will then be available for consultation and comment. This is scheduled to be considered by Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 14th December 2016.

Recommendations

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to note the Budget process and timetable and to agree to receive and consider the draft Budget Report at its next meeting in December 2016.

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1 Background Information

- 1.1 The Transport Levying Bodies (Amendment) Regulations 2015 require the Authority to set its Transport Levies for 2017/18 by 15 February 2017. NECA's practice is to set the levies in January to ensure that this statutory deadline is met, but also to give constituent authorities information about the transport levies as early as possible to enable them to reflect the amounts in their budgets.
- 1.2 In addition to the Transport Levies, the budget will set out any contributions from constituent authorities to meeting the non-transport costs of the Authority for agreement.

2 NECA Budget Process and Timetable

2.1 2017/18 Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy

- 2.1.1 The Combined Authority is required to set a Budget and Transport Levies in its area for 2017/18 before 15 February 2017. It is currently planned that the NECA Leadership Board will agree these at its meeting on 17 January 2017.
- 2.1.2 To achieve this, Transport levies must be considered by the Tyne and Wear Transport Sub-Committee and in Durham and Northumberland by mid-December 2016.
- 2.1.3 In regard to the Tyne and Wear Transport levy, the Leadership Board will recall that it agreed a reduction in this particular levy in the current year of £2.08m. Of this, £2.0m related to the grant paid to Nexus and as a consequence, approval was given to the Nexus budget being balanced by use of reserves, pending the delivery of further savings in future years. To facilitate this, Nexus has recently undertaken the first phase of a public consultation exercise, seeking users' views about the services it provides, the outcome of which is to be reported to the Tyne and Wear Transport Sub-Committee on 15 September 2016. The need for expenditure reductions within the Nexus budget next year will therefore be heavily influenced by the level of the Tyne and Wear transport levy in 2017/18 and this will need to be reflected in the initial budget report in November.
- 2.1.4 While the statutory requirement is for an annual budget and levies to be set for 2017/18, it is good practice to seek to set a budget and in particular a capital programme within the context of a Medium Term Financial Strategy covering a three to five year period. In the last two years external factors have meant that the Combined Authority has only been able to set annual

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budgets. The Authority will need to take into account the information available about the availability of revenue and capital resources for future years when it considered its budget position for future years.

2.2 Medium Term Investment Programme

- 2.2.1 A substantial and growing element of NECA's budget is capital investment, both in terms of Highways and Transport Infrastructure, and investment in Economic Development and Business Support initiatives.
- 2.2.2 Infrastructure projects by their nature have a longer term planning and delivery profile and a longer term Investment Strategy and Plan is important. The Authority is expected to hear the outcome of its Local Growth Fund round 3 bid at the time of the Autumn statement. In the absence of confirmed longer term funding under a Devolution deal, the Authority will develop its capital programme based upon the known level of resources that it will be able to access and will continue to bid for additional capital funding from any available sources.

2.3 Budget Timetable

- 2.3.1 An indicative timetable has been prepared (see Appendix 1) to enable the budget and levy decisions to be taken on 17 January 2017, and to meet the need for consultation over the 2017/18 budget proposals as set out in NECA's constitution.
- 2.3.2 The timetable will be challenging, and requires an outline budget for 2017/18 to be agreed on 15 November for consultation, meaning discussion of substantive policy, strategy and financial considerations in September and October.
- 2.3.3 The budget will need to reflect the latest information about the Devolution agreement and it is intended to report on the implications of the Devolution decision on the base budget for 2016/17 to the Authority's next meeting.
- 2.3.4 The outline budget proposals should highlight the overall level of the capital and revenue budgets for 2017/18, and any significant service impacts upon which consultation would be required. It should set out the level of reserves considered prudent for NECA and an assessment of the opportunities and risks facing the authority. More detail can be agreed in early December to be added to the budget report for 17 January.

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3 Risk and Reserves

- 3.1 The budget proposals need to include an assessment of the level of financial risk facing the NECA budget. Risks to the budget are currently considered to be generally relatively low in respect of Transport as, under the Levy rules, the in-year Transport cost risks are taken by Durham and Northumberland Councils, and by Nexus for Tyne and Wear.
- 3.2 Risks from the pension fund are minimal as NECA has repaid most of its historic pension deficit. The position will become clearer over the next few months following the triennial revaluation, which will set contributions for the next three years.
- 3.3 Risks associated with Treasury Management loans and investments will be covered in a separate statement as part of the budget process.
- 3.4 Risks relating to NELEP funds will be managed within the NELEP, including access to funds where the use is determined by the NELEP board.
- 3.5 While NECA has substantial total reserves, these are virtually all earmarked for specific purposes, particularly capital investment, the North East Smart Ticketing Initiative and the Tyne Tunnel. The NECA corporate reserves are very low. The adequacy of this reserve will be reviewed and updated. This reserve was being used on a temporary basis to fund a significant element of the £0.5m costs of preparing for Devolution. In the absence of Devolution funding to cover these costs, it is likely that the reserves will need to be replenished by contributions from constituent authorities to restore a minimum level of general reserves. The level of this contribution is currently being assessed and will be reported to a future meeting.

