



North East Joint Transport Committee

Tuesday, 9th June, 2020 at 2.00 pm

Meeting to be held in a Meeting to be held virtually using Microsoft Teams

AGENDA

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1. **Apologies**
2. **Declarations of Interests**

Please remember to declare any personal interest where appropriate both verbally and by recording it on the relevant form. Please also remember to leave the meeting where any personal interest requires this.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting held on 21 January 2020** 5 - 8
4. **Funding Recovery of the Bus Industry in the North East** (report to follow)
5. **National Infrastructure Commission Rail Needs Assessment** (report to follow)
6. **Boosting Walking and Cycling in the North East** (report to follow)
7. **North East Response to the Transport Select Committee Inquiry into Coronavirus: implications for transport** (report to follow)
8. **North East Transport Plan Update** (report to follow)
9. **Transport North East - Regional Transport Update** (report to follow)
10. **Delegations to the Proper Officer for Transport** (report to follow)
11. **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

The North East Joint Transport Committee may wish to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of the following item on the grounds indicated:

Items 13: By virtue of paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

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| 12. | Programme of Committee Meetings for 2020-21 Municipal Year | 9 - 14 |
| 13. | Minutes of the Confidential Meeting held on 21 January 2020 | 15 - 16 |
| 14. | TT2 Supplier Relief (report to follow) | |

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NORTH EAST JOINT TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

DRAFT MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

DATE: 21 January 2020

Meeting held: Reception Room, South Shields Town Hall

Present:

Councillor: M Gannon (Chair)

Councillors: P Jackson, C Johnson, C Marshall, J McCarty, G Miller and M Walsh

In attendance:

Statutory Officers: M Barker (Deputy Monitoring Officer), J Hewitt (S73 Officer) and T Hughes (Managing Director, Transport North East).

Officers: M Jackson, G Mansbridge, P Meikle, R O'Farrell, S Ramsey, E Reynard, J Sparkes, R Forsyth-Ward and A White.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mayor J Driscoll, Councillor I Malcolm and Mayor N Redfearn.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 19 NOVEMBER 2019

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a correct record.

4. REGIONAL TRANSPORT UPDATE

The Committee received a report outlining progress in relation to various regional transport issues. It is hoped that Nexus will be in a position to announce the preferred bidder for the fleet replacement programme by the end of January.

Cllr Marshall also provided the Committee with a verbal update from Transport for the North.

RESOLVED: The North East Joint Transport Committee noted the reports.

5. NORTH EAST ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

The Committee received a report outlining progress with Electric Vehicle charging infrastructure in the North East, in terms of new installations and updating the existing network.

The Committee were advised that funding for the programme will end in March 2020, but next steps have been identified should more funding become available.

RESOLVED: The North East Joint Transport Committee noted the report.

6. NORTH EAST TRANSPORT PLAN – UPDATE AND TIMESCALES

The Committee considered a report outlining the proposed timescales for the Transport Plan. It is proposed that public consultation will commence in July 2020, and the Plan will be formally endorsed and published in November 2020.

RESOLVED: The North East Joint Transport Committee endorsed the milestones outlined in the report.

7. TRANSPORT BUDGET AND LEVIES 2020/21

The Committee considered a report setting out the 2020/21 Transport Revenue Budget and associated levies. The report also set out the revenue resources planned to be used in 2020/21 to deliver the objectives of the Joint Transport Committee.

RESOLVED: The North East Joint Transport Committee:

- (i) Noted the position of the Transport budget in 2019/20 and approved the revised estimates for the year;
- (ii) Agreed a Transport net revenue budget for 2020/21 of £82.800m;
- (iii) Agreed the following Transport Levies for 2020/21:
 - a. Durham County Council £15,466,000
 - b. Northumberland County Council £ 6,234,000
 - c. Tyne and Wear Councils £61,100,00
- (iv) Agreed a transport revenue grant to Durham County Council for the delivery of transport services of £15,456,000;

- (v) Agreed a transport revenue grant to Northumberland County Council for the delivery of transport services of £6,224,000;
- (vi) Agreed a transport revenue grant to Nexus for the delivery of transport services in Tyne and Wear of £59,000,000;
- (vii) Approved the budget for the Tyne Tunnels as set out in section 2.47 of the report, which includes a recommended increase in the Tyne Tunnels tolls for inflation which was approved by the Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee on 16 January 2020;
- (viii) Approved the budget for the Transport Strategy Unit as set out in section 2.40 of the report;
- (ix) Noted the forecast level of reserves at section 2.50 of the report.

8. TRANSPORT CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020/21

The Committee considered a report which provided an updated forecast capital outturn for 2019/20 and presented the initial 2020/21 capital programme.

RESOLVED: The North East Joint Transport Committee:

- (i) Noted the latest position in respect of the 2019/20 capital programme as set out in the report;
- (ii) Approved the proposed initial capital programme for 2020/21 which amounts to £81.883m.

9. NORTH EAST JOINT TRANSPORT COMMITTEE POLICY ON THE EAST COAST MAINLINE TIMETABLE

The Committee considered a report which sought views on the strategic connective priorities for the North East which are dependent on rail services using the East Coast Main Line (ECML).

Currently the ECML between Northallerton, Newcastle and Berwick consists of two tracks – one in each direction – which limits the number of passenger trains that can run within any given hour to six. This currently means two trains to London, two trains to Manchester and two trains to Birmingham.

