



Forward Plan of Decisions

10 July 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 Items withdrawn since the last publication are referred to as “Withdrawn” and following that will be removed altogether.**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							
LB 1 (a) Chairman's Portfolio	28 July 2020	Non-key	Leadership Board	Covid-19 Regional Economic Recovery A presentation will provide a summary of the regions approach to the economic strategy for the NELEP and NECA area.	None	Nicola Robason NECA Deputy Monitoring Officer 0191 424 7186 nicola.robason@southtyneside.gov.uk	Public
Audit and Standards Sub-Committee							
There are no meetings currently scheduled.							
Audit and Standards Committee							
AS 1 (a) Corporate Issue	27 July 2020	Non-key	Audit and Standards	Draft Statement of Accounts 2019/20 This report is for information only.	NECA Draft Statement of Accounts 2019/20	Eleanor Goodman Finance Manager eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk 0191 277 7518	Public
AS 1 (b) Corporate Issue	27 July 2020	Non-key	Audit and Standards	Internal Audit Annual Report 2019/20 To consider and comment on the Internal Audit Annual Report for 2019/2020.	None	Tracy Davis Senior Manager – Assurance (Sunderland City Council) tracy.davis@sunderland.gov.uk	Public
AS 1 (c) Corporate Issue	27 July 2020	Non-key	Audit and Standards	Internal Audit Plan 2020/21 To consider and comment on the Internal Audit Plan for 2020/2021.	None	Tracy Davis Senior Manager – Assurance (Sunderland City Council)	Public

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AS 1 (d) Corporate Issue	27 July 2020	Non-key	Audit and Standards	NECA Annual Governance Statement for 2019/20 To consider and comment on the Annual Governance Statement for 2019/2020.	None	Tracy Davis Senior Manager – Assurance (Sunderland City Council) tracy.davis@sunderland.gov.uk	Public
AS 1 (e) Corporate Issue	27 July 2020	Non-key	Audit and Standards	Audit Strategy Memorandum The Committee is recommended to note the report.	Background documents available within the report to be circulated	Jim Dafter Senior Manager, Mazars 07815 876 042 jim.dafter@mazars.co.uk Eleanor Goodman NECA Finance Manager 0191 277 7518, Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk	Public
Overview and Scrutiny Committee							
The next meeting is scheduled to be held 1 October 2020.							
Economic Development and Digital Advisory Board (EDDAB)							
ED 1 (a) Economic Development and Regeneration	21 July 2020	Non-key	EDDAB	COVID-19 Economic Recovery A presentation will be given prior to a discussion by the Board on the economic strategy for the NELEP and NECA area.	North East Strategic Economic Plan - More and Better Jobs	Beverley Poulter Lead Policy Officer – Leader / Chief Executive 07824 596691 beverley.poulter@sunderland.gov.uk	Public

North East Joint Transport Committees

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

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JTC 2 (d) ITEM WITHDRAWN	14 July 2020	Non-key	Joint Transport Committee	Transport for the North Update The Joint Transport Committee is recommended to note the details of the update report	Transport for the North Board papers – 11 th June 2020 https://transportforthenorth.com/calendar/tfn-board-11-june-2020/	Tobyn Hughes Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk 0191 203 3246	Public
JTC 2 (e)	14 July 2020	Non-key	Joint Transport Committee	Moving Bus Partnership forward in North East England It is proposed that: <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	Tobyn Hughes Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk 0191 203 3246	Public
JTC 2 (f)	14 July 2020	Non-key	Joint Transport Committee	Capital Programme 2019/20 Outturn and 2021 Update The report is for information.	JTC Capital Programme – 22 January 2019	Eleanor Goodman Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk	Public
JTC 2 (g)	14 July 2020	Non-key	Joint Transport Committee	Revenue Budget 2019/20 Outturn and 2020/21 Update The report is for information.	JTC Revenue Budget – 22 January 2019	Eleanor Goodman Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk	Public

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North East Joint Transport Committee Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee (TWSC)							
Next meeting scheduled to take place on 10 September 2020							
North East Joint Transport Committee Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JTC Overview and Scrutiny Committee)							
Next meeting scheduled to take place on 1 October 2020							
North East Joint Transport Committee Audit Committee (JTC Audit Committee)							
Next meeting scheduled to take place on 7 October 2020							

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@nellep.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@nellep.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>