

**Notice to all Members of the Joint Transport Committee Overview and Scrutiny Committee of a general exception to the publication of the intention to make a key decision**

**Executive Summary:**

**DATE:** 7 January 2020

**TO:** Chair of the Joint Transport Committee Overview and Scrutiny Committee

**COPIES TO:** Chair and Vice-Chair of the Joint Transport Committee, Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee

**SUBJECT:** The following matters of General Exception are noted:

- i. Approve the increase in tolls for Class 3 vehicles from £3.60 to £3.70 to take effect from May 2020;
- ii. Approve the continuation of the 10% discount for permit holders; and
- iii. Authorise the Monitoring Officer to publish the relevant notices and submit the necessary documentation to the Secretary of State, as prescribed in the River Tyne (Tunnels) Order 2011.

**NOTICE BY:** Mike Barker, Monitoring Officer

This notice informs the chair of the NE JTC Overview and Scrutiny Committee under Paragraph 12 of the Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2017 that it is impracticable to include the above item on the NECA Forward Plan for a period of 28 clear days before the decision is made.

In accordance with Paragraph 12 (1)(b) of the Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2017 a copy of this notice will be published on the North East Combined Authority website and North East Joint Transport Committee webpage.

In accordance with section 30 of the Joint Transport Committee Rules of Procedure, this notice ensures that at least 5 clear days have elapsed between the agenda for the meeting, which includes the matter, being made available and the day of the meeting.

## **1. Background:**

- 1.1 Where a decision maker intends to make a key decision, that decision must not be made until at least 28 clear days' public notice has been given.
- 1.2 Where the publication of the intention to make a key decision is impracticable, that decision may only be made where the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been informed of the matter about which the decision is to be made, notice to the Chair has been made available for public inspection at the Council offices and published on the Council's website, and after 5 clear days have elapsed following the day on which notice to the Chair was made publicly available.
- 1.3 This notice is to inform the Chair of the North East JTC Overview and Scrutiny Committee that it has been impracticable to give 28 clear days' public notice of the item set out below for the reasons set out below and that it is intended that the key decision will be made on the date specified below.
- 1.4 Notice is also given to the public that the reasons why compliance with the requirements for publicity in connection with key decisions are impracticable are set out below.

## **2. Notice Details**

### **2.1 Date of Decision required:**

16 January 2020

### **2.2 Matter in respect to which decision is to be made:**

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This report will invite the Joint Transport Committee, Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee (TWSC) to authorise the increase in the Tyne Tunnels toll for Class 3 vehicles.

### **2.3 Description**

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#### **2.4 Decision Maker**

Joint Transport Committee, Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee.

#### **2.5 Thematic Area**

Transport

#### **2.6 Consultation Process**

Members of the Committee and Statutory Officers have been consulted with in regards to the proposed tolls increase.

#### **2.7 Background Documents**

None.

#### **2.8 Reasons why impracticable to give 28 days clear notice**

The item was included on the forward plan but lacking the information that it is a key decision.

The decision must be taken before the date of the next meeting so that the process can begin with DfT in order for the tolls increase to be implemented in May 2020.

Monitoring Officer: .....



