



Significant Partnerships Register

Introduction

This Significant Partnerships register identifies all those partnerships that are entirely or substantially responsible for delivering or managing an outcome for the North East Combined Authority.

Partnerships which provide a pure networking function, or which are contracts with those providing goods and services, should not be included.

The following details for each Partnership should be recorded:

- The name of the Partnership
- A list of other Partners
- The purpose of the Partnership
- The date of formation
- Identification of a Partnership Link Officer
- Review dates

| Partnership Name | List of Partners (in addition to NECA) | Purpose of Partnership | Date of formation of Partnership | Partnership Link Officer | Review Dates |
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| Association of Northern Transport Authorities | Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council, Blackpool Borough Council, Cheshire East Council, Cheshire West and Chester Council, City of York Council, Cumbria County Council, Darlington Borough Council, Derbyshire County Council, East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Greater Manchester Combined Authority, Hartlepool Borough Council, Hull City Council, Lancashire County Council, Lincolnshire County Council, Liverpool City Region Combined Authority, Middlesbrough Council, North East Lincolnshire Council, North Lincolnshire Council, North Yorkshire County Council, Nottingham City Council, Nottinghamshire County Council, Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council, Sheffield City Region Combined Authority, Staffordshire County Council, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, Stoke-on-Trent City Council, Warrington Borough Council and West Yorkshire Combined Authority | Working through Rail North to devolve decision-making on rail services across the North of England, grow the region's railway network and manage the new Northern and TransPennine franchises. | 16 September 2014 | Derek Gittins (Nexus) | Start of each municipal year |

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| North East Smart Ticketing Initiative (NESTI) | The local authorities of Darlington, Durham, Gateshead, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Newcastle, North Tyneside, Northumberland, Redcar and Cleveland, South Tyneside, Stockton and Sunderland, together with Nexus, Arriva, Go North East, Northern Rail, Stagecoach and Tyne and Wear Metro | The main aims of the NESTI Project are the introduction of a region-wide smart ticketing infrastructure on all public transport as well as the introduction of a single smart payment method accepted on all forms of public transport where ever you see the NESTI symbol. | 18 October 2010 | David Bartlett (Nexus) | Start of each municipal year |
| North East Local Enterprise Partnership (NELEP) | The NELEP area covers County Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside and Sunderland. The NELEP Board is business led with a private sector Chair. LEP Board Members: Andrew Hodgson (CHAIR); Cllr Paul Watson, (Vice Chair) Leader of Sunderland City Council; Cllr Nick Forbes, Leader of Newcastle City Council; Cllr Martin Gannon, Leader of Gateshead Council; Helen Golightly, Executive Director, North East Local | Working in partnership to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and drive delivery of the North East Strategic Economic Plan through leadership, collaboration and investment • Make the North East a place where more businesses invest, grow and prosper, to deliver more and better jobs for everyone. • Champion the North East nationally and globally, promoting its opportunities and capabilities to influence and shape the continued economic growth of the area. • Secure and oversee a range of investments and programmes | NELEP established July 2011 | Helen Golightly (NELEP) | Start of each municipal year |

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| | <p>Enterprise Partnership & Head of Paid Service, North East Combined Authority; Farooq Hakim, BT; Gillian Hall, Watson Burton; Cllr Simon Henig, Leader of Durham County Council; Cllr Peter Jackson, Leader of Northumberland Council; David Land, Drive 2 Business; Cllr Ian Malcolm; Leader of South Tyneside Council; Ammar Mirza, AmmarM (UK) Limited; Andrew Moffat, Port of Tyne; Heidi Mottram (Vice Chair); Northumbrian Water Group; Karen Redhead, Association of North East Colleges; Mayor Norma Redfearn, North Tyneside Council; Mark Thompson, Ryder Architecture; Paul Varley, North East Clothing Company; Professor Andrew Wathey, Northumbria University.</p> | <p>including the European Strategic and Investment Funds, the Local Growth Fund and the North East Enterprise Zone</p> <p>The Economic Plan aims to deliver through 6 programmes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Innovation: Building the North East as an innovation hotspot, with an eco-system which drives economic and social value through collaboration. 2. Business Support & Access to Finance: Ensuring that businesses can access the information, advice and finance they need to thrive and grow and driving scale up and inward investment. 3. Skills: Ensuring that the skills are available in the workforce to support business growth and to deliver more and better jobs in the economy, providing opportunities for people to build careers in the North East. 4. Economic Assets and Infrastructure: Ensuring that there are key sites available for business growth, to support clustering and facilitate housing growth, and that there is the framework of support to | | | |

