

Transport North East (Tyne and Wear) Sub-Committee

29 May 2014

Meeting held: Committee Room, Civic Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 8QH

Present:

Councillor: McCarty (Chair)

Councillors: Blackburn, Foreman, Lott and McElroy

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

RESOLVED – That Councillor McCarty be appointed as Chair for the purpose of this meeting.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence received.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

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

The report invited members to appoint its Chair and Vice-Chair for the Municipal Year 2014/15.

RESOLVED – That the appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee be deferred until a future meeting held after the Annual General Meetings of the Constituent Authorities have taken place.

5 TRANSPORT POLICY UPDATE

Submitted: A report of the Lead Chief Executive for Transport (previously circulated and copy attached to Official Minutes).

Members considered the report which outlined some of the key transport issues and opportunities currently applicable to Tyne and Wear.

During the ensuing discussion, it was confirmed that the best and final partnership offer by the bus operators had been received, albeit later than 16 May 2014.

In relation to funding from the Government for the Metro asset Renewal Plan, it was noted that by spring 2015 it should be known when the funding for years 7 to 11 would become available.

Members commented on the large agenda before them and the magnitude of tasks and challenges, including financial. Members also commented on the importance of robust governance arrangements in order to continue to oversee various functions, including the Tyne Tunnels. It was noted that overall strategic issues, including decisions on strategic investment, rested with North East Leadership Board.

RESOLVED – That the Committee:

- (i) noted the current issues that were relevant to the transport agenda for Tyne and Wear within the responsibility of the Combined Authority;
- (ii) noted that the Transport North East Committee had delegated a number of transport functions to the Transport North East (Tyne and Wear) Sub-Committee; and
- (iii) noted the process that was being pursued to determine the relative merits of a Quality Contract or Voluntary Partnership approach to bus services.

6 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on 29 July 2014 following the conclusion of the Transport North East Committee.