



Forward Plan of Decisions

20 December 2021

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 Items withdrawn since the last publication are referred to as “Withdrawn” and following that will be removed altogether.**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

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| Leadership Board | | | | | | | |
| LB 5 (a) Economic Development and Digital (Standing Item) | 1 Feb 2022 | 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. | | George Mansbridge George.Mansbridge@southtyneside.gov.uk | Public |
| LB 5 (b) Chairman's Portfolio (Standing Item) | 1 Feb 2022 | 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. | | Beverley Poulter Beverley.poulter@sunderland.gov.uk | Public |
| LB 5 (c) Finance and Skills and Employment (Standing Item) | 1 Feb 2022 | 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 |

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| LB 5 (d) Transport (Standing Item) | 1 Feb 2022 | Non-key | Leadership Board | Transport Thematic Lead Portfolio Update Report To provide an update on the Transport Thematic Lead Portfolio | | Anneliese Hutchinson anneliesehutchinson@gateshead.gov.uk | Public |
| LB 5 (e) Corporate Issue | 1 Feb 2022 | Non-key | Leadership Board | Audit Completion Report For information only | Audit Strategy Memorandum Audit-and-Standards-Agenda-Pack-22-June-2021.pdf (northeastca.gov.uk) | Eleanor Goodman Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk Jim Dafter Jim.dafter@mazars.co.uk | Public |
| LB 5 (f) Corporate Issue | 1 Feb 2022 | Key | Leadership Board | Capital Programme and Treasury Management Policy and Strategy 2022/23 For information and the agreement of the MRP Statement, administration of the capital programme, the Treasury Management Strategy and the Cash Investment Strategy 2022/23 | NECA Capital Programme report 2 February 2021 Leadership-Board-2-February-2021-Agenda-Pack.pdf (northeastca.gov.uk) | Eleanor Goodman Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk | Public |

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| LB 5 (g) Corporate Issue | 1 Feb 2022 | Key | Leadership Board | <p>Budget 2022/23 and Medium-Term Financial Strategy</p> <p>For information, the agreement of the corporate budget 2022/23 and the administration of a transport revenue payment to Durham County Council and Nexus and approval of the Pay Policy Statement</p> | <p>NECA Revenue Budget report 2 February 2021</p> <p>Leadership-Board-2-February-2021-Agenda-Pack.pdf (northeastca.gov.uk)</p> | <p>Eleanor Goodman</p> <p>Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk</p> | Public |
| LB 5 (h) | 1 Feb 2022 | Key | Leadership Board | <p>Statement of Accounts 2020/21</p> <p>For approval of the Statement of Accounts 2020/21 and the Annual Governance Sheet, and the authorisation of the Chief Finance Officer to sign the Letter of Representation, the Chair and Chief Finance Officer to make any further necessary adjustments to the Statement of Accounts and the Chair and Head of Paid</p> | <p>NECA draft Statement of Accounts 2020/21</p> <p>NECA-Draft-Statement-of-Accounts-2020-21.pdf (northeastca.gov.uk)</p> <p>Letter regarding delay in Audit of Statement of Accounts</p> <p>NECA-2020-21-Audit-Letter-LG-Delay-in-Issuing-the-Auditors-Annual-</p> | <p>Eleanor Goodman</p> <p>Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk</p> | Public |

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| | | | | Service to sign the Annual Governance Sheet | Report.pdf (northeastca.gov.uk) | | |
| Audit and Standards Sub-Committee | | | | | | | |
| There are no meetings currently scheduled. | | | | | | | |
| Audit and Standards Committee | | | | | | | |
| AS 3 (a) Corporate Issue | 25 Jan 2022 | Non-key | Audit and Standards Committee | North East Combined Authority Internal Audit Progress Report 2021/22 For comment and consideration | | Tracy Davis Tracy.davis@sunderland.gov.uk | Public |
| AS 3 (b) Corporate Issue | 25 Jan 2022 | Non-key | Audit and Standards Committee | North East Combined Authority Strategic Risk Register For comment and consideration | | Tracy Davis Tracy.davis@sunderland.gov.uk | Public |
| AS 3 (c) Corporate Issue | 25 Jan 2022 | Non-key | Audit and Standards Committee | Audit Completion Report For comment and consideration | Audit Strategy Memorandum Audit-and-Standards-Agenda-Pack-22-June-2021.pdf (northeastca.gov.uk) | Eleanor Goodman Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk Jim Dafter Jim.dafter@mazars.co.uk | Public |

