

North East Joint Transport Committee

Date 22 January 2019

Decisions – Notification

Please Note: In accordance with the Constitution of the Combined Authority, key decisions will not be implemented pending any call-in.

Date of Publication: 23 January 2019

A request for a call-in must be received by the Monitoring Officer by 5pm on 30 January 2019.

Item	Decision / Information	Contact Officer
Preliminary: Matters requiring unanimous approval	The North East Joint Transport Committee unanimously accepted the vote of Sunderland City Council in favour of the recommendations for items 4, 7 and 8 as set out in their letter of 22 January 2019.	Peter Judge 07342 069 371 peter.judge@northeastca.gov.uk
1. Apologies for Absence (Members)	Apologies were received from Cllr Nick Forbes, Mayor Norma Redfearn, Cllr Iain Malcom and Cllr Graeme Miller.	
2. Declarations of Interest	None.	

<p>3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 18 December 2018</p>	<p>RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 18 December 2018 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair, subject to an amendment to show that Cllr C Johnson and Cllr M Walsh had also been in attendance at the meeting.</p>	<p>Janet Howard 0191 211 5048 janet.howard@newcastle.gov.uk</p>
<p>4. Proper Officer for Transport KEY DECISION</p>	<p>RESOLVED – that the North East Joint Transport Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Unanimously agreed that the North East Combined Authority (NECA), as accountable body and host Combined Authority, create the post of Managing Director Transport North East, and that this post incorporate the responsibilities of the Proper Officer for Transport and Director General of Nexus; ii. Unanimously agreed the role description and person specification for the Managing Director Transport North East Transport as set out in Appendix A; iii. Unanimously agreed that the functions of the Proper Officer for Transport and the Director General of Nexus be merged into the single new role, Managing Director Transport North East, and as a consequence, the NECA role, Managing Director Transport Operations, will be deleted; 	<p>Peter Judge 07342 069 371 peter.judge@northeastca.gov.uk</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iv. Noted that the deletion of the Managing Director Transport Operations post will be handled in accordance with the relevant NECA policy and that the postholder will be assimilated to the new post of Managing Director, Transport North East; v. Unanimously agreed that the Managing Director Transport North East be appointed Proper Officer for Transport with immediate effect; and vi. Unanimously accepted the vote of Sunderland City Council in favour of these recommendations, as set out in their letter of 22 January 2019. 	
5. Regional Transport Update	RESOLVED – that the North East Joint Transport Committee noted the contents of the report.	Tobyn Hughes 0191 203 3246 tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk
6. Williams Rail Review	RESOLVED – that the North East Joint Transport Committee noted the report and the response to the call for evidence.	Tobyn Hughes 0191 203 3246 tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk
7. Transport Budget and Levies 2019/20 KEY DECISION	<p>RESOLVED – that the North East Joint Transport Committee received the report for consideration and, taking into account the comments from consultation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Noted the position of the Transport budget in 2018/19 and approved the revised estimates for the year; 	Paul Woods Paul.woods@northeastca.gov.uk

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ii. Unanimously agreed a Transport net revenue budget for 2019/20 of £82.766m, as set out in sections 2.4 to 2.9 of the report;iii. Unanimously agreed the following Transport Levies for 2019/20:<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Durham County Council £15,561,536b) Northumberland County Council £6,104,370c) Tyne and Wear councils (detailed in table 7) £61,100,000iv. Unanimously agreed a transport revenue grant to Durham County Council for the delivery of transport services of £15,551,536, as outlined in section 2.6;v. Unanimously agreed a transport revenue grant to Northumberland County Council for the delivery of transport services of £6,094,370 outlined in section 2.7;vi. Unanimously agreed a transport revenue grant to Nexus for the delivery of transport services in Tyne and Wear of £55,666,667 and a contribution to the Metro Fleet Replacement Reserve of £3,333,333 as outlined in section 2.8;	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="683 384 1489 603">vii. Unanimously approved the budget for the Tyne Tunnels set out in section 2.10 and appendix 4, which includes a recommended increase in the Tyne Tunnels tolls for inflation to be considered for approval by the Tyne and Wear Sub Committee on 31 January 2019; and <li data-bbox="683 628 1489 735">viii. Unanimously agreed the continuation of funding for the Regional Transport Team as set out in section 2.12; <li data-bbox="683 761 1489 1347">ix. Noted the response made to the Government consultation on the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement by the deadline of 10th January, expressing concern at a further cut in Government funding for concessionary travel in 2019/20; and agreed that the Chair (in consultation with the Proper Officer for Transport and Chief Finance Officer, NECA) be given delegated authority to submit a response to Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) consultation on future funding by 21st February, expressing a strong preference to keep a specific formula for concessionary travel funding, which recognises the different patterns of boardings around the country, as opposed to the current proposal to simply merge the funding into a 	
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	<p>foundation formula based mainly on resident population;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> x. Noted and took into account the comments received during consultation set out in section 2.13 and agreed that a response be provided to the North East England Chamber of Commerce by the Chair on behalf of the Committee; and xi. Unanimously accepted the vote of Sunderland City Council in favour of these recommendations, as set out in their letter of 22 January 2019. 	
<p>8. Transport Capital Programme 2019/20</p> <p>KEY DECISION</p>	<p>RESOLVED – that the North East Joint Transport Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Noted the latest position in respect of the 2018/19 capital programme, set out in section 2.1; ii. Unanimously approved the proposed initial capital programme for 2019/20 which amounts to £83.395m as set out in section 2.2. iii. Unanimously accepted the vote of Sunderland City Council in favour of these recommendations, as set out in their letter of 22 January 2019. 	<p>Paul Woods Paul.woods@northeastca.gov.uk</p>

<p>9. Transforming Cities Fund Bid for the North East</p>	<p>RESOLVED – that the North East Joint Transport Committee noted the submissions made to the Department for Transport in relation to a Tranche 1 bid, and noted the progress made on preparing a Tranche 2 bid.</p>	<p>Tobyn Hughes 0191 203 3246 tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk</p>
<p>10. HS2 Consultation Response</p>	<p>RESOLVED – that the North East Joint Transport Committee noted the report and the response to the HS2 consultation.</p>	<p>Tobyn Hughes 0191 203 3246 tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk</p>
<p>11. Date and Time of Next Meeting</p>	<p>Tuesday 19 March 2019 at 2.00pm.</p>	