4 Next Steps

- 4.1 During August and early September the budget process is being discussed with Economic Development Officer Group, the Directors of Finance Group, the Transport Officers Group and individual Treasurers. Senior Officers have been encouraged to have discussions within each authority as part of their budget process. The implication of Devolution decisions and the success in bidding for Government funding will also be assessed and taken into account in preparing the budget proposals.
- 4.2 Meetings in September and October with Senior Officers and members will identify the key issues that need to be reflected in the initial budget report in November.

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5 Potential Impact on Objectives

5.1 The budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy will be prepared to reflect the objectives of the Authority including the delivery of the Strategic Economic Plan. Future reports will set out revenue and capital budget proposals in detail that will help deliver the objectives of the Authority.

6 Finance and Other Resources

- 6.1 This report sets out the timetable and process for agreement of the necessary budgets and funding for the Authority. The Chief Finance Officer will draw on available resources to deliver the budget report and plan.
- 6.2 An update on the 2016/17 Budget will be prepared for the Authority's next meeting, taking into account the latest information available about Devolution and other external funding.

7 Legal

- 7.1 NECA is required by the Transport Levying Bodies (Amendment) Regulations 2015 to issue the transport levies by 15 February preceding the commencement of the financial year in respect of which it is issued.
- 7.2 In accordance with the Budget and Policy Framework Rules of Procedure of the NECA's Constitution, at least 2 months before the calculation of the revenue budget and transport levies are required to be finalised, the Leadership Board will produce initial outline proposals to the NECA's Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 7.3 Once the consultation process has been completed, details of the final proposals in relation to the revenue budget and levies will be referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 7.4 Given the timescales set out above, the detailed proposals in relation to the revenue budget and transport levies need to be considered by the Leadership Board at its meeting on 15 November 2016 and by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 14 December.

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8 Other Considerations

8.1 Consultation/Community Engagement

The proposed budget will be subject to a period of consultation including the constituent Local Authorities, Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Governance Committee, Transport North East Committee and the North East Chamber of Commerce.

8.2 **Human Rights**

There are no specific human rights implications arising from this report.

8.3 Equalities and Diversity

There are no specific equalities and diversity implications arising from this report.

8.4 Risk Management

The budget proposals will include an assessment of risk facing the NECA budget, which will be used to inform the level of reserves which is determined to be prudent. This report is for information on the budget process and has no specific risk management implications.

8.5 **Crime and Disorder**

There are no specific crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

8.6 **Environment and Sustainability**

There are no specific environment and sustainability implications arising from this report.

9 Background Documents

9.1 None

10 Links to the Local Transport Plans

10.1 There are no specific links to the local transport plans arising as a result of this report.

11 Appendices

Appendix 1 – Budget Timeline

12 Contact Officers

12.1 Paul Woods, Chief Finance Officer, paul.woods@northeastca.gov.uk

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13 Sign off

- Head of Paid Service ✓
- Monitoring Officer ✓
- Chief Finance Officer ✓

Appendix 1 – Budget Timeline

DATE	EVENT/MEETING	ACTION
17 January 2017	NECA Leadership Board	Formally agree levies and budget
January 2017	NELEP Board	Final North East LEP budget report
11 January 2017	Paper circulation	Final budget report published
14 December 2016	NECA Overview & Scrutiny Committee	Consider Budget report as part of consultation process
13 December 2016	LA7 Leadership Briefing	Informal consideration of the content of the budget report and levy proposals
December 2016 (date to be confirmed	Transport North East Committee – Tyne & Wear Sub Committee	Consider/agree transport budget/levy proposals for consideration by Leadership Board (to be arranged if required)
6 December 2016	NECA Governance Committee	Consultation on budget proposals
15 November 2016	NECA Leadership Board	Consider and agree draft budget report for wider consultation
24 November 2016	North East LEP Board	NE LEP Budget Preparation
3 November 2016	Transport North East Committee	Consider/Agree Transport budget/Levy proposals for consideration by Leadership Board
October 2016	Meetings with individual authorities	Consult/Discuss budget proposals; identify and resolve issues
20 September 2016	NECA Leadership Board	Consider and agree 2017/18 budget process/timetable and updated 2016/17 budget (including Devolution funds)
15 September 2016	Transport North East Committee – Tyne & Wear Sub Committee	Update on budget process, feedback in connection with the Nexus service review, the Tyne & Wear transport Levy, Tyne Tunnels budget etc.

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13 September 2016	NECA Governance Committee	Update on Budget Process and Timetable and Treasury Management Mid-Year review
August-September 2016	Budget preparation – discussions with local authorities and officer groups	Consider and comment on NECA budget issues

Agenda Item 9

North East Combined Authority

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: 27 September 2016

Subject: Forward Plan & Scrutiny Work Programme

Report of: Monitoring Officer

Executive summary

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an opportunity to consider the items on the Forward Plan for the current 28 day period and to endorse the Scrutiny Annual Work Programme for 2016/17.

