

## **North East Combined Authority**

### **Transport North East (Tyne and Wear) Sub-Committee**

15 September 2016

Meeting held: Committee Room, Civic Centre, Burdon Road, Sunderland, SR2 7SN

#### **Present:**

Councillor: J Harrison (Chair)

Councillors: G Bell, M Brain, M Mordey and A West

#### **93 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillors G Hobson and J McCarty.

#### **94 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

#### **95 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 15 July 2016 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

#### **96 GREAT NORTH RUN UPDATE**

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

Members considered the report which provided information on Metro services provided during the 2016 Great North Run.

In discussion, Members congratulated officers on the delivery of effective services, the associated planning, including contingency planning, and communication with passengers.

Following Members' discussion, with the Chair's permission, the Sub-Committee was addressed by a representative of the "Sort out the Metro" campaign group.

**RESOLVED** – That the report be noted.

#### **97 MONITORING NEXUS' PERFORMANCE: 1 APRIL TO 23 JULY 2016**

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

Members considered the report which provided an update on Nexus' performance against its Corporate Business Plan targets and objectives for 2016/17 for the period from 1 April to 23 July 2016.

**RESOLVED** – That:

- i. The report be noted; and
- ii. Recommendations arising from the review of a recent power outage that had resulted in a stationary train between Central Station and Monument be shared with the Sub-Committee and also with emergency services as appropriate.

98 **UPDATE ON NEXUS' CORPORATE RISKS 2016-17**

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

Members considered the report which provided an update on Nexus' Corporate Risk Register.

It was also noted that the Risk Register would need to be updated following the recent decision of the Leadership Board not to proceed with the consultation on the Governance Review and Scheme pursuant to section 112 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009. Members then queried the potential impact of this decision on transport. The Managing Director (Transport Operations) confirmed that investment in the Metro fleet was not intrinsically linked to the proposed devolution deal and was also subject to separate discussions with the government. In relation to investment in other areas of transport, the Chief Finance Officer confirmed that the devolution deal was only one of the routes to obtain investment and other options would be sought.

**RESOLVED** – That:

- i. The report be noted; and
- ii. Further information be provided to the Sub-Committee on the impact of the 6 September 2016 decision of the Leadership Board not to proceed with the consultation on the Governance Review and Scheme pursuant to section 112 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 and the outcome of the referendum on the UK's membership of the European Union on transport.

99 **DRAFT BUDGET 2017-18 PROCESS AND TIMETABLE**

Submitted: A report of the Chief Finance Officer (previously circulated and copy attached to Official Minutes).

Members considered the report which set out the timetable for the preparation, consultation and approval of the North East Combined Authority's 2017/18 budget

and indicative medium term financial strategy for consideration and approval by the Leadership Board on 17 January 2017.

In response to the Chair's question, the Chief Finance Officer confirmed that consideration would be given to identifying whether a three-year medium term financial strategy could be developed.

**RESOLVED** – That:

- i. the report be noted;
- ii. a further update be provided to the November meeting where the Sub-Committee would be asked to agree the draft budget proposal for 2017/18 to be reported to the Leadership Board and be the subject of wider consultation, also noting that a further meeting might be necessary to be held in December to agree the final proposal to be included in the January Budget report to the Leadership Board.

## 100 **NEXUS SERVICE REVIEW CONSULTATION OUTCOME**

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

Members considered the report which provided information on the findings from the Nexus Service Review consultation which had taken place recently.

In discussion, it was noted that the ferry service had been grouped with bus services due to similarity of its transportation function. Consideration would be given to identifying whether these figures could be disaggregated.

Amongst other comments made at the meeting, Members expressed concern that Major Projects had been ranked low.

Members also discussed the value of the report, the role of elected members in the Service Review process, the importance of understanding and meeting key priorities and the importance of seeking the view of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. It was intended that a further discussion on the subject would be facilitated at the forthcoming Member Seminar.

**RESOLVED** – That:

- i. The feedback from the consultation be noted;
- ii. A further update be received at the November 2016 meeting; and
- iii. Approval be given to the publication of the Consultation Feedback report on the Nexus website.

## 101 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

3 November 2016, following the conclusion of the Transport North East Committee.

**102 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED** – That by virtue of paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of The Local Government Act 1972 press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting during the consideration of agenda items 11, 12 and 13 (Confidential Minutes of the Previous Meeting, Metro Transition Project Update and Tyne Tunnels Update) because exempt information was likely to be disclosed and the public interest test against the disclosure was satisfied.