



Forward Plan of Decisions

31 January 2022

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 Items withdrawn since the last publication are referred to as “Withdrawn” and following that will be removed altogether.**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)	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 NECA Finance Manager Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk 0191 433 3860 Jim Dafter Senior Manager, Mazars 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 NECA Finance Manager Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk 0191 433 3860	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 NECA Finance Manager Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk 0191 433 3860</p>	Public
LB 5 (h) Corporate Issue	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 NECA Finance Manager Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk 0191 433 3860</p>	Public

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				Service to sign the Annual Governance Sheet	Report.pdf (northeastca.gov.uk)		
LB 6 (e) Corporate Issue	1 March 2022	Non-key	Leadership Board	<p>Decision to Opt-in to the National Scheme for Auditor Appointments managed by Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA)</p> <p>It is recommended that the Leadership Board agree to accept the PSAA invitation to opt into the sector-led option for the appointment of external auditors for five financial years commencing 1 April 2023</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 NECA Finance Manager Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk 0191 433 3860</p>	Public
LB 6 (f) Economic Development and Digital	1 March 2022	Non-key	Leadership Board	<p>Digital Inclusion</p> <p>For information only</p>		<p>Michelle Rainbow Skills Director, North East LEP Michelle.Rainbow@nelep.co.uk</p> <p>David Taylor-Gooby Independent Chair, NECA Overview and Scrutiny Committee david.taylorgooby@btinternet.com</p>	Public

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Audit and Standards Sub-Committee							
There are no meetings currently scheduled.							
Audit and Standards Committee							
The next meeting of the Audit and Standards Committee is scheduled to take place on 5 April 2022							
Overview and Scrutiny Committee							
OS 4 (a) Corporate Issue	3 March 2022	Non-key	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Forward Plan and Work Programme Update For information and agreement		Gavin Armstrong NECA Policy & Scrutiny Officer Gavin.armstrong@northeastca.gov.uk 07825 658575	Public
OS 4 (b) Corporate Issue	3 March 2022	Non-key	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Tackling Inequalities in the North East – A Public Health Perspective For information only		Gavin Armstrong NECA Policy & Scrutiny Officer Gavin.armstrong@northeastca.gov.uk 07825 658575	Public
Economic Development and Digital Advisory Board (EDDAB)							
ED 3 (a) Economic Development and Digital	22 Feb 2022	Non-key	Economic Development and Digital Advisory Board	Economic Recovery Update For information only		George Mansbridge Corporate Director Regeneration and Environment George.mansbridge@southtyneside.gov.uk	Public

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ED 3 (b) Economic Development and Digital	22 Feb 2022	Non-key	Economic Development and Digital Advisory Board	Investment North East England Update For information only		George Mansbridge Corporate Director Regeneration and Environment George.mansbridge@southtyneside.gov.uk	Public

North East Joint Transport Committees

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North East Joint Transport Committee (JTC)							
JTC 8 (a)	2 February 2022	Key	JTC	<p>Transport Budget and Levies 2022/23 The Committee will be asked to note the position on the Transport budget for 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.</p>	<p>Budget and Levies 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)</p>	Eleanor Goodman Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk	Public
JTC 8 (b)	2 February 2022	Key	JTC	<p>North East Rail and Metro Strategy – Approval to Consult 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

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Joint Transport Committee Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee (TWSC)							
The next meeting of the Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee is scheduled to take place on 7 April 2022							
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)							
JTC OSC (4)	3 March 2022	Non-key	JTC OSC	North East Rail and Metro Strategy This report outlines the draft North East Rail and Metro Strategy and seeks OSC views as part of the wider consultation process.	Draft North East Rail and Metro Strategy	Derek Gittins Derek.gittins@transportnortheast.gov.uk	Public
JTC OSC (4)	3 March 2022	Non-key	JTC OSC	Tyne Tunnels Update This report is for information.	None	Tobyn Hughes Tobyn.hughes@transportnortheast.gov.uk	Public
JTC OSC (4)	3 March 2022	Non-key	JTC OSC	JTC OSC Forward Plan and Scrutiny Work Programme The Committee is asked to review and comment on the proposed work programme	None	Gavin Armstrong Gavin.armstrong@transportnortheast.gov.uk	Public