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Recommendations

It is recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee considers the Forward Plan in relation to the development of the Committee's Work Programme and endorses the draft Work Programme for 2016/17.

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1. Background Information

- 1.1 The Forward Plan is a document which lists the decisions that the North East Combined Authority committees intend to take in the coming months. The Forward Plan contains specific information relating to each decision, including the date the decision will be made, a brief explanation of the topic, the consultation to be undertaken, and contact details of the author.
- 1.2 Details of each decision are usually included on the Forward Plan 28 days before the report is considered and any decision is taken.

2. Role of Overview and Scrutiny

- One of the main functions of this Committee is the review and scrutiny of decisions made by the North East Leadership Board (NELB), the Transport North East Committee (TNEC), Transport North East (Tyne and Wear) Sub-Committee (TWSC) and Nexus. Durham County Council (DCC) and Northumberland County Council (NCC) are also subject to overview and scrutiny in relation to transport functions delegated to them, as is the North East Local Enterprise Partnership (NELEP) to the extent of the NECA's role as its accountable body. One of the ways this can be achieved is by considering the forthcoming decisions of those various decision making bodies
- 2.2 In considering items in the Forward Plan, the Scrutiny Committee should determine whether scrutiny can add value in relation to the decision being made.
- 2.3 To this end, the current Forward Plan is attached marked Appendix 1.

3. Annual Work Programme

- 3.1 The Scrutiny Committee's draft Annual Work Programme is attached as Appendix 2.
- 3.2 The work programme has been compiled to allow the Scrutiny Committee to have an overview of all performance, decision-taking and developments within the NECA, as well as being focused and flexible to allow for new issues and recognising the capacity of the scrutiny committee to respond in a timely way to emerging developments throughout the year.

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- 3.3 The NECA Scrutiny Committee obtains work programme items from the following sources:
 - a) Items submitted by Members of the Committee (and including items referred by other members of the combined authority)
 - b) The Budget and Policy Framework
 - c) The Forward Plan
 - d) The three Thematic Leads
 - e) Evidence for any policy review work

4. Policy Review - Transport Related Barriers to Employment

4.1 The Scrutiny Committee is continuing to gather evidence for a policy review of transport related barriers to education, employment and training. The review will contribute to the North East Transport Plan which in turn will contribute to the delivery of "More and Better Jobs", the Strategic Economic Plan.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 In considering the Forward Plan, Members are asked to consider those issues where the Scrutiny Committee could make a contribution and add value.
- 5.2 If the Scrutiny Committee determines to review or scrutinise a decision notified in the Forward Plan, a meeting of the Committee will be arranged to allow scrutiny members to carry out their role in a timely way.
- 5.3 The draft work programme will be refreshed and updated at each meeting of the scrutiny committee throughout the year.

6. Potential Impact on Objectives

6.1 Development of a work programme and review and scrutiny of decisions in the Forward Plan will contribute towards the development and implementation of the policy framework of the NECA, Nexus and NELEP as well as providing appropriate challenge to decisions taken.

7. Finance and Other Resources

7.1 No financial or other resource implications are identified at this stage. The financial impact of any proposals or recommendations should be taken into account and any significant implications should be reflected in any considerations and comments made by the Scrutiny Committee.

8. Legal

8.1 There are no specific legal implications arising from these recommendations.

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9. Other Considerations	3
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9.1 Consultation/Community Engagement

Not applicable

9.2 **Human Rights**

There are no specific human rights implications arising from this report.

9.3 Equalities and Diversity

Not applicable

9.4 Risk Management

Not applicable

9.5 Crime and Disorder

Not applicable

9.6 **Environment and Sustainability**

Not applicable

10. Background Documents

10.1 None

11. Links to the Local Transport Plans

11.1 None

12. Appendices

12.1 Forward Plan - Appendix 1
Work Programme - Appendix 2

13. Contact Officers

13.1 Karen Brown, Scrutiny Officer, karen.brown@sunderland.gov.uk

Sign off

Head of Paid Service ✓

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- Monitoring Officer ✓
- Chief Finance Officer ✓

14. Glossary

Forward Plan – list of decisions to be taken in the next 28 days Work Programme – schedule of reports to be taken over the year





Forward Plan of Decisions

Published 16 September 2016 *

The Forward Plan for the North East Combined Authority (NECA) is prepared and published by the Monitoring Officer for the purpose of giving the 28 days' notice of decisions that are planned to be taken by the NECA, its committees or a Chief Officer, which impact on the key areas of the NECA, namely Transport, Economic Development, Regeneration, Skills and Inclusion.

Unless otherwise indicated, if you require any further information or wish to make representations about any of the matters contained in the Forward Plan, please contact the appropriate officer as detailed against each entry at least 7 days before the meeting.

*The most recent entries are referred to as "NEW". Updated entries are referred to as "Updated".