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| AS 3 (d) Corporate Issue | 25 Jan 2022 | Non-key | Audit and Standards Committee | <p>Decision to Opt-in to the National Scheme for Auditor Appointments managed by Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA)</p> <p>For consideration of the PSAA invitation to opt-in to the sector-led option for the appointment of external auditors</p> | <p>Public Sector Audit Appointments – information regarding Appointing Period 2023/24-2027/28</p> <p>Appointing period 2023/24 – 2027/28 – PSAA</p> | <p>Eleanor Goodman</p> <p>Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk</p> | Public |
| AS 3 (e) | 25 Jan 2022 | Non-key | Audit and Standards Committee | <p>Statement of Accounts 2020/21</p> <p>For comment and consideration</p> | <p>NECA draft Statement of Accounts 2020/21</p> <p>NECA-Draft-Statement-of-Accounts-2020-21.pdf (northeastca.gov.uk)</p> <p>Letter regarding delay in Audit of Statement of Accounts</p> <p>NECA-2020-21-Audit-Letter-LG-Delay-in-Issuing-the-Auditors-Annual-</p> | <p>Eleanor Goodman</p> <p>Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk</p> | Public |

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| | | | | | Report.pdf (northeastca.gov.uk) | | |
| Overview and Scrutiny Committee | | | | | | | |
| The next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is scheduled to take place on 3 March 2022. | | | | | | | |
| Economic Development and Digital Advisory Board (EDDAB) | | | | | | | |
| The next meeting of the Economic and Digital Advisory Board is scheduled to take place 22 February 2022 | | | | | | | |

North East Joint Transport Committees

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| North East Joint Transport Committee (JTC) | | | | | | | |
| JTC 6 (a) | 20 December 2021 (reconvened from 14 December 2021) | Key | JTC | <p>North East Enhanced Partnership The purpose of the report is to request approval from the Committee of the consultation materials (Draft Enhanced Partnership Plan & Enhanced Partnership Schemes) for the operators objection period and statutory consultation with key stakeholders.</p> | <p>North East Bus Service Improvement Plan TNE-BSIP_FINAL.pdf (transportnortheast.gov.uk)</p> <p>Bus Partnerships and Bus Partnerships Resources https://northeastcagov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/2021.06.15-JTC-Public-Agenda-Pack.pdf</p> <p>Vision for Buses https://northeastcagov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/2021.07.13-JTC-Public-Agenda-Pack-v2.pdf</p> <p>Bus Back Better - The National Bus Strategy https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/</p> | Philip Meikle Philip.meikle@transportnortheast.gov.uk | Public |

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| | | | | | system/uploads/attachment_data/file/980227/DfT-Bus-Back-Better-national-bus-strategy-for-England.pdf The Bus Services Act 2017 – Enhanced Partnership Guidance https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/959501/bus-services-act-2017-enhanced-partnerships-guidance.pdf | | |
| JTC 6 (b) | 20 December 2021 (reconvened from 14 December 2021) | Non-key | JTC | Integrated Rail Plan and Leamside Line Update This report will provide an overview and insight into the Integrated Rail Plan and the Leamside Line. | Integrated Rail Plan for the North and Midlands (publishing.service.gov.uk) | Derek Gittins Derek.gittins@transportnortheast.gov.uk | Public |
| | | | | | | | |
| JTC 7 (a) | 18 January 2022 | Key | JTC | Transport Budget and Levies 2022/23 The Committee will be asked to note the position on the Transport budget for | Budget and Levies 2021/22 – | Eleanor Goodman Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk | Public |

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| | | | | 2021/22 and approve the revised estimates for the year; to agree the Transport budget for 2022/23 including the levies for Durham County Council, Northumberland County Council and the Tyne and Wear Councils, and approve the transport revenue grant payable to Durham County Council, Northumberland County Council and Nexus. The JTC will be asked to approve the budget for Transport North East and the Tyne Tunnels, and agree the forecast level and use of reserves. | report to JTC 19 January 2021: (Public Pack)Agenda Document for North East Joint Transport Committee, 19/01/2021 14:30 (northeastca.gov.uk) | | |
| JTC 7 (b) | 18 January 2022 | Key | JTC | Transport Capital Programme The Committee will be recommended to note the latest position in respect of the 2021/22 capital programme and approve the proposed initial capital programme for 2022/23. | Transport Capital Programme 2021/22 – report to JTC 19 January 2021: (Public Pack)Agenda Document for North East Joint Transport Committee, 19/01/2021 14:30 (northeastca.gov.uk) | Eleanor Goodman Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk | Public |
| JTC 7 (c) | 18 January 2022 | Non-key | JTC | Transport North east – Transport Plan Progress Report i) The Joint Transport Committee is recommended to note the contents of this report. | None | Tobyn Hughes Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk | |

