

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

12 July 2018

(2.00 - 3.00 pm)  
Public Minutes

Meeting held Committee Room, North Tyneside Council, Quadrant, The Silverlink North,  
Cobalt Business Park, North Tyneside, NE27 0B

**Present:**

Councillor: Cllr G Hobson (Chair for this meeting))

Councillors: G Hobson, Carl Johnson, J McCarty, J McElroy and Cllr Amy Wilson

**ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE MEETING**

It was proposed and seconded that Cllr Gladys Hobson be appointed as Chair for the meeting.

**62 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies

**63 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**64 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 25 JANUARY 2018**

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2018 were agree as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**67 UPDATE ON NEXUS CORPORATE RISKS**

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

T Hughes introduced the report which provided an update on Nexus' Corporate Risk Register for 2018/19, based on the approved Corporate Plan, and demonstrated that the risks were 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 discussion the following points were noted, and comments made:

- Risk - Prepare for the Future: Long term funding for the Metro. It was explained that the Metro relied heavily on Government funding. Controls in place included effective liaison with the Department for Transport (DfT) including 4 weekly progress reporting on the current Asset Renewal Plan and quarterly reviews. A meeting of the DfT was to take place in July 2018 to consider revenue support grant to Nexus in 2019/20.
- Risk – Possible cyber-attack. Members noted that this issue had been discussed by the Nexus' Audit Committee where it was suggested that following a cyber-attack, the possible development of a cybersecurity threat should be assessed. Committee heard that because of various attacks and the adverse impacts, Nexus' staff took part in resilience exercises with partners. In relation to the Metro system, there was no high-speed communications (broadband) or communications through radio frequencies (Wi-Fi) therefore the impact of any cyber-attack was minimal.

**RESOLVED** that –

The Transport North East (Tyne and Wear) Sub Committee received and noted the report.

## 68 **TYNE TUNNELS UPDATE**

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

A Swan outlined the report the purpose of which was to provide Members with an update on activities at the Tyne Tunnels relating to the operation of the New Tyne Crossing and the Tyne Pedestrian and Cycle Tunnels – phase 3 improvement works.

In discussion the following points were noted:

In previous reports to Committee during 2017-18 Members were informed of the reduction in traffic flows compared to previous years. This was considered to be as a direct consequence of the construction works to the Silverlink Junction. A further review of traffic flows since the last meeting have demonstrated a slight increase although this was still below the levels of 2016-17.

Good progress with the installation of the glass elevator. A review of the project costs has been completed and the total estimated out-turn for the project remains as previously report at £15.65m.

When considering the report Members referred to provision for electric vehicles; funding to address the surplus of the pedestrian and cyclist tunnels; the use of reserves and a marketing strategy to encourage use of the tunnels.

**RESOLVED** that –

- i. The contents of the New Tyne Crossing update be noted.
- ii. The contents of the Tyne Pedestrian and Cycle Tunnels be noted.
- iii. Delegated authority be given to the Monitoring Officer, the Chief Transport Finance Officer, acting in conjunction with the Chair for the meeting (Cllr G Hobson), to finalise the terms of the necessary legal documentation.

69 **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 items 9 and 10 (Confidential Minutes of Previous Meetings held on 25 January 2018 and 19 April 2018) because exempt information was likely to be disclosed and the public interest test against the disclosure was satisfied.