As part of the original business case for the new Azuma trains, additional services were planned from 2021, with three trains each hour between London and Newcastle. Additional infrastructure was planned to enable the third London train; however, this scheme was dropped by the Government on cost grounds. As a consequence, if a third train is introduced, it is likely that other services will be reduced to accommodate the additional train.

Cllr Gannon commented that there is no doubt that there is demand for increased services to London, but also to Manchester and Birmingham. He stated investment is needed to increase the capacity of the ECML following years of underinvestment in the North East's rail infrastructure. The line needs to be upgraded from two tracks north of York.

Cllr Walsh agreed with Cllr Gannon's comments.

RESOLVED: The North East Joint Transport Committee agreed that should there be consultation on timetable amendments by the rail industry that the Committee will stand by the retention of the current rail connectivity pattern (two to London, two to Birmingham and two to Manchester) rather than introduce a third train service to London at the expense of trains to either Birmingham or Manchester.

10. DEVELOPING OUR REGION'S BUS POLICY IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR TRANSPORT PLAN

The Committee received a report which focussed on a range of potential models to deliver bus services as part of the development of the Transport Plan.

RESOLVED: The North East Joint Transport Committee noted the report.

11. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: The North East Joint Transport Committee agreed to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of item 12 by virtue of paragraphs 2,3 and 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 17 March 2020 at 2pm at Gateshead Civic Centre.

North East Joint Transport Committee

Date: 9 June 2020

Subject: Programme of Committee Meetings, Municipal Year 2020/21

Report of: Deputy Monitoring Officer

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to invite Members to agree a programme of committee meetings for the Municipal Year 2020/21.

The programme of meetings is intended to assist the Joint Transport Committee (JTC) in discharging its functions effectively. The programme has been developed in consultation with the constituent combined authorities.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Joint Transport Committee agrees the proposed programme of committee meetings, as set out in Appendix A.

North East Joint Transport Committee

1. Background Information

- 1.1 The Newcastle Upon Tyne, North Tyneside and Northumberland Combined Authority (Establishment and Functions) Order 2018 (the Order) requires NECA and NTCA to appoint a Joint Transport Committee in accordance with Schedule 2 to exercise functions specified by the Order.
- 1.2 To support an effective discharge of those functions, the Joint Transport Committee is invited to approve a programme of committee meetings, as set out in Appendix A.
- 1.3 The proposed programme of committee meetings was developed in consultation with the constituent combined authorities and is based around key areas of work, effective reporting structure, efficiency and requirements of internal and external audit.
- 1.4 It is anticipated that for at least part of the municipal year, meetings will be held virtually, with members attending remotely in accordance with the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

2. Proposals

- 2.1 The Joint Transport Committee and its committees are advised to meet according to the programme of meetings set out in Appendix A.

3. Reasons for the Proposals

- 3.1 The Joint Transport Committee is required to have an effective committee structure. The proposals would help the Joint Transport Committee to discharge its functions effectively.

4. Alternative Options Available

- 4.1 Whilst the programme of committee meetings was developed to ensure efficiency and effectiveness and no alternative options are proposed at this stage, a level of flexibility is required to enable the committees to add, rearrange or cancel meetings in accordance with demand.

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5. Next Steps and Timetable for Implementation

- 5.1 If agreed, the programme of meetings will be published and shared with key stakeholders.

Potential Impact on Objectives

- 6.1 As part of decision-making processes, the Joint Transport Committee is required to have an effective committee structure. Having a programme of meetings will assist in the delivery of objectives.

7. Financial and Other Resources Implications

- 7.1 The proposed programme of meetings was designed to minimise costs whilst supporting effective governance.

8. Legal Implications

- 8.1 There are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

9. Key Risks

- 9.1 The proposed programme of meetings is aimed at assisting the Joint Transport Committee with the operation of an effective governance structure. A published programme of meetings supports the effective planning of business and decision making and supports openness and transparency.

10. Equality and Diversity

- 10.1 There are no specific equality and diversity implications arising from this report.

11. Other Impact of the Proposals

- 11.1 The proposals comply with the principles of decision-making.
- 11.2 The proposals were designed in consultation with the constituent combined authorities.

12. Appendices

- 12.1 Appendix A: Programme of Committee Meetings, Municipal Year 2020/21.

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13. Background Papers

- 13.1 The Newcastle Upon Tyne, North Tyneside and Northumberland Combined Authority (Establishment and Functions) Order 2018.
- 13.2 The Durham, Gateshead, South Tyneside and Sunderland Combined Authority Order 2014 (SI 2014 No.1012) as amended by the Second Order.

14. Contact Officers

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15. Sign off

- Head of Paid Service: ✓
- Monitoring Officer: ✓
- Chief Finance Officer: ✓

16. Glossary

- 16.1 The Order - The Newcastle Upon Tyne, North Tyneside and Northumberland Combined Authority (Establishment and Functions) Order 2018.
- 16.2 NECA – North East Combined Authority

Joint Transport Committee
Draft Programme of Committee Meetings
Municipal Year 2020/21

Committee	Date / Time	June 2020	July 2020	Sep 2020	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Apr 2021	May 2021	June 2021
Joint Transport Committee	Tue 2pm		14	15	20?	17		19		16			15 AGM
Joint Transport Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee	Thurs 2pm		9	10		5		14			8		
Audit Committee	Wed 10am		1		7		9				14		
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Thurs 10am	25			1		17			25			

Venues: Information on the venue will be published five clear days before the date of the committee meeting.

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