Reference Number	Date of Decision	Decision Maker	Topic	Thematic area	Consultees /Consultation Process	Background Documents	Contact Officer
A. North Ea	st Leadersh	ip Board (Lea	dership Board)	,			
A 1. NEW	20 September 2016	Leadership Board	Go Smarter 2016-17 – Appointment of Delivery Providers The report seeks approval to appoint three contractors as delivery providers for the following elements of the 2016-17 Go Smarter programme: Go Smarter to Work Business Engagement Schools Active Travel Promotion (urgent item)	Transport	Extensive consultation took place with public and private stakeholders during development of the 2016-17 Transition Year Go Smarter funding bid and Transport North East Committee were also advised of the bid details	Sustainable Travel Transition Year Go Smarter funding bid – NECA application form: http://www.nort heastca.gov.uk /sites/default/fil es/file attachm ents/Sustainab le%20Travel% 20Transition% 20Year%20Re venue%20Co mpetition%202 016-17%20- %20NECA%2 0Application% 20Form.pdf	Mark Wilson Head of Transport Policy, NECA/NELEP Mark.wilson@north eastca.gov.uk 0191 211 5679

Reference Number	Date of Decision	Decision Maker	Topic	Thematic area	Consultees /Consultation Process	Background Documents	Contact Officer
A 2.	20 September 2016	Leadership Board	North East JEREMIE 2 Fund A decision is required to establish a company limited by guarantee to deliver the European Investment Bank funding and European Regional Development Funding as part of the JEREMIE 2 programme. The North East Local Enterprise Partnership is applying for European Regional Development Funding to establish an investment funding model to assist small and medium enterprises in the North East. As a requirement of obtaining the funding noted above, a new company must be establish to deliver the	Economic Development and Regeneration	Local Authorities and the North East LEP. Chief Executives, Leaders, Chief Finance Officers and Monitoring Officer have been consulted on this matter.	ERDF grant Application	Paul Woods, Chief Finance Officer North East Combined Authority 07446 936840 paul.woods@north eastca.gov.uk

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			project. This must be a wholly owned by one or more public bodies. NECA and applicant for ERDF grant on half of the North East LEP and the constituent authorities of NECA will become the members (owner) of the company, which will be limited by guarantee.				
A 3.	20 September 2016	Leadership Board	Going Ultra Low Electric Vehicles ERDF Bid (confidential report) The report seeks delegated authority for submission of a bid to ERDF for funding to support the Go Ultra Low North East Programme; and delegated authority to sign off, after receiving	Transport	NECA authorities, local universities and a range of public and private stakeholders were consulted in the process of developing the Going Ultra Low proposals	Held by the Contact Officer	Mark Wilson, Head of Transport Policy 0191 211 5679 mark.wilson@north eastca.gov.uk

Reference Number	Date of Decision	Decision Maker	Topic	Thematic area	Consultees /Consultation Process	Background Documents	Contact Officer
			the full report with costings, the proposed procurement model for the GUL NE filing stations and rapid chargers.				
			The report will be exempt from the publication by virtue of paragraphs 3 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of The Local Government Act 1972				
A 4.	20 September 2016	Leadership Board	Devolution Update	Corporate issue	As required.	Held by the Contact Officer	Head of Paid Service
A 5.	20 September 2016	Leadership Board	Annual Report and Accounts	Corporate issue	As required.	Held by the Contact Officer	Paul Woods, Chief Finance Officer North East Combined Authority 07446 936840 paul.woods@north eastca.gov.uk
A 6.	20 September 2016	Leadership Board	Draft Budget for 2017/18 and Transport	Corporate issue	As required.	Held by the Contact Officer	Paul Woods, Chief Finance Officer North East

Reference Number	Date of Decision	Decision Maker	Topic	Thematic area	Consultees /Consultation Process	Background Documents	Contact Officer
			Levies - Process and Timetable				Combined Authority 07446936840 paul.woods@north eastca.gov.uk
A 7.	20 September 2016	Leadership Board	Update reports on the following: • Economic Development and Regeneration; • Employability and Inclusion; and • Transport and Digital Connectivity	All	To be confirmed	Held by the Contact Officer	Economic Development and Regeneration: Beverley Poulter, Lead Policy Officer Sunderland City Council 0191 561 1150, beverley.poulter@s underland.gov.uk Employability and Inclusion: Janice Rose, Economic and Inclusion Policy Manager, Northumberland County Council, 01670 624747, janice.rose@northu mberland.gov.uk Transport: Mark Wilson, Head of Transport Policy,

Reference Number	Date of Decision	Decision Maker	Topic	Thematic area	Consultees /Consultation Process	Background Documents	Contact Officer
							0191 211 5679, mark.wilson@newc astle.gov.uk
A 8.	20 September 2016	Leadership Board	Mid-term evaluation of Generation NE To approve the recommendations proposed by the evaluation.	Employability and Inclusion	As required.	Held by the Contact Officer	Mark Stamper, Youth Employment Manager, Newcastle City Council, 0191 277 7808, mark.stamper@ne wcastle.gov.uk
A 9.	20 September 2016	Leadership Board	Tyne Tunnels – update report (Confidential report) The report seeks approval to enter into legal agreements relating to the handback of the Bilton Hall Bridge to Highways England as part of the New Tyne Crossing.	Transport	NECA Elected Members and Officers	Held by the contact officer	Michael Murphy, Engineer to the Tunnels, 0191 211 5950, michael.murphy@n ewcastle.gov.uk
A 10.	15 November 2016	Leadership Board	Update reports on the following:	All	To be confirmed	Held by the Contact Officer	Economic Development and Regeneration:

