



Forward Plan of Decisions

16 June 2020*

The Forward Plan for the North East Combined Authority (NECA) is prepared and published by the Monitoring Officer for the purpose of;

- A. Giving 28 days' notice of key decisions that are planned to be taken by the NECA, its Boards, Committees or Chief Officers
- B. Complete transparency about decisions – the Plan also includes an overview of non-key decisions to be taken by the Combined Authority or its Chief Officers

Included within the Forward Plan are decisions that are to be made by:

- [NECA Committees](#)
- [North East Joint Transport Committees](#)
- [Officers under delegation \(Delegated Decisions\)](#)

Unless otherwise indicated, if you require any further information or wish to make representations about any of the matters contained in the Forward Plan please contact the appropriate officer as detailed against each entry at least 7 days before the meeting.

***The most recent entries are referred to as “NEW”. Updated entries are referred to as “Updated”. Items withdrawn since the last publication are referred to as “Withdrawn” and following that will be removed altogether.**

Further information about the Forward Plan and NECA Decision Making can be found in ‘The Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2017’ and the NECA Overview and Scrutiny Committee’s Decision Making Protocol which can be found at <http://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/NECA-Decision-Making-Protocol.pdf>

NECA Committees

Reference Number and Thematic Area	Decision expected to be made on or within 60 days of	Decision Type: Key or Non-Key	Decision Maker	Details of Decision to be taken	Additional Documents for consideration	Contact Officer	Decision to be made in Public or Private (and relevant category of exemption)
Leadership Board – 9 June 2020 – meeting stood down							
Audit and Standards Sub-Committee							
There are no meetings currently scheduled.							
Audit and Standards Committee – 14 April 2020 – Meeting Stood Down							
Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 19 March 2020 – Meeting Stood Down							
Economic Development and Digital Advisory Board (EDDAB) – 24 March 2020 – Meeting Stood Down							

North East Joint Transport Committees

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North East Joint Transport Committee (JTC)							
JTC 2 (a)	14 July 2020	Non-key	Joint Transport Committee	<p>North East Transport Plan: timescales for publication</p> <p>The report will present the JTC with two timetable options for the publication of the North East Transport Plan. The report will ask the JTC to consider the options and agree which option should be progressed</p>	<p>https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Agenda-Pack-JTC-19.11.19.pdf</p> <p>item agenda 7- North East Transport Plan. North East Joint Transport Committee, 19th November 2019</p> <p>Item agenda 7- https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/JTC-Public-Agenda-17.3.2020-1.pdf</p> <p>North East Transport Committee, 21st March 2020</p>	Rachelle Forsyth-Ward Rachelle.forsyth-ward@northeastca.gov.uk	Public
JTC 2 (b)	14 July 2020	Non-key	Joint Transport Committee	<p>Rail Update</p> <p>The Joint Transport Committee is recommended to note the details of the update report.</p>	None	Tobyn Hughes Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk 0191 203 3246	Public
JTC 2 (c) Standing Item	14 July 2020	Non-key	Joint Transport Committee	<p>Regional Transport Update</p> <p>Members are asked to note the contents of the report, detailing an update on the latest transport issues in the region.</p>	None	Tobyn Hughes Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk 0191 203 3246	Public

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JTC 2 (d)	14 July 2020	Non-key	Joint Transport Committee	<p>Transport for the North Update</p> <p>The Joint Transport Committee is recommended to note the details of the update report</p>	<p>Transport for the North Board papers – 11th June 2020</p> <p>https://transportfornorth.com/calendar/tfn-board-11-june-2020/</p>	<p>Tobyn Hughes Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk 0191 203 3246</p>	Public
JTC 2 (e)	14 July 2020	Non-key	Joint Transport Committee	<p>Bus Funding and Partnerships – Next Steps</p> <p>It is proposed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the JTC and its constituent authorities continue to make the case for financial support to the bus sector from central government for as long as the effects of Covid-19 continue to have a negative impact. work be carried out into future models of bus service funding and provision, jointly with relevant partners, to ensure that the development of the local bus network post-Covid-19 meets the long-term aims of the JTC. 	None	<p>Tobyn Hughes Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk 0191 203 3246</p>	Public
North East Joint Transport Committee Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee (TWSC)							
TWSC 1 (a)	9 July 2020	Non-key	Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee	<p>Monitoring Nexus' Performance</p> <p>To provide members with an update on Nexus' corporate performance for 2020/21 including Metro performance.</p>	<p>Nexus Corporate Plan 2020/21 https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/TWSC-Public-Agenda-16.1.20.pdf</p>	<p>Martin Kearney Martin.kearney@nexus.org.uk</p>	Public
TWSC 1 (b)	9 July 2020	Non-key	Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee	<p>Nexus' Corporate Risks 2020/21</p>	None	<p>Martin Kearney</p>	Public