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| | | <p>encourage investment. .</p> <p>5. Employability & Inclusion: Ensuring that North east residents have the skills and information to secure jobs in the opportunity and that the benefits of growth and spread to all parts of the North East growth.</p> <p>6. Transport & Digital Connectivity: Ensuring that the North East has world class and sustainable connectivity internally and externally to ensure access to markets and ensure that people can access opportunities for employment and training.</p> | | | |
| Rail North Limited | <p>Greater Manchester Combined Authority, West Yorkshire (plus York), South Yorkshire, Merseyside (including Halton), Lancashire and Cumbria (including Blackpool and Blackburn and Darwen, Tees Valley (Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees), North Yorkshire,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Humberside (East Riding, Hull, North Lincs, North East | <p>Working in partnership with the Department for Transport to devolve decision-making on rail services across the North of England, grow the region's railway network and manage the new Northern and TransPennine franchises.</p> | <p>Rail North Limited was incorporated on 22nd September 2014. The decision for the NECA to become a member of RNL taken at the NECA Leadership Board on 16</p> | <p>Derek Gittins (Nexus)</p> | <p>Start of each municipal year</p> |

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| | <p>Lincs), Cheshire and the Potteries (Cheshire East, Chester West and Chester, Warrington, Stoke, Staffordshire) , East Midlands (Derbyshire, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire)</p> | | September 2014. | | |
| TT2* | TT2 Limited | <p>To design, build, majority finance, and operate the new vehicle tunnel, carry out the full refurbishment of the existing vehicle tunnel, and operate all the Tyne Tunnels until 2037, on behalf of the neca and its predecessor body, the Tyne and Wear Integrated Transport Authority.</p> | <p>TT2 was officially appointed as Concessionaire for the New Tyne Crossing in November 2007.</p> <p>On 1st February 2008 the existing Tunnels, its service delivery and its entire workforce were transferred to TT2.</p> | Alistair Swan (Newcastle City Council) | Start of each municipal year |
| Transport for the North | <p>Department for Transport Highways England Network Rail HS2 Ltd Greater Manchester Combined Authority</p> | <p>To create a northern transport strategy in order to align transport investment in pursuit of building the northern powerhouse.</p> | July 2015 | Derek Gittins (Nexus) | Start of the financial year |

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| | <p>West Yorkshire Combined Authority South Yorkshire Combined Authority Liverpool City Region Hull and the Humber Tees Valley Unlimited Cumbria Cheshire and Warrington York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Lancashire</p> <p>All 11 LEPs and Combined Authorities in the North.</p> | <p>Following changes to primary legislation through the Cities and Local Government Devolution Act, Transport for the North is progressing its aim of becoming the first statutory Sub-national Transport Body.</p> | | | |
| East Coast Mainline Authorities | <p>2015/16 formal paid up Local Authority members are: NECA SEStran (on behalf of all Scottish Authorities involved) Doncaster Hertfordshire Hull Lincolnshire North East Lincolnshire North Yorkshire Nottinghamshire Peterborough Stevenage Tees Valley Unlimited West Yorkshire CA</p> | <p>The Consortium of East Coast Main Line Authorities (ECMA) represents Local Authorities and Scottish Regional Transport Partnerships throughout the area served by the East Coast Main Line.</p> <p>The many strategic decisions that need to be made about rail connectivity over the next few years means that the Consortium has a vital role in representing all the communities served by the East Coast Main Line. We will work in partnership with both Governments, the rail industry and business to deliver the investment that is needed</p> | 2012/13 | Ian Coe (Nexus) | Start of each municipal year |

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| | Other members: Virgin Trains East Coast Also, all Authorities on the East Coast Main Line are invited to attend as observers | to enable economic growth. | | | |

Notes

Nexus - Nexus is not included in the register due to its status as an officer of the Combined Authority rather than a partner. Partnership arrangements for Nexus are recorded separately to the arrangements for the North East Combined Authority.

TT2* - This is a Services Concession, which is a form of services contract rather than a partnership relationship in the strictest sense, but is included within the register for completeness due to the significance of the relationship.