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			 Economic Development and Regeneration; Employability and Inclusion; and Transport and Digital Connectivity 				Beverley Poulter, Lead Policy Officer Sunderland City Council, 0191 561 1150, beverley.poulter@s underland.gov.uk
							Employability and Inclusion: Janice Rose, Economic and Inclusion Policy Manager, Northumberland County Council 01670 624747, janice.rose@northumberland.gov.uk
							Transport: Mark Wilson, Head of Transport Policy 0191 211 5679, mark.wilson@newc astle.gov.uk
A 11.	15 November 2016 and	Leadership Board	Project Approvals This is a standing item, which will include the approval of any	All/any	Any, where necessary.	Held by the Contact Officer	Paul Woods Chief Finance Officer North East Combined Authority 07446936840

Reference Number	Date of Decision	Decision Maker	Topic	Thematic area	Consultees /Consultation Process	Background Documents	Contact Officer
	any future meeting		funding or contractual arrangement that may be necessary from NECA for projects to proceed. This includes projects where funding is allocated directly to NECA or projects where funding is approved by the NELEP Board, where the approval may also be necessary from NECA in its role as accountable body.				paul.woods@north eastca.gov.uk
			The report may include information about projects approved under delegated arrangements in between formal meetings, to enable projects to proceed in a timely fashion to achieve the outcomes of the Strategic Economic Plan.				

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A 12.	15 November 2016	Leadership Board	Draft Budget 2017/18 and Transport Levies Agree that the draft proposals set out in the report form the basis of consultation about the NECA 2017/18 Budget.	Corporate	As required	Held by the Contact Officer	Paul Woods, Chief Finance Officer, 07446936840, paul.woods@north eastca.gov.uk
A 13.	15 November 2016	Leadership Board	Treasury Management Mid-Year Review Leadership Board is asked to agree the revised investment criteria and limits and the updated 2016/17 prudential indicators set out in the report.	Corporate	As required	Held by the Contact Officer	Eleanor Goodman, Principal Accountant, North East Combined Authority, 0191 277 7518, eleanor.goodman@ newcastle.gov.uk
A 14.	17 January 2017	Leadership Board	Update reports on the following: • Economic Development and Regeneration; • Employability and Inclusion; and	All	To be confirmed	Held by the Contact Officer	Economic Development and Regeneration: Beverley Poulter, Lead Policy Officer Sunderland City Council, 0191 561 1150,

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			Transport and Digital Connectivity				beverley.poulter@s underland.gov.uk
							Employability and Inclusion: Janice Rose, Economic and Inclusion Policy Manager, Northumberland County Council 01670 624747, janice.rose@northumberland.gov.uk Transport: Mark Wilson, Head of Transport Policy 0191 211 5679,
							mark.wilson@newc astle.gov.uk
A 15.	17 January 2017 and any future meeting	Leadership Board	Project Approvals This is a standing item, which will include the approval of any funding or contractual arrangement that may be necessary from NECA for projects to proceed. This includes	All/any	Any, where necessary.	Held by the Contact Officer	Paul Woods Chief Finance Officer North East Combined Authority 07446936840 paul.woods@north eastca.gov.uk

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			projects where funding is allocated directly to NECA or projects where funding is approved by the NELEP Board, where the approval may also be necessary from NECA in its role as accountable body.				
			The report may include information about projects approved under delegated arrangements in between formal meetings, to enable projects to proceed in a timely fashion to achieve the outcomes of the Strategic Economic Plan.				
A 16.	17 January 2017	Leadership Board	Budget 2017/18 and Transport Levies	Corporate issue	The budget for 2017/18 will be subject to consultation.	Reports to Leadership Board and other committees of	Paul Woods Chief Finance Officer North East Combined Authority 07446936840 paul.woods@north

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						the Combined Authority.	eastca.gov.uk
A 17.	21 March 2017	Leadership Board	Update reports on the following: • Economic Development and Regeneration; • Employability and Inclusion; and • Transport and Digital Connectivity	All	To be confirmed	Held by the Contact Officer	Economic Development and Regeneration: Beverley Poulter, Lead Policy Officer Sunderland City Council, 0191 561 1150, beverley.poulter@s underland.gov.uk Employability and Inclusion: Janice Rose, Economic and Inclusion Policy Manager, Northumberland County Council 01670 624747, janice.rose@northu mberland.gov.uk Transport: Mark Wilson, Head of Transport Policy 0191 211 5679,

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							mark.wilson@newc astle.gov.uk
A 18.	21 March 2017 and any future meeting	Leadership Board	Project Approvals This is a standing item, which will include the approval of any funding or contractual arrangement that may be necessary from NECA for projects to proceed. This includes projects where funding is allocated directly to NECA or projects where funding is approved by the NELEP Board, where the approval may also be necessary from NECA in its role as accountable body. The report may include information about projects approved under delegated arrangements in between formal	All/any	Any, where necessary.	Held by the Contact Officer	Paul Woods Chief Finance Officer North East Combined Authority 07446936840 paul.woods@north eastca.gov.uk