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				To present members with an update on Nexus' Corporate Risk Register for 2020/21. The report identifies the corporate risks for 2020/21 including any mitigating actions put in place.		Martin.kearney@nexus.org.uk	
TWSC 1 (c)	9 July 2020	Non-key	Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee	<p>Tyne Tunnels Update</p> <p>The report seeks approval of Members for the implementation of the Class 3 (HGV) toll increase.</p>	None	<p>Fiona Bootle</p> <p>Fiona.bootle@transport.northeast.gov.uk</p>	Public
North East Joint Transport Committee Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JTC Overview and Scrutiny Committee)							
JTC OSC 1 (a)	25 June 2020	Non-key	JTC Overview and Scrutiny Committee	<p>Support for the bus network during the Covid-19 pandemic</p> <p>The Joint Transport Committee Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Note the financial assistance provided to the local bus market to sustain it during the crisis brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic; ii. Note the wider work being undertaken on the development of potential conditions that could be applied to concessionary fare and tendered bus service payments, that are being made to bus operators at pre-pandemic levels at the request of the government, and that further details will be reported to a future meeting; and iii. Consider the development of longer-term options to align development of the bus network with the JTC's objectives in the post-Covid-19 environment. 	None	<p>Tobyn Hughes</p> <p>Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk</p> <p>0191 203 3246</p>	Public

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JTC OSC 1 (b)	25 June 2020	Non-key	JTC Overview and Scrutiny Committee	<p>North East Transport Plan Update</p> <p>The report will reaffirm the Plan's vision, objectives and principles and give an update on current development.</p>	<p>https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Agenda-Pack-JTC-19.11.19.pdf</p> <p>item agenda 7- North East Transport Plan. North East Joint Transport Committee, 19th November 2019</p> <p>Item agenda 7- https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/JTC-Public-Agenda-17.3.2020-1.pdf</p> <p>North East Transport Committee, 21st March 2020</p>	Rachelle Forsyth-Ward Rachelle.forsyth-ward@northeastca.gov.uk	Public
JTC OSC 1 (c)	25 June 2020	Non-key	JTC Overview and Scrutiny Committee	<p>North East response to the Transport Select Committee Inquiry into Coronavirus: implications for transport</p> <p>The North East Joint Transport Committee, Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to note the contents of this report and note the response sent to the House of Commons Transport Select Committee inquiry.</p>	None	<p>Tobyn Hughes tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk</p> <p>Harry Nicol harry.nicol@northeastca.gov.uk</p>	Public
North East Joint Transport Committee Audit Committee (JTC Audit Committee)							
JTC AC (a)	1 July 2020	Non-key	JTC Audit Committee	<p>Joint Transport Committee Internal Audit Report 2019/20</p> <p>To consider and comment on the Internal Audit Annual Report for 2019/20</p>	None	Tracy Davis Tracy.davis@sunderland.gov.uk	Public
JTC AC (b)	1 July 2020	Non-key	JTC Audit Committee	<p>Joint Transport Committee Internal Audit Plan 2020/21</p>	None	Tracy Davis	Public

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				To consider and comment on the proposed Internal Audit Plan for 2020/21		Tracy.davis@sunderland.gov.uk	
JTC AC (c)	1 July 2020	Non-key	JTC Audit Committee	Joint Transport Committee Strategic Risk Register To consider and comment on the updated Strategic Risk Register for the Joint Transport Committee	None	Tracy Davis Tracy.davis@sunderland.gov.uk	Public

Officer Delegated Decisions

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DD 111 Economic Development and Regeneration UPDATED	30 June 2019	Non-Key	Monitoring Officer	Incubator Support Fund: Woods II Incubator To agree to the financial and legal matters associated with any North East LEP decision to award a grant from the Incubator Support Fund application relating to the Woods II Incubator project.	Confidential LEP Technical Officer Group report Confidential LEP Investment Board report Confidential project business case and supporting documents Confidential project appraisal report	Ben McLaughlin Programme Support Officer 0191 3387446 ben.mclaughlin@nelep.co.uk	Private – the report will contain “exempt” information which falls within paragraph 3 of part 1 of schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972)
DD114 Economic Development and Regeneration NEW	9 September 2019	Non- Key	Monitoring Officer	Innovation Project Development Fund Centre for UK/Chinese Digital Business Development feasibility project To agree to the financial and legal matters associated with any North East LEP decision to award a grant from the Innovation Project Development Fund application relating to the Centre for UK/Chinese Digital Business Development feasibility project.	Confidential project business case and supporting documents Confidential project appraisal report	Ben McLaughlin Programme Support Officer 0191 3387446 ben.mclaughlin@nelep.co.uk	Private – the report will contain “exempt” information which falls within paragraph 3 of part 1 of schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972)

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Economic Development and Regeneration NEW	20 August 2019	Non- Key		<p>EZ Development Fund: Newcastle Airport Business Park Site A feasibility (Phase 1)</p> <p>To agree to the financial and legal matters associated with any North East LEP decision to award a grant from the EZ Development Fund (LGF) relating to the Newcastle Airport Business Park Site A feasibility (Phase 1) project.</p>	<p>Confidential project business case and supporting documents</p> <p>Confidential project appraisal report</p>	<p>Ben McLaughlin Programme Support Officer 0191 5615446 ben.mclaughlin@nelc.lep.co.uk</p>	<p>Private – the report will contain “exempt” information which falls within paragraph 3 of part 1 of schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972)</p>