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| | | | | ii) Delegated authorisation is sought which enables the Chair of the Joint Transport Committee to sign off the Whole Industry Strategic Plan (WISP) consultation response on behalf of the Committee and meet the submission deadline of 4 th February 2022. | | | |
| JTC 7 (d) | 18 January 2022 | Non-key | JTC | <p>Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas – Business Case Approval</p> <p>i) The Joint Transport Committee is asked to approve the submission of a Full Business Case bid to the Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas fund, for the delivery of 73 electric buses and associated infrastructure.</p> <p>ii) Delegations are sought for the Managing Director of Transport North East to finalise the Business Case. If approved, officers will be instructed to submit the Business Case to the Department for Transport.</p> | <p>Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas – Expression of Interest and scheme detail and Business Case</p> <p>https://www.transportnortheast.gov.uk/projects-and-campaigns/delivering-zero-emission-buses-in-the-north-east/</p> | Jonathan Bailes Jonathan.bailes@transportnortheast.gov.uk | Public |
| JTC 7 (e) | 18 January 2022 | Non-key | JTC | <p>Active Travel Fund Tranche 3 – Regional Award</p> <p>This report will provide an update to members on the regional award secured from the Department of Transport for the delivery of schemes to be funded via Active Travel Fund Tranche 3.</p> | None | Jonathan Bailes Jonathan.bailes@transportnortheast.gov.uk | Public |
| JTC 7 (f) | 18 January 2022 | Key | JTC | <p>Transforming Cities Fund Tranche 2 – Grant Funding Agreements</p> | None | Jonathan Bailes | Public |

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| | | | | This report will seek JTC approval to allocate funding from the Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) Devolved Pot to the South Tyneside Council, Healthier Metro Neighborhoods scheme and the Sunderland City Council, A690 Corridor Strategic Cycle Network scheme, subject to successful appraisal in line with the Transport Assurance Framework. | | Jonathan.bailes@transportnortheast.gov.uk | |
| JTC 7 (g) | 18 January 2022 | Non-key | JTC | <p>Local Growth Fund Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project</p> <p>The Joint Transport Committee is recommended to agree to a proposed revised location for an electric vehicle charging point to be installed in County Durham to be delivered through the Local Growth Fund Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project.</p> | None | Rachelle Forsyth-Ward Rachelle.forsythward@transportnortheast.gov.uk | Public |
| JTC 7 (h) | 18 January 2022 | Key | JTC | <p>North East Rail and Metro Strategy – Approval to Consult</p> <p>This report seeks agreement from JTC to proceed to consult on the draft North East Rail and Metro Strategy.</p> | None | Derek Gittins Derek.gittins@transportnortheast.gov.uk | Public |
| JTC 7 (i) | 18 January 2022 | Non-key | JTC | <p>South of Tyne and Wearside Loop (Metro Expansion) – SOBC Development</p> <p>This report requests agreement to progress to work on the Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC) for the Metro extension from Pelaw, through Washington to South Hylton</p> | None | Derek Gittins Derek.gittins@transportnortheast.gov.uk | Public |

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| Joint Transport Committee Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee (TWSC) | | | | | | | |
| TWSC 4 (a) | 13 January 2022 | Key | TWSC | <p>Tyne Tunnels Revision of Tolls and Budget 2022/23</p> <p>The Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee is recommended to approve the increase in tolls, 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 and to note the proposed 2022/23 budget which will be included within the budget report presented to the JTC on 18 January 2022.</p> | <p>Tyne Tunnels Revision of Tolls and Budget 2021/22 – report to TWSC 14 January 2021: (Public Pack)Agenda Document for Joint Transport Committee Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee, 14/01/2021 14:00 (northeastca.gov.uk)</p> | <p>Eleanor Goodman Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk</p> <p>Fiona Bootle Fiona.bootle@transportnortheast.gov.uk</p> | Public |
| TWSC 4 (b) | 13 January 2022 | Key | TWSC | <p>Revision to Metro and Ferry Fares 2022</p> <p>To seek approval for changes to Metro and Ferry Fares for 2022</p> | None | <p>Martin Kearney Martin.kearney@nexus.org.uk</p> | Public |
| TWSC 4 (c) | 13 January 2022 | Non-key | TWSC | <p>Corporate Performance Update</p> <p>To provide Members with the latest update on Corporate Performance</p> | None | <p>Martin Kearney Martin.kearney@nexus.org.uk</p> | Public |
| TWSC 4 (d) | 13 January 2022 | Non-key | TWSC | <p>Corporate Risks Update</p> | None | <p>Martin Kearney</p> | Public |

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| | | | | To provide Members with the latest update on Nexus Corporate Risks | | Martin.kearney@nexus.org.uk | |
| TWSC 4 (e) | 13 January 2022 | Non-key | TWSC | Tyne Tunnels Update To provide an update on the Tyne Tunnels | None | Fiona Bootle Fiona.bootle@transportnortheast.gov.uk | Public |
| North East Joint Transport Committee Audit Committee (JTC Audit Committee) | | | | | | | |
| The next meeting of the Joint Transport Committee Audit Committee is scheduled to take place on 23 March 2022 | | | | | | | |
| North East Joint Transport Committee Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JTC Overview and Scrutiny Committee) | | | | | | | |
| The next meeting of the Joint Transport Committee, Overview and Scrutiny Committee is scheduled to take place on 3 March 2022 | | | | | | | |