



Forward Plan of Decisions

16 December 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 Items withdrawn since the last publication are referred to as “Withdrawn” and following that will be removed altogether.**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 5 (a) Economic Development and Digital (Standing Item)	2 February 2021	Non-key	Leadership Board	Economic Development and Digital Thematic Update To note and provide any comments on the update report on the Economic Development and Digital Thematic Lead Portfolio.		Beverley Poulter Beverley.poulter@sunderland.gov.uk	Public
LB 5 (b) Chairman's Portfolio (Standing Item)	2 February 2021	Non-key	Leadership Board	Thematic Lead Portfolio Update Report from the Chair To provide an update on the Chair's Thematic Lead Portfolio – for information and comment.		George Mansbridge George.mansbridge@southtyneside.gov.uk 0191 424 7969	Public
LB 5 (c) Finance and Skills and Employment (Standing Item)	2 February 2021	Non-key	Leadership Board	Finance and Skills and Employment Thematic Lead Portfolio Update Report To provide an update on the Finance and Skills and Employment Thematic Lead Portfolio.		Graham Wood Graham.Wood@durham.gov.uk	Public
LB 5 (d) Transport	2 February 2021	Non-key	Leadership Board	Transport Thematic Lead Portfolio Update Report		Anneliese Hutchinson anneliesehutchinson@gateshead.gov.uk	Public

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(Standing Item)				To provide an update on the Transport Thematic Lead Portfolio			
Audit and Standards Sub-Committee							
There are no meetings currently scheduled.							
Audit and Standards Committee							
The next meeting is scheduled to be held 9 March 2021.							
Overview and Scrutiny Committee							
OS 3 (a) Corporate Issue	17 December 2020	Non-key	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	NECA Budget Proposals 2021/22 To consider and comment on the NECA Budget Proposals for 2021/22.	03/11/2020 Leadership Board Report - Leadership-Board-3-November-2020-Public-Agenda-Pack.pdf 27/11/2020 JTC Capital Report – to follow 27/11/2020 JTC Revenue Report – to follow	Paul Darby Deputy Chief Finance Officer paul.darby@durham.gov.uk Patsy O'Reagan NECA Principal Accountant patsy.oreagan@northeastca.gov.uk	Public
OS 3 (b) Economic Development and Digital	17 December 2020	Non-key	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Impact of the EU Exit on the North East (including Regional Funding) To receive a presentation and note the report.		Rory Sherwood-Parkin Senior Economic Policy Manager South Tyneside Council rory.sherwood-parkin@southtyneside.gov.uk	Public

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OS 3 (c) Corporate Issue	17 December 2020	Non-key	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	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.		Gavin Armstrong NECA Policy and Scrutiny Officer 0782 565 8575 Gavin.armstrong@northeastca.gov.uk	Public
OS 3 (d) Corporate Issue	17 December 2020	Non-key	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	NECA Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme To receive updates on items and the latest version of the annual work programme.		Gavin Armstrong NECA Policy and Scrutiny Officer 0782 565 8575 Gavin.armstrong@northeastca.gov.uk	Public
Economic Development and Digital Advisory Board (EDDAB)							
The next meeting is now scheduled to be held 23 February 2021.							

North East Joint Transport Committees

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North East Joint Transport Committee (JTC)							
JTC 6 (a)	19 January 2021	Key	JTC	<p>Transport Capital Programme</p> <p>The report sets out the 2021/2022 Transport Capital Programme for the Joint Transport Committee to approve.</p>	<p>JTC Transport Capital Programme 2020/21</p> <p>https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/TWSC-Public-Agenda-16.1.20.pdf</p>	<p>Eleanor Goodman</p> <p>Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk</p>	Public
JTC 6 (b)	19 January 2021	Key	JTC	<p>Transport Budget and Levies</p> <p>The report sets out the 2021/22 Transport Revenue Budget and Transport Levies for the Joint Transport Committee to consider and approve.</p>	<p>JTC Budget Proposals Report 17 November 2020</p> <p>https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/TWSC-Public-Agenda-16.1.20.pdf</p>	<p>Eleanor Goodman</p> <p>Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk</p>	Public
JTC 6 (c)	19 January 2021	Key	JTC	<p>Active Travel Fund Tranche 2 – Allocation of Funding</p> <p>The Joint Transport Committee is asked to approve the allocation of £9.049m from the Active Travel Fund to schemes across the region. If approved, officers will be instructed to progress with the completion</p>	None	<p>Mike Scott</p> <p>Mike.scott@transportnortheast.gov.uk</p>	Public

