



Forward Plan of Decisions

23 January 2023

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 Items withdrawn since the last publication are referred to as “Withdrawn” and following that will be removed altogether.**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)	24 Jan 2023	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		Rory Sherwood-Parkin Senior Economic Policy Manager – South Tyneside Council rory.sherwood-parkin@southtyneside.gov.uk	Public
LB 5 (b) Chairman's Portfolio (Standing Item)	24 Jan 2023	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 Lead Policy Advisor to Leader and Chief Executive – Sunderland City Council Beverley.poulter@sunderland.gov.uk	Public
LB 5 (c) Finance and Skills and Employment (Standing Item)	24 Jan 2023	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 Economic Development Manager – Durham County Council graham.wood@durham.gov.uk John Tindale Employability Manager – Durham County Council john.tindale@durham.gov.uk	Public

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LB 5 (d) Transport (Standing Item)	24 Jan 2023	Non-key	Leadership Board	Transport Thematic Lead Portfolio Update Report To provide an update on the Transport Thematic Lead Portfolio		Stuart Corker Transport Planning Team Leader - Gateshead Council stuartcorker@gateshead.gov.uk	Public
LB 5 (e) Corporate Issue	24 Jan 2023	Key	Leadership Board	Devolution Update To provide an update on Devolution discussions for the North East		Nicola Robason Monitoring Officer – NECA Nicola.Robason@southtyneside.gov.uk	Public
LB 5 (f) Corporate Issue	24 Jan 2023	Key	Leadership Board	Capital Programme and Treasury Management Policy and Strategy 2023/24 To note the forecast position for 2022/23 as set out in the report; agree to administer the capital programme approved by the JTC as set out in the report; agree the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement which sets out the Authority's policy on MRP; agree the Treasury Management Strategy and the Treasury Prudential Indicators including the Authorised Limit; agree the	Capital Programme and Treasury Management Strategy 2022/23 - https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Item-10-Budget-2022-23-And-Medium-Term-Financial-Strategy.