

North East Joint Transport Committee

Date: 13 July 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 (Transport) by 5pm on 21 July 2021.

Item	Decision / Information	Contact Officer
1. Apologies for Absence	Apologies were received from Councillor T Dixon and Councillor N Forbes	Emma Reynard emmareynard@gateshead.gov.uk
2. Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations of interest.	
3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 15 June 2021	RESOLVED: The minutes were agreed as a correct record.	Emma Reynard emmareynard@gateshead.gov.uk

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4. 2020/2021 Revenue Budget and Capital Outturn Programme	RESOLVED: The North East Joint Transport Committee noted the report.	Paul Darby Paul.darby@durham.gov.uk
5. 2021/2022 Revenue Budget and Capital Programme Update	RESOLVED: The North East Joint Transport Committee: (i) Noted the report. (ii) Agreed the extension of the Metro and Local Rail Extensions studies budget period for a further two years to 31 March 2024, to be funded by the budget transferred from Nexus as set out in section 2.30-2.33. (iii) Agreed the £0.300m increase in the budget for the Tyne Pedestrian and Cycle Tunnels refurbishment project as set out in section 3.36.	Paul Darby Paul.darby@durham.gov.uk
6. Transport Plan Progress Update	RESOLVED: The North East Joint Transport Committee noted the report.	Tobyn Hughes Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk
7. North East Rail and Metro Strategy Update	RESOLVED: The North East Joint Transport Committee noted the strategy update.	Tobyn Hughes Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk

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8. Transforming Cities Fund – Tranche 2 Grant Funding Agreements	<p>RESOLVED: The North East Joint Transport Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Delegated authority to the Transport North East Managing Director, in consultation with the Section 73 Officer and Monitoring Officer, to approve the release of £16,326,814 from the TCF Devolved Pot to the Sunderland Station scheme, subject to successful appraisal in line with Transport Assurance Framework. (ii) Instructed officers to prepare and execute a Grant Funding Agreement with Sunderland City Council for the Sunderland Station scheme. 	<p>Tobyn Hughes Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk</p>
9. Vision for Buses	<p>RESOLVED: The North East Joint Transport Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • approved the “North East Vision for Buses” document in Annex A to this report; and • agreed that this document should be used as a basis for a period of public and stakeholder engagement over future aspirations for our region’s bus network. 	<p>Tobyn Hughes Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk</p>

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10. East Coast Main Line - May 2022 Timetable Consultation Response	<p>RESOLVED: The North East Joint Transport Committee made the following requests to the Government and the rail industry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) That the timetable changes are put on hold; (ii) That a “taskforce” be established by the government, led by an independent third party, to examine the capacity constraints and put forward options to resolve them both short- and long- term; and (iii) That the taskforce should then put together a plan to introduce the timetable change slowly, aligned to the growth in capacity, and with no detriment to existing connectivity. 	Tobyn Hughes Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk
11. Appointment to Transport for the North, Rail North Committee	<p>RESOLVED: The North East Joint Transport Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nominated Mayor Jamie Driscoll as Member, and Cllr Martin Gannon as Substitute Member to represent the regional group comprising NECA and NTCA on the Transport for the North, Rail North Committee; 	Tobyn Hughes Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk

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	(ii) Noted that Transport for the North have stipulated that the Member and Substitute Member appointed to the Rail North Committee should be from amongst the current Members and Substitute Members representing both NECA and NTCA on the TfN Board.	
12. Exclusion of the Press and Public	RESOLVED: The North East Joint Transport Committee agreed to exclude the press and public during items 13,14,15 and 16 by virtue of paragraphs 1,2,3, 4 and 5 of Parts 1 and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.	Mike Barker mikebarker@gateshead.gov.uk
13. Minutes of the confidential meeting held on 15 June 2021	The minutes were agreed as a correct record.	Emma Reynard emmareynard@gateshead.gov.uk
14. Tyne Pedestrian and Cyclist Tunnels Update	RESOLVED: The North East Joint Transport Committee noted the recommendations as detailed in the confidential report.	Fiona Bootle Fiona.bootle@transportnortheast.gov.uk
15. Amendment to the Terms of Reference for calculation of TT2 Pension Cash Collateral Account	RESOLVED: The North East Joint Transport Committee agreed the recommendations as detailed in the confidential report.	Paul Darby Paul.darby@durham.gov.uk

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16. North East Rail and Metro Strategy – Staffing Proposal	RESOLVED: The North East Joint Transport Committee agreed the recommendations as detailed in the confidential report.	Tobyn Hugehes Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk
17. Date of Next Meeting	The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 September 2021 at 2.30pm	Emma Reynard emmareynard@gateshead.gov.uk