

## Leadership Board

Monday 14 September 2020 at 2.00pm

Meeting to be held virtually via Microsoft Teams

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## AGENDA

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1. **Apologies for Absence (Members)**

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Please remember to declare any personal interest where appropriate both verbally and by recording it on the relevant form (to be handed to the Democratic Services Officer). Please also remember to leave the meeting where any personal interest requires this.

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**North East Combined Authority, Leadership Board**

**Agenda Item 3**

28 July 2020

(2.00pm - 3.00pm)

Meeting held virtually via Microsoft Teams

**Present:**

**Councillors:** I Malcolm (Chair), M Gannon, G Miller

**Officers:** Patrick Melia (Chief Executive, Sunderland), Sheena Ramsey (Chief Executive, Gateshead), Terry Collins (Chief Executive, Durham), Nicola Robason (Deputy Monitoring Officer, NECA), John Hewitt (Chief Finance Officer, NECA), Vince Taylor (Economic Lead Officer, NECA), George Mansbridge (Corporate Director Regeneration and Environment, South Tyneside), Amanda Healy (Director of Public Health, Durham), Gavin Armstrong (Policy and Scrutiny Officer, NECA), Jonathan Lunness (Strategy and Democratic Services Assistant, NECA), Karen Connolly (Strategy and Democratic Services Assistant, South Tyneside)

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (MEMBERS)**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Henig, Cllr Marshall, Martin Swales and Gillian Hall.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 03 MARCH 2020**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 03 March 2020 were approved as a correct record.

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR**

The Chair informed Members that this meeting was the first NECA Leadership Board to be held virtually. It was noted that the meeting was being livestreamed via YouTube.

The Chair paid tribute to the way in which local government has responded to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. The importance of social distancing and continuing to thoroughly wash hands was highlighted by the Chair.

## **5. NECA GOVERNANCE UPDATE**

Submitted: Report of the NECA Deputy Monitoring Officer (previously circulated and copy attached to the official minutes).

Members considered the report which provided an update on the governance arrangements for the North East Combined Authority in regards the impact of Covid-19.

The report informed Members on the provisions of emergency legislation from the Government which enable local authorities and combined authorities to continue their vital work. It was noted that Members had agreed to postpone the Annual Meeting of NECA until such a time that all constituent authorities have held their own Annual Meetings. Members noted that current NECA appointments will roll over until next Annual Meeting is held.

### **RESOLVED That:**

- i. the report be noted.

## **6. COVID-19 UPDATE**

Submitted: Report of the Director of Public Health, Durham County Council (previously circulated and copy attached to the official minutes).

Members considered the report which provided an update on the effects of Covid-19 in the NECA area. Members received a presentation outlining key statistics, a timeline of developments, local outbreak plans and key issues during the pandemic to date.

The Chair noted that there had recently been a meeting of Chairs of Health and Wellbeing Boards coordinated by the LGA. It was noted that Local Authorities face similar challenges locally, but that the volunteer sector has responded well and will hopefully continue that good work going forwards.

The Chair thanked Amanda Healy for the report and presentation, as well as all those involved in the coordination and response.

### **RESOLVED That:**

- i. the report and presentation be noted.

## **7. COVID-19 ECONOMIC RECOVERY UPDATE**

Submitted: Report of Patrick Melia, Chief Executive of Sunderland City Council (previously circulated and copy attached to the official minutes).

Members considered the report which provided an update on the economic recovery taking place across the NECA and NELEP areas. Members received a presentation delivered by Vince Taylor on the analysis, plans and structures put in place and the implications for the NECA area.

The presentation covered the local impact so far, the structures for the coordination and response, announcements from Government and also the proposed recovery package being developed for the region.

The Chair noted the positive way in which the region has come together to respond to the crisis. It was noted that the NECA region and local authorities should have 'shovel-ready' schemes ready in case of any government underspend where money could be allocated. Concern over the potential for new youth unemployment was noted, including access to skills training and good quality jobs.

The Chair and Members thanked Vince Taylor and Patrick Melia for the report and presentation, as well as the other Officers involved in the work.

**RESOLVED That:**

- i. the report and presentation be noted.

**8. BUDGET PROCESS AND TIMETABLE 2021/22**

Submitted: Report of the NECA Chief Finance Officer (previously circulated and copy attached to the official minutes).

Members considered the report which set out the process and timetable for the preparation, consultation and approval of the 2021/22 budget and indicative three-year medium-term financial strategy for NECA.

Members noted that Appendix 1 contained all dates for the Budget Timetable for 2020/21.

The Chair thanked John Hewitt for the report.

**RESOLVED That:**

- i. the report and timetable be noted.

**9. 2019/20 OUTTURN AND UPDATE ON 2020/21 FORECAST**

Submitted: Report of the NECA Chief Finance Officer (previously circulated and copy attached to the official minutes).

Members considered the report which provided an update on the 2019/20 outturn for the NECA Corporate budget and an update on the forecast for 2020/21, based on the position to the end of June 2020.

Members noted that the 2019/20 outturn and 2020/21 forecast are in a positive position with no problems anticipated. It was noted that Appendix 1 of the report contained the

2019/20 Outturn and Update on 2020/21 Forecast for Transport Budgets which was presented to the Joint Transport Committee on 14 July 2020.

The Chair thanked John Hewitt for the report.

**RESOLVED That:**

- i. the report be noted.

**10. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 14 September 2020 at 2.00pm.

## **Leadership Board**

Agenda Item 5

**Date:** 14 September 2020

**Subject:** Governance Arrangements

**Report of:** Deputy Monitoring Officer of the North East Combined Authority

### **Executive Summary**

This report proposes a change to the membership of the Joint Transport Committee and the NECA Audit and Standards Committee.

### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that the proposed change to the membership of the Joint Transport Committee and the NECA Audit and Standards Committee be approved.

## **1. Background Information**

- 1.1 Northumberland County Council and Sunderland City would like to make an amendment to their appointments made to the Joint Transport Committee.
- 1.2 The appointments which went to the 2019 Annual meeting of the NECA Leadership Board included, for Sunderland City Council, Councillor Michael Mordey as substitute Member for Joint Transport Committee.
- 1.3 The appointments which went to the 2019 Annual meeting of the NECA Leadership Board included, for Northumberland County Council, Councillor Peter Jackson as Member for Joint Transport Committee.
- 1.4 The appointments which went to the 2019 Annual meeting of the NECA Leadership Board included, for Northumberland County Council, Councillor Wayne Daley as substitute Member for Joint Transport Committee.
- 1.5 The appointments which went to the 2019 Annual meeting of the NECA Leadership Board included, for Gateshead City Council, Councillor John McClurey as substitute Member for NECA Audit and Standards Committee.
- 1.6 Councillor Paul Stewart is the person Sunderland City Council wishes to nominate for the Joint Transport Committee.
- 1.7 The Councillors Northumberland County Council wishes to nominate for the Joint Transport Committee are to follow their appointment of Leader and Deputy Leader.
- 1.8 Councillor Ron Beadle is the person Gateshead City Council wishes to nominate for the NECA Audit and Standards Committee.

## **2. Proposed Change**

- 2.1 For Northumberland County Council, the Councillors to be proposed for the Member of the Joint Transport Committee and substitute of the Joint Transport Committee are to follow.



- 2.2 For Sunderland City Council, it is proposed that Councillor Paul Stewart to replace Councillor Michael Mordey as substitute on the Joint Transport Committee.
- 2.3 For Gateshead City Council, it is proposed that Councillor Ron Beadle to replace Councillor John McClurey as member on the NECA Audit and Standards Committee.

### **3. Recommendation**

- 3.1 It is Recommended that the proposed changes to the membership of the Joint Transport Committee be approved.

### **4. Proposals**

- 4.1 The Leadership Board is agree the recommendation contained in this report.

### **5. Reasons for the Proposals**

- 5.1 The proposal contained in this report will ensure the NECA and Joint Transport Committee governance structures are kept up to date.

### **6. Alternative Options Available**

- 6.1 There are no alternative options submitted for consideration.

### **7. Financial and Other Resources Implications**

- 7.1 There are no direct financial implications associated with this report.

### **8. Legal Implications**

- 8.1 There are no legal implications arising directly from this report other than amendments to the NECA governance structure.

### **9. Key Risks**

- 9.1 There are no risks arising as a result of the proposals.

### **10. Equality and Diversity**

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

## **11. Appendices**

11.1 None

## **12. Contact Officers**

12.1 Nicola Robason, NECA Deputy Monitoring Officer, South Tyneside Council  
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## **13. Sign off**

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

## **14 Glossary**

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## **Leadership Board**

Agenda Item 6

**Date:** 14 September 2020

**Subject:** Growth Fund

**Report of:** Economic Development and Digital Thematic Lead

# Report to follow