

NORTH EAST JOINT TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

RECORD OF URGENT DECISION BY LEAD CHIEF EXECUTIVE FOR TRANSPORT

Consultation

- Members of the JTC Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee have been consulted at their meeting on 7 April 2022 (inquorate) regarding the proposed renewed appointments and were supportive of the recommendation.

Record of the Decision

1. Subject of Decision

Nexus Non-Executive Directors

2. Executive Summary

It is proposed that the term of the Non-Executive Directors appointed in June 2020 to the Nexus Executive Board be extended on the same basis for a further period of two years.

3. Why the Decision is Urgent

There is no scheduled meeting of the Joint Transport Committee, Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee before 1 June 2022, the start date of the two-year extension of contract for the Nexus Non-Executive Directors. Without the Non-Executive Directors in place, there will be a risk to the effectiveness of the governance at Nexus with the Executive Board unable to meet.

4. Decision

To approve the extension of term for a period of two years from 1 June 2022 of the five Non-Executive Directors appointed to the Nexus Executive Board as follows:

- i. Sheena Ramsey and Paul Hanson as Non-Executive Directors representing each of the Combined Authorities; and
- ii. Margaret Fay CBE, Estelle Blanks and George Clark as independent remunerated Non-Executive Directors.

NORTH EAST JOINT TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

RECORD OF URGENT DECISION BY LEAD CHIEF EXECUTIVE FOR TRANSPORT

4(b). If Exempt or Confidential, please provide a reason: N/A

5. Alternative options considered

The alternative option of not renewing the appointments has been dismissed on the grounds that the current membership of the Board is working effectively following its initial appointment of two years and is not felt necessary to readvertise for the independent members of the board at this time pending greater clarity on regional transport governance arrangements.

6. Reason for Decision

These proposals support Nexus' governance so as to increase its effectiveness and to ensure its fulfilment of its duties under the Transport Act 1968 (as amended).

7. Date of consultation with the Monitoring Officer for Transport and their relevant comments

Date: 14 April 2022

Comments: No objection

8. Date of consultation with Chief Finance Officer and their relevant comments

Date: 22 April 2022

Comments: No objection

9. Contact Officer

Tobyn Hughes Managing Director, Transport North East

tobyn.hughes@transportnortheast.gov.uk

07824 623689

NORTH EAST JOINT TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

**RECORD OF URGENT DECISION BY LEAD CHIEF EXECUTIVE FOR
TRANSPORT**

Date of the Decision25 April 2022.....

Signature of the Decision-Maker.....

The decision can be implemented as soon as the Urgent Decision Record has been signed by the decision maker, but must still be published by Democratic Services within three working days.

Please return the following to Emma Reynard in Democratic Services (emmareynard@gateshead.gov.uk) **within 2 working days of the decision having been taken.**

- A Word version of the completed Urgent Decision report
- A Word version of the completed Urgent Decision Record
- A scanned PDF version of the completed and signed Urgent Decision Record