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			meetings, to enable projects to proceed in a timely fashion to achieve the outcomes of the Strategic Economic Plan.				
B. Transpo	rt North Eas	t Committee	(TNEC)				
B 1.	3 November 2016	TNEC	Devolution Update	Corporate matter	The consultation process will involve all constituent local authorities	Held by the Contact Officer	Head of Paid Service
B 2.	3 November 2016	TNEC	Transport Vision for the North East (Transport Manifesto for the North East) Report for approval.	Transport	To be confirmed	Held by the contact officer.	Mark Wilson, Head of Transport Policy 0191 211 5679, mark.wilson@newc astle.gov.uk
В 3.	3 November 2016	TNEC	Transport for the North – an update on the programme to improve the transport network in Northern England. Report for information.	Transport	To be confirmed	The Northern Powerhouse: One Agenda, One Economy, One North: document published at	Mark Wilson, Head of Transport Policy 0191 211 5679, mark.wilson@newc astle.gov.uk

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						https://www.go v.uk/governme nt/publications/ northern- transport- strategy	
B 4.	3 November 2016	TNEC	Capital Programme Monitoring Report This report provides the Transport North East Committee with a progress update in relation to delivery of the transport related capital programme. This is a requirement of the NECA constitution and is a function delegated to TNEC.	Corporate issue	Consultation on the capital programme with Treasurers and Chief Executives, and capital programme agreed by Leaders in April.	NECA Budget and Capital Programme	Eleanor Goodman, Principal Accountant, 0191 277 7518, eleanor.goodman@ newcastle.gov.uk
B 5.	3 November 2016	TNEC	Revenue Budget Monitoring Report This report provides the Transport North East Committee with a progress update in	Corporate issue	Consultation on the budget with Treasurers and Chief Executives, and budget agreed by Leaders.	NECA Budget and Capital Programme	Eleanor Goodman, Principal Accountant, 0191 277 7518, eleanor.goodman@ newcastle.gov.uk

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			relation to how the transport related budgets for the delivery agencies are being managed. This is a requirement of the NECA constitution and is a function delegated to TNEC.				
B 6.	3 November 2016 and any relevant future meeting	TNEC	Transport Project Approvals (report for approval). This is a standing item, which will include the approval of any funding or contractual arrangement that may be necessary from NECA for projects to proceed. This involves projects where funding has previously been approved by the Local Transport Body and where the approval may also be necessary from TNEC, on behalf	Transport	To be confirmed	Held by the Contact Officer	Paul Woods, Chief Finance Officer North East Combined Authority 07446936840, paul.woods@north eastca.gov.uk And Mark Wilson, Head of Transport Policy, 0191 211 5679, Mark.Wilson@newc astle.gov.uk

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			of NECA in its role as accountable body.				
В 7.	3 November 2016	TNEC	Draft Budget for 2017/18 and Transport Levies	Corporate issue	As required.	Held by the Contact Officer	Paul Woods, Chief Finance Officer North East Combined Authority 07446936840 paul.woods@north eastca.gov.uk
B 8.	20 April 2017 (annually)	TNEC	Discharge of Transport Functions by Durham County Council. The report provides an update on the discharge of delegated functions at Durham County Council.	Transport	The report refers to the discharge of delegated functions by officers in Durham County Council in consultation with the relevant cabinet portfolio holder.	The North East Combined Authority Constitution The North East Combined Authority Deed of Operation dated the 29 th April 2014.	Adrian J White, Head of Transport and Contract Services, Durham County Council, 03000 267455, adrian.white@durh am.gov.uk
B 9.	20 April 2017 (annually)	TNEC	Discharge of Transport Functions by Northumberland County Council.	Transport	To be confirmed	Held by the Contact Officer	Stuart McNaughton, Principal Transport Policy Officer, Northumberland County Council

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			The report provides an update on the discharge of delegated functions at Northumberland County Council.				01670 624 104, stuart.mcnaughton @northumberland.g ov.uk
C. Transpo	rt North East	t (Tyne and W	/ear) Sub-Committee (TW	/SC)			
C 1.	3 November 2016 and all future meetings	TWSC	Monitoring Nexus' Performance and Metro Performance Update The purpose of these reports is to advise TWSC of Nexus corporate performance in respect of service and project delivery such that the Sub- Committee exercises the monitoring and oversight functions in respect of Nexus activities delegated to	Transport	To be confirmed	Held by the Contact Officer	Tobyn Hughes, Managing Director (Transport Operations), 0191 203 3246, tobyn.hughes@nex us.org.uk

