

## North East Joint Transport Committee

Date: 19 January 2021

### Decisions – Notification

**Please Note:** In accordance with the Constitution of the Combined Authority, key decisions will not be implemented pending any call-in.

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A request for a call-in must be received by the Monitoring Officer by 5pm on 26 January 2021.

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1. Apologies for Absence	Apologies were received from Mayor J Driscoll, Councillor G Miller and Mayor N Redfearn.	Emma Reynard <a href="mailto:emmareynard@gateshead.gov.uk">emmareynard@gateshead.gov.uk</a>
2. Declarations of Interest	None	
3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 17 November 2020	<b>RESOLVED:</b> The minutes were agreed as a correct record.	Emma Reynard <a href="mailto:emmareynard@gateshead.gov.uk">emmareynard@gateshead.gov.uk</a>
4. Transport North East – Regional Transport Update	<b>RESOLVED:</b> The North East Joint Transport Committee noted the report.	Tobyn Hughes <a href="mailto:Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk">Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk</a>

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5. Transport Capital Programme 2021/22	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The North East Joint Transport Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Noted the latest position in respect of the 2020/21 capital programme, set out in section 2.1 of the report and the following sections; and</li> <li>(ii) Approved the proposed initial capital programme for 2021/22 which amounts to £152.674m as set out in section 2.1 of the report and the following sections.</li> </ul>	<p>Eleanor Goodman  <a href="mailto:Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk">Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk</a></p>
6. Transport Budget and Levies 2021/22	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The North East Joint Transport Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Noted the position of the Transport budget in 2020/21 and approve the revised estimates for the year;</li> <li>(ii) Agreed a Transport net revenue budget for 2021/22 of £82.895m, as set out in section 2.5 of the report;</li> <li>(iii) Agreed the following Transport Levies for 2021/22:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Durham County Council £15.467m</li> <li>b. Northumberland County Council £6.328m</li> <li>c. Tyne and Wear Councils (detailed in Table 6) £61.100m</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Eleanor Goodman  <a href="mailto:Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk">Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk</a></p>

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	<p>(iv) Agreed a transport revenue grant to Durham County Council for the delivery of transport services of £15.457m, as outlined in section 2.8 of the report;</p> <p>(v) Agreed a transport revenue grant to Northumberland County Council for the delivery of transport services of £6.318m, as outlined in section 2.10 of the report;</p> <p>(vi) Agreed a transport revenue grant to Nexus for the delivery of transport services in Tyne and Wear of £57.813m (a temporary reduction from £59.000m to facilitate the transfer to Transport Strategy Unit of £1.187m budget for Metro Futures Planning Studies) as outlined in section 2.12, noting that £3.3m of this will be used to fund Metro operations;</p> <p>(vii) Agreed the payment of a one-off £1.2m levy rebate to the five Tyne and Wear Councils, funded from reserves, to be distributed on the basis of population (detailed in Table 6 at section 2.13);</p>	

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	<p>(viii) Agreed that Nexus' 2021/22 budget for concessionary fares reimbursement will be held at 2020/21 levels, with Nexus continuing to place reliance on Cabinet Office guidance to reimburse commercial bus operators at such levels, pending further guidance from central government and/or a direction from the JTC to reimburse on a different basis;</p> <p>(ix) Noted that a fare increase for Metro and the Ferry service of RPI is included in Nexus' budget estimates, and was agreed at the Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee on 14 January 2021;</p> <p>(x) Noted the planning assumption in Nexus' budget that agreement will be reached with DfT for Covid support of £21.9m over the full year to cover lost fare and commercial income;</p> <p>(xi) Approved the budget for the Tyne Tunnels set out in section 2.50, which includes a recommended increase in the Tyne Tunnels tolls for inflation which was approved by the Tyne and Wear Sub Committee on 14 January 2021;</p>	

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	(xii) Approved the budget for the Transport Strategy Unit as set out in section 2.37; and  (xiii) Agreed the forecast level and use of reserves as set out in section 2.53 of the report.	
7. Active Travel Fund Tranche 2 – Allocation of Funding	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The North East Joint Transport Committee:</p> (i) Approved the allocation of funding from the Active Travel Fund to schemes as set out in Table 1 of the report, subject to compliance with the assurance gateways set out in Appendix 1;  (ii) Instructed officers to work with local authority partners and identify additional Active Travel Fund schemes that will draw down any remaining funding following the public consultation phase, including the unallocated funding identified in Table 1 of the report;  (iii) Authorised the Managing Director, Transport North East to agree detailed Grant Funding Agreements with scheme promoters for each scheme that has been allocated funding and complies with the Transport Assurance Framework, following consultation with Statutory Officers.	Mike Scott <a href="mailto:Mike.scott@transportnortheast.gov.uk">Mike.scott@transportnortheast.gov.uk</a>

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8. Transforming Cities Fund Tranche 2 – Grant Funding Agreements	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The North East Joint Transport Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Approved the release of £3,612,500 from the TCF Devolved Pot to enable construction of the Durham Bus Station project; and</li> <li>(ii) Instructed officers to prepare and sign a Grant Funding Agreement with Durham County Council for this project.</li> </ul>	<p>Mike Scott  <a href="mailto:Mike.scott@transportnortheast.gov.uk">Mike.scott@transportnortheast.gov.uk</a></p>
9. East Coast Main Line Update	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The North East Joint Transport Committee noted the report and agreed to support the ongoing work to secure the commitment needed to upgrade the East Coast Main Line and enable the North East to connect to the UK’s high speed rail network.</p>	<p>Tobyn Hughes  <a href="mailto:Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk">Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk</a></p>
10. Exclusion of the Press and Public	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The North East Joint Transport Committee agreed to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of item 11 by virtue of paragraphs 1,2,3 and 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.</p>	
11. Staffing Proposal – Transport Programme Management	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The North East Joint Transport Committee endorsed the report.</p>	<p>Tobyn Hughes  <a href="mailto:Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk">Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk</a></p>