

**North East Combined Authority, Transport North East (Tyne and Wear)
Sub-Committee**

11 October 2018

Approved Minutes

Meeting held Civic Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne

Present:

Councillor: G Hobson (Chair)

Councillors: C Johnson, J McCarty, J McElroy and A Wilson

73 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies

74 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations

75 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 12 JULY 2018

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 July 2018 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

76 MONITORING NEXUS' PERFORMANCE AND METRO PERFORMANCE UPDATE

Submitted: Report of the Managing Director (Transport Operations) previously circulated and a copy attached to the Official Minutes).

Prior to presentation of the report Members received an update in respect of disruption to the Metro which had occurred as a result of a power supply failure in the Gosforth area.

Consideration was given to the report which provided members with a review of Nexus' performance, the twelve key priorities against its Corporate Business Plan targets and objectives, and an update on Metro performance.

Points to note included:

- Despite the continuing challenge of an ageing fleet Metro provided additional services to a number of high profile events: Magic Weekend, Ed Sheeran,

Great Exhibition of the North, Tall Ships Race, Little Mix, the Sunderland Air Show and the Great North Run.

- Metro Fleet Procurement: Nexus has announced the five bidders shortlisted to design, build and maintain a new fleet of trains for the Metro. An event was held at the Stadium of Light with local suppliers (106 in total).

Points/queries made by Members

Committee recognised the hard work of staff across the Metro area to deliver additional services over the busy summer events; officers were requested to convey committee's appreciation of all involved.

Concerns were voiced in respect of the bus network and poor customer take-up. It was suggested that discussions take place with bus operators to improve public transport.

Recognition that bus operators have a crucial role to play as the main provider of public transport.

Congratulations to be passed to all staff on the award of Silver status of the Military Covenant, demonstrating strong commitment to supporting those leaving military service and their families.

RESOLVED that –

The Sub-Committee noted Nexus' corporate performance in delivering its Corporate Plan, and the delivery of Metro services, as set out in the appendices to the report.

77 **UPDATE ON NEXUS' CORPORATE RISK**

Submitted: Report of the Managing Director, Transport Operations, previously circulated and a copy attached to the official Minutes.

Consideration was given to the report which provided an update on Nexus' Corporate Risk Register for 2018/19, based on the approved Corporate Plan, and demonstrates that the risks are being properly managed and controlled. The risk register was managed using a traffic light system. The scoring reflected planned actions and how successful mitigations have been.

In considering the report Members noted points raised which included:

The additional risk – Cybersecurity of Nexus ICT infrastructure – referred to at the previous meeting. It was further noted that the RAG Status of the risks were either Amber or Green.

Pop Blue ticketing – currently demonstrating an 'improved' direction of travel. There are 5000 cards in circulation as well as the concessionary scheme for young people.

Reference was made to the risk – That an ageing fleet, or an unexpected reduction in infrastructure asset condition could result in a decline in performance – the

importance of continuing planned and reactive maintenance of the Metrocars and infrastructure investment was noted.

The two main funding streams, capital and revenue both of which required careful consideration in respect of future funding of Metro.

RESOLVED that –

The Transport North East (Tyne and Wear) Sub-Committee received and noted the update on Nexus' Corporate Risk Register for 2018/19.

78 **NEXUS ANNUAL ACTIVITY AND EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS 2017/18**

Submitted: Report of the Managing Director, Transport Operations, previously circulated and a copy attached to the Official Minutes).

Members considered the report which provided members with financial and statistical information relating to Nexus' services as part of its annual reporting processes.

Members noted that the report provided details of the levy (generated locally based on the population of constituent districts); Department for Transport (DfT) funding and demonstrated that Metro services was spread evenly across the authorities.

In discussion members referred to secured services, the 4.3% reduction on the previous year across Tyne and Wear as a whole and the need to ensure that those services were maintained. Members were concerned that secure services were mainly used by the elderly and routes withdrawn if not commercially viable.

RESOLVED that –

The Transport North East (Tyne and Wear) Sub-Committee noted the attached report, "Nexus Annual Activity and Expenditure Analysis Report 2017-18".

79 **TYNE TUNNEL UPDATE**

Submitted; Report of the Chief Executive Officer for Transport, previously circulated and a copy attached to the Official Minutes).

The purpose of the report was to provide Members with an update on activities at the Tyne Tunnels relating to:

1. The operation of the New Tyne Crossing.
2. The Tyne Pedestrian and Cycle Tunnels (TPCT) - Phase 3 improvement works.

The main highlights to note included: -

An update in relation to Digital Advertising Screens. All criteria had now been met and the formal Legal Agreement between the parties had now been finalised. The screens were now scheduled to be activated.

TT2 have outlined proposals of options to improve the toll collection arrangements at the tunnels. Proposals include the removal of the barriers and use of Advanced Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) which should minimise congestion at the toll booths. It was proposed that Officers work with TT2 to develop proposals followed by a detailed report to a future meeting of the Tyne and Wear Sub Committee.

In relation to the Tyne Pedestrian and cyclist Tunnels it was noted that works on the glass elevator were ongoing and the opening of the tunnels was forecast for early in the new calendar year.

At this point the Committee were addressed by Philip Smith, Chief Executive Officer for TT2. Mr Smith advised Committee that the existing system will not be fit for purpose in the near future and the installation of ANPR would improve air quality around the tunnels. He further added that TT2 will set a two-year budget in December which will include proposals for improvements to the tolls.

Members welcomed proposals for ANPR and resulting benefits including improved air quality.

RESOLVED that the Transport North East (Tyne and Wear) Sub-Committee:

- i. Noted the contents of the New Tyne Crossing update.
- ii. Noted the contents of the Tyne Pedestrian and Cycle Tunnels - Phase 3 improvement works update.

80 **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED – That by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of agenda item 9 0 (Confidential Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 12 July 2018 because exempt information was likely to be disclosed and the public interest test against the disclosure was satisfied.

81 **CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 JULY 2018**

The confidential minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2018 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

82 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

To be confirmed