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			it from the NECA Leadership Board.				
			The report also reports on the measures in place to improve Metro performance.				
C 2.	3 November 2016	TWSC	Update on NEXUS Corporate Risks 2016/17 The purpose of this report is to provide an update to TWSC of the strategic risks identified by Nexus for the year.	Transport	The report has been prepared through Nexus internal reporting arrangements.	Held by the Contact Officer	Tobyn Hughes Managing Director (Transport Operations), 0191 203 3246, tobyn.hughes@nex us.org.uk
C 3.	26 January 2017	TWSC	Tyne Tunnel Update (confidential report) The report will provide an update for Members on the operation and management of the Tyne Tunnel The report will be exempt from the publication by virtue of	Transport	To be confirmed	Held by the Contact Officer	Michael Murphy, Engineer to the Tyne, 0191 211 5950, michael.murphy@n ewcastle.gov.uk

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			paragraphs 3 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of The Local Government Act 1972				
C 4.	26 January 2017	TWSC	Monitoring Nexus' Performance and Metro Performance Update	Transport	To be confirmed	Held by the Contact Officer	Tobyn Hughes, Managing Director (Transport Operations),
			The purpose of these reports is to advise TWSC of Nexus corporate performance in respect of service and project delivery such that the Sub-Committee exercises the monitoring and oversight functions in respect of Nexus activities delegated to it from the NECA Leadership Board.				0191 203 3246, tobyn.hughes@nex us.org.uk
			The report also reports on the measures in place to improve Metro performance.				

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C 5.	26 January 2017	TWSC	Update on NEXUS Corporate Risks 2016/17	Transport	The report has been prepared through Nexus	Held by the Contact Officer	Tobyn Hughes, Managing Director (Transport
		The purpose of this report is to provide an update to TWSC of the strategic risks identified by Nexus for the year.		internal reporting arrangements.		Operations), 0191 203 3246, tobyn.hughes@nex us.org.uk	
C 6.	20 April 2017	TWSC	Tyne Tunnel Update (confidential report)	Transport	To be confirmed	Held by the Contact Officer	Michael Murphy, Engineer to the
			The report will provide an update for Members on the operation and management of the Tyne Tunnel				Tyne, 0191 211 5950, michael.murphy@n ewcastle.gov.uk
			The report will be exempt from the publication by virtue of paragraphs 3 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of The Local Government Act 1972				

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C 7.	20 April 2016	TWSC	Monitoring Nexus' Performance and Metro Performance Update The purpose of these reports is to advise TWSC of Nexus corporate performance in respect of service and project delivery such that the Sub- Committee exercises the monitoring and oversight functions in respect of Nexus activities delegated to it from the NECA Leadership Board. The report also reports on the measures in place to improve Metro performance.	Transport	To be confirmed	Held by the Contact Officer	Tobyn Hughes, Managing Director (Transport Operations), 0191 203 3246, tobyn.hughes@nex us.org.uk
C 8.	20 March 2017	TWSC	Update on NEXUS Corporate Risks 2016/17	Transport	The report has been prepared through Nexus internal reporting	Held by the Contact Officer	Tobyn Hughes Managing Director (Transport Operations), 0191 203 3246,

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			The purpose of this report is to provide an update to TWSC of the strategic risks identified by Nexus for the year.		arrangements.		tobyn.hughes@nex us.org.uk
D. Governa	ince Commit	tee					
D 1.	6 December 2016	Governance Committee	Annual Audit Letter The report provides an update on the final closure of accounts sign off	Corporate issue	As required	Held by the Contact Officer	Philip Slater Audit, Risk and Insurance Service Manager Newcastle City Council 0191 2116511 philip.slater@newc astle.gov.uk
D 2.	6 December 2016	Governance Committee	Internal Audit Progress Report Members are requested to note the internal audit activity to date.	Internal Audit covers all aspects of the Combined Authority's activity	Head of Paid Service, Monitoring Officer and Chief Finance Officer	Final Internal Audit Reports & Internal Audit Plan	Philip Slater Audit, Risk and Insurance Service Manager Newcastle City Council 0191 2116511 philip.slater@newc astle.gov.uk

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D 3.	6 December 2016	Governance Committee	External Auditor's Report This report provides an update for information on the work of the External Auditors to the Combined Authority	Corporate issue	Consultation with the Statutory Officers and the Governance Committee Chair.	Held by the Contact Officer	Eleanor Goodman Principal Accountant, 0191 277 7518 eleanor.goodman@ northeastca.gov.uk
D 4.	6 December 2016	Governance Committee	Draft Budget 2017/18 Consultation Members will be asked to note the report which sets out details of the draft budget proposals for 2017/18 for consultation.	Corporate issue	Consultation with statutory officers and Governance Committee Chair	Held by the Contact Officer	Paul Woods, Chief Finance Officer, 07446936840, paul.woods@north eastca.gov.uk
D 5.	4 April 2017	Governance Committee	Accounting Policies Members will be asked to review the Accounting Policies and approve their use in the preparation of the Statement of Accounts.	Corporate issue	As required	Held by the Contact Officer	Eleanor Goodman Principal Accountant, 0191 277 7518 eleanor.goodman@ northeastca.gov.uk

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E. Governa	E. Governance Sub-Committee										
There are n	o meetings cu	ırrently schedu	led.								
F. Overview	v and Scrutir	ny Committee	(O and S)								
F 1.	27 September 2016	O and S	Forward Plan and Work Programme To receive the latest version of the Forward Plan and annual work programme	Corporate issue	The Chair of the Committee	Held by the Contact Officers	Karen Brown Scrutiny Officer 0191 561 1004 karen.brown@sund erland.gov.uk Representations may be forwarded to the Contact Officer by 9 September 2016				
F 2.	27 September 2016	O and S	NECA – Draft Budget 2017/18 and Transport Levies Report The purpose of this report is to seek the views of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on	Corporate issue	As required.	Held by the Contact Officer	Karen Brown, Scrutiny Officer, 0191 561 1004, karen.brown@sund erland.gov.uk Representations may be forwarded to the Contact				

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			proposals for the 2017/18 NECA budget.				Officer by 9 September 2016
F 3.	27 September 2016	O and S	Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair To invite the Scrutiny Committee to appoint its Chair and Vice- Chair for the Municipal Year 2016/17	Corporate issue	As required.	Held by the Contact Officer	Karen Brown, Scrutiny Officer, 0191 561 1004, karen.brown@sund erland.gov.uk Representations may be forwarded to the contact officer by 9 September 2016
F 4.	27 September 2016	O and S	North East Combined Authority – Devolution update The purpose of this report is to update the committee on the current position in relation to the devolution agreement and set out the activity that has taken place to date.	Corporate issue	As required.	Held by the Contact Officer	Karen Brown, Scrutiny Officer, 0191 561 1004, karen.brown@sund erland.gov.uk Representations may be forwarded to the contact officer by 9 September 2016

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F 5.	27 September 2016	O and S	NELEP – progress review on the North East Strategic Economic Plan The purpose of this report is to review progress on the key themes set out in the North East Strategic Economic Plan	Employability and Inclusion	As required.	Held by the Contact Officer	Karen Brown, Scrutiny Officer, 0191 561 1004, karen.brown@sund erland.gov.uk Representations may be forwarded to the contact officer by 9 September 2016
F 6.	27 September 2016	O and S	Policy Review: Transport Related Barriers to Employment – evidence from Arriva	Transport	As required.	Held by the contact officer	Karen Brown, Scrutiny Officer, 0191 561 1004, karen.brown@sund erland.gov.uk Representations may be forwarded to the contact officer by 9 September 2016
F 7.	1 November 2016,	O and S	Forward Plan and Work Programme To receive the latest version of the Forward	Corporate issue	The Chair of the Committee	Held by the Contact Officers	Karen Brown, Scrutiny Officer, 0191 561 1004, karen.brown@sund erland.gov.uk

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	14 December 2016,		Plan and annual work programme				Representations may be forwarded to the contact
	14 February 2017,						officer by 9 September 2016
	28 March 2017						
G 1.	25 October 2016,	EDRAB	Economic Development and	Economic Development	NECA Elected Members and	North East Strategic	Beverley Poulter Lead Policy Officer
G 1.		EDRAB					Lead Policy Officer Sunderland City Council, 0191 561 1150,
	3 January 2017,						
	4 April 2017.	requested to receive an update on, and provide views in relation to, progress within the key areas of				beverley.poulter@s underland.gov.uk	
			the Economic Development and Regeneration theme. The update will include progress on the				

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		development of the regional Inward Investment function and Regional Investment Plan.				



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Date	Items	Lead Officer	Informal Briefings / Development Days
7 th July (Durham)	Appointment of Chair & Vice-Chair	Viv Geary	
(Dumain)	The Devolution Agreement , Governance Review & Scheme for the proposed Mayoral Authority	Adam Wilkinson	
	Forward Plan & Work Programme	Karen Brown	
27 th September	Appointment of Chair & Vice-Chair	Viv Geary	
(Sunderland)	NELEP Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) Progress Review 2014-16	Helen Golightly	
	Policy Review on Transport Barriers – evidence from Arriva	Paul de Santis	
	Draft Budget 2017/18 & Transport Levies	Paul Woods	
	Devolution Update	Viv Geary	
	Forward Plan & Work Programme	Karen Brown	
1 st November (North Tyneside)	Nexus Performance & Metro Performance	Tobyn Hughes	
	Transport Manifesto Feedback & progress on Transport Plan	lan Coe	
	Growth Fund Update	Helen Golightly Paul Woods	
	Financial Monitoring Update – Outturn 2015/16	Paul Woods	
	Forward Plan & Work Programme	КВ	
14 th December	Draft Budget 2017/18	Paul Woods	
(Gateshead)	Transport Thematic Lead Update	Councillor Nick Forbes, Lead Member	
	Forward Plan & Work Programme	KB	
14 th February (Newcastle)	Economic Development & Regeneration Thematic Lead Update	Councillor Paul Watson, Lead Member	
	Forward Plan & Work Programme	KB	
28 th March (Sunderland)	Employability and Skills Thematic Lead Update	Cllr Grant Davey, Lead Member	
	Network Rail		
	Forward Plan & Work Programme	КВ	1
In addition to the schedule	items, the following items will be included in the work pr	ogramme	<u>'</u>
	Impact of EU Referendum		

