

Approved Minutes

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

25 January 2018

(2.00 - 2.55 pm)

Meeting held Lamsley Room, Gateshead Civic Centre, Regent Terrace, Gateshead NE8 1HH

Present:

Councillor: J Harrison(Chair)

Councillors: G Hobson, J McCarty and J McElroy

35 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M Mordey (Sunderland)

36 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

37 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 21 NOVEMBER 2017

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 21 November 2017 were agreed as a correct record and would be signed by the Chair.

Minute 30 NEXUS Annual Activity and Expenditure Analysis - The committee was updated on discussions that the joint working between South Tyneside and Sunderland was progressing. The committee heard that the role of the new Northumberland hospital was changing so there was an impact on their transport needs.

The Chair advised that the next item of business would be Agenda item No. 8 - Nexus Corporate Plan 2018/19 to 2020/21.

38 NEXUS CORPORATE PLAN 2018/19 TO 2020/21

Submitted: Report by Managing Director (Transport Operations), NEXUS (previously circulated and a copy attached to official minutes), which provided a

framework for the delivery of services and preparing for the future during what would be an important period of change. The committee was informed that the plan was built around three themes and twelve key priorities and provided detail about how NEXUS would achieve this.

During discussion, members welcomed the introduction of more affordable fares offer for under 19s and the construction of a new training and maintenance centre in South Shields. An update around progress on both initiatives were subsequently provided to the Sub Committee.

RESOLVED – That the Corporate Plan for 2018/19 to 2020/21 be approved.

39 **MONITORING NEXUS PERFORMANCE**

Submitted: Report by Managing Director (Transport Operations), Nexus (previously circulated and a copy attached to official minutes), which reported on Nexus's corporate performance.

RESOLVED – That the report and attached appendix, giving details of NEXUS's corporate performance in delivering services and projects over the thirty-six weeks to 9 December 2017 was noted.

40 **METRO PERFORMANCE UPDATE**

Submitted: Report by Managing Director (Transport Operations), NEXUS, (previously circulated and a copy attached to official minutes), which provided an update on Metro performance for the 12 weeks 17 September to 9 December 2017 (periods 7, 8 and 9 2017/18).

Members commented on the public's lack of confidence in the Metro system, pointing out the requirement to rebuild confidence. The Sub Committee noted the update provided on initiatives being explored to meet the current challenges around cable theft, patronage and fleet reliability and improve public confidence.

Reference was made to the financial implications that underpinned the corporate plan. The Sub Committee was informed that NEXUS would be working with officers over the next few months to carry out a refresh of the financial information and that a report would be submitted to the April meeting.

An update was given on the staff ballot on the pay award. The Sub Committee noted that the ballot had been paused pending further discussions with employers.

RESOLVED – That:

- i. The report and attached appendix on the Metro performance was noted.
- ii. NEXUS work with officers over the next few months to carry out a refresh of the financial information that underpins the corporate plan and a report be submitted to the April meeting of the Sub Committee.

Councillor J McElroy left the meeting.

At this point, the meeting became inquorate. The Sub Committee was advised that the following business would be subject to ratification at the next meeting.

41 METRO SYSTEM DISRUPTION ON 29 OCTOBER 2017

Submitted: Report by Managing Director (Transport Operations), NEXUS (previously circulated and a copy attached to official minutes), which provided members with an update on the review of Metro system disruption on 29 October 2017.

The Sub Committee noted the report, welcoming its thorough and honest account about the incident. Members highlighted the need for the recommendations to be monitored through regular feedback to future meetings.

On a point of clarification, reassurances were given that should a similar situation arise in the future, it would be mitigated following the introduction of an electrical switching arrangement enabling other transformers to supply the Depot.

42 UPDATE ON NEXUS CORPORATE RISKS

Submitted: Report by Managing Director (Transport Operations), NEXUS (previously circulated and a copy attached to official minutes), which provided information on the status of the Corporate Risks. The committee was informed that NEXUS continued to apply adequate and appropriate risk controls.

Reference was made to the bus strategy delivery arrangements, with a member requesting that although it had been closed, improvements to bus arrangements should still be explored. Reassurance was given that bus delivery arrangements was an objective of the business corporate plan and therefore would be subject to future reports.

Reference was made to the collapse of Carillion Construction with confirmation given that NEXUS did not directly trade with them so the collapse had a low impact.

The Sub Committee noted that a report on the NEXUS Corporate Risk register for 2018/19 would be presented to the April meeting.

43 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 19 April 2018, 3.00pm at Sunderland Civic Centre.

The Sub Committee noted that there was a special meeting to be arranged in February 2018; details to be confirmed.

44 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

By virtue of paragraphs 3 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, Members present agreed to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting during the consideration of the confidential minutes of the

previous meeting 21 November 2017 and Agenda Item No 12: Tyne Tunnels Update.