

Leadership Board, 4 February 2020

Decisions - Notification

Please Note: In accordance with the Constitution of the Combined Authority, key decisions will not be implemented pending any call-in.

Date of Publication: 5 February 2020

Any valid requests for call-in must be received by the Monitoring Officer by 5pm on Wednesday 12 February 2020.

Agenda item	Decision	Contact Officer
3. Minutes of the previous meeting	Approved as a correct record	Jonathan Lunness jonathan.lunness@northeastca.gov.uk 0191 4247536
4. Announcements from the Chair	There were no announcements from the Chair	
5. Chair Thematic Portfolio Update	That the update be noted	George Mansbridge George.mansbridge@southtyneside.gov.uk
6. Economic Development and	That the update be noted	Vince Taylor

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Digital Thematic Portfolio Update		Vince.taylor@sunderland.gov.uk
7. Transport Thematic Portfolio Update	That the update be noted	Sheena Ramsey sheenaramsey@gateshead.gov.uk
8. Finance, Skills and Employment Thematic Portfolio Update	That the update be noted	Geoff Paul Geoff.paul@durham.gov.uk
9. Budget 2020/21 and Medium-Term Financial Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The updated position in terms of forecast of outturn for 2019/20 be noted; ii. Receive this report for consideration and approval of the 2020/21 budget proposals; iii. Unanimously agree a net budget (after interest income) for the corporate costs of NECA of £91,428, paid for by an equal contribution of £22,857 from each of the constituent authorities in NECA, as set out in section 2.14; iv. Unanimously agree to continue the budget contribution to the North East LEP of £250,000 which is required as match funding to secure £500,000 government grant, paid for by an equal contribution of £35,714.29 from each of the seven councils in the North East LEP area as part of the funding of an estimated budget of £4.908m, summarised in section 2.17 to 2.22; v. Unanimously agree to continue the budget contribution of £140,000 towards inward investment activity carried out by the Invest North East England team (INEE) 	<p>John Hewitt</p> <p>John.hewitt@northeastca.gov.uk</p> <p>03000261943</p>

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	<p>which is paid for by an equal contribution of £20,000 from each of the seven councils in NECA and contributions from the North East LEP to a total budget for this activity of £460,000, as set out in section 2.23-2.24;</p> <p>vi. Unanimously agree to continue a net budget in respect of the accountable body role for the JTC in 2020/21 of £70,000, with the costs being met by equal contributions of £10,000 from the seven local authorities in the JTC area, as set out in section 2.14;</p> <p>vii. Unanimously agree to continue a net budget in respect of the accountable body role for the North East LEP in 2020/21 of £70,000, with the costs being met by equal contributions of £10,000 from the seven local authorities in the North East LEP area, as set out in section 2.14;</p> <p>viii. Note the decisions taken on 21 January by the JTC about the Transport Budget and Levies for 2020/21 as set out in section 2.25-2.26 and Appendix 4, and to issue the following levies in accordance with that decision: Durham County Council £15,466,000 Gateshead Council £10,888,379 South Tyneside Council £8,079,396 Sunderland City Council £14,916,061</p> <p>ix. Make arrangements to administer payment of a transport revenue grant of £15,456,000 to Durham County Council for the delivery of transport services in the Durham area and to Nexus for the delivery of transport services in Tyne and Wear of £59,000,000;</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> x. Note that the North of Tyne Combined Authority will issue the Transport Levies to Newcastle City Council (£16,140,834), North Tyneside Council (£11,075,330) and Northumberland County Council (£6,234,000) that have been agreed by the JTC and will pass the levy income from Newcastle City Council and North Tyneside Council to NECA in order to meet costs relating to the Tyne and Wear area; xi. Note that the North of Tyne Combined Authority will issue the Transport Grant to Northumberland County Council (£6,224,000) agreed by the JTC and make a £10,000 contribution to NECA in respect of Northumberland County Council's contribution to the costs of the JTC; xii. Authorise the Chief Finance Officer and the Monitoring Officer to take such other steps as are necessary to give effect to the proposals in this report; xiii. Note the section on the level of reserves set out in section 2.27 to 2.30; and xiv. Approve the Pay Policy Statement at Appendix 5. 	
<p>Supplemental Agenda: Budget 2020/21 and Medium-Term Financial Strategy – Update of support arrangements to the North East Local Enterprise</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Authorise the Head of Paid Service, in consultation with the Chair, to finalise the arrangements between both combined authorities and the seven local authorities regarding the support arrangements to the NELEP, INEE and JTC, as described in this report. ii. Authorise the Deputy Monitoring Officer to complete an updated Deed of Cooperation and a new Accountable Body Agreement, as described in this report that reflects the final arrangements; and 	<p>John Hewitt</p> <p>John.hewitt@northeastca.gov.uk</p> <p>03000261943</p>

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Partnership, Invest North East England and the Joint Transport Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii. Authorise the Head of Paid Service, Chief Finance Officer and Deputy Monitoring Officer to take such other steps as are necessary to give effect to the proposals in this report. 	
10. Capital Programme 2020/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The report be noted; ii. The forecast outturn position for 2019/20 set out in section 2.1 to 2.3 of the report be noted; iii. The proposed capital programme for 2020/21 which amounts to £134.446m, as set out in section 2.5 be unanimously approved, noting that the programme will need to be amended upon receipt of Government announcements on funding bids and in light of the transfer of the Accountable Body role for the North East LEP on 1 April 2020; iv. The Prudential Indicators and Limits for 2020/21-22/23 contained within Appendix 3 of the report, including the Authorised Limit be agreed; v. The Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement contained within Appendix 3 which sets out the Authority's policy on MRP be agreed; vi. The Treasury Management Strategy and the Treasury Prudential Indicators contained within Appendix 3 be agreed; vii. The Cash Investment Strategy 2020/21 contained in the Treasury Management Strategy within Appendix 3 be agreed; 	<p>John Hewitt</p> <p>John.hewitt@northeastca.gov.uk</p> <p>03000261943</p>
11. Exclusion of Press and Public	Under section 100A and Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public were excluded from the remainder of the meeting because exempt information was likely	<p>Nicola Robason</p> <p>Nicola.robason@southtyneside.gov.uk</p>

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	to be disclosed and the public interest test against disclosure was satisfied	0191 424 7186
12. Confidential Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 10 December 2019	Approved as a correct record	Jonathan Lunness jonathan.lunness@northeastca.gov.uk 0191 4247536
13. Local Enterprise Partnership – Project Approvals Report	The recommendations set out in the report were approved	John Hewitt John.hewitt@northeastca.gov.uk 03000261943
14. Date and Time of next meeting	03 March 2020, 2.00pm – noted	Jonathan Lunness jonathan.lunness@northeastca.gov.uk 0191 4247536