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				of Grant Funding Agreements on behalf of the Committee.			
JTC 6 (d)	19 January 2021	Key	JTC	<p>Transforming Cities Fund Tranche 2 – Grant Funding Agreements</p> <p>The Joint Transport Committee is asked to approve the release of funding for Tranche 2 scheme(s) that have completed the Transport Assurance Framework process. If approved, officers will be instructed to progress with the completion of a Grant Funding Agreement on behalf of the Committee.</p>	<p>Transforming Cities Fund Tranche 2 submission to DfT, November 2019</p> <p>https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/NETCF-SOBC-271119-Final-Opt.pdf</p>	<p>Mike Scott</p> <p>Mike.scott@transportnortheast.gov.uk</p>	Public
JTC 6 (e)	19 January 2021	Non-key	JTC	<p>Transport North East – Regional Transport Update</p> <p>The Joint Transport Committee is recommended to note the contents of this report.</p>	None	<p>Tobyn Hughes</p> <p>Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk</p>	Public
JTC 6 (f)	19 January 2021	Non-key	JTC	<p>East Coast Main Line Update</p> <p>The North East Joint Transport Committee is recommended to note the contents of the report and support the ongoing work to secure the funding needed to upgrade the ECML and enable the North East to connect to the UK's high speed rail network.</p>	None	<p>Tobyn Hughes</p> <p>Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk</p>	Public

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Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee (TWSC)							
TWSC 4 (a)	14 January 2021	Non-key	TWSC	Nexus Budgets and MTFs 2021/22 The Committee is recommended to receive the report for information.	None	Eleanor Goodman Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk	Public
TWSC 4 (b)	14 January 2021	Key	TWSC	Tyne Tunnel Revision of Tolls and Budget 2021/22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve the increase in tolls for Class 2 vehicles from £3.70 to £3.80 to take effect from April 2021; Approve the continuation of the 10% discount for permit holders; Authorise the Monitoring Officer to publish the relevant notices and submit the necessary documentation to the Secretary of State, as prescribed in the River Tyne (Tunnels) Order 2011; Receive the 2021/22 Tyne Tunnel Budget Proposals for information 	The River Tyne (Tunnels) Order 2005 https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2005/22/introduction/made	Eleanor Goodman Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk	Public
TWSC 4 (c)	14 January 2021	Key	TWSC	Revision to Metro and Ferry Fares 2021 To see approval for changes to the Metro and Ferry Fares for 2021.	None	Huw Lewis Huw.lewis@nexus.org.uk	Public
TWSC 4 (d)	14 January 2021	Non-key	TWSC	Corporate Business Plan Performance 2021-2025 To present the Nexus Corporate Business Plan for 2021 to 2025 for approval, subject	None	Martin Kearney Martin.kearney@nexus.org.uk	Public

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				to approval of the Nexus budget by the Joint Transport Committee on 19 January 2021.			
TWSC 4 (e)	14 January 2021	Non-key	TWSC	<p>Corporate Business Plan Performance Update</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</p> <p>https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/TWSC-Public-Agenda-16.1.20.pdf</p>	<p>Martin Kearney</p> <p>Martin.kearney@nexus.org.uk</p>	Public
TWSC 4 (f)	14 January 2021	Non-key	TWSC	<p>Nexus Corporate Risk Register</p> <p>To provide members with an update on Nexus' Corporate Risk Register for 2020/21.</p>	<p>Nexus Corporate Plan 2020/21</p> <p>https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/TWSC-Public-Agenda-16.1.20.pdf</p>	<p>Martin Kearney</p> <p>Martin.kearney@nexus.org.uk</p>	Public
TWSC 4 (g)	14 January 2021	Non-key	TWSC	<p>Tyne Tunnels Update</p> <p>To provide members with the latest update in relation to the Tyne Tunnels.</p>	None	<p>Fiona Bootle</p> <p>Fiona.bootle@transportnortheast.gov.uk</p>	Public
North East Joint Transport Committee Audit Committee (JTC Audit Committee)							
Next scheduled meeting due to take place on 14 April 2021							

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North East Joint Transport Committee Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JTC Overview and Scrutiny Committee)							
JTC OSC 4 (a) STANDING ITEM	17 December 2020	Non-key	JTC OSC	Joint Transport Committee Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme To receive the latest version of the annual work programme	None	Gavin Armstrong Gavin.armstrong@northeastca.gov.uk	Public
JTC OSC 4 (b)	17 December 2020	Non-key	JTC OSC	Metro Performance To provide members with an update on Metro performance	None	Martin Kearney Martin.kearney@nexus.org.uk	Public
JTC OSC 4 (c)	17 December 2020	Non-key	JTC OSC	Transport Revenue Budget Proposals 2021/22 – Budget Consultation This report is for information	None	Eleanor Goodman, Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk	Public
JTC OSC 4 (e)	17 December 2020	Non-key	JTC OSC	Transport Plan This report will provide an update on the Transport Plan.	None	Rachelle Forsyth-Ward Rachelle.forsythward@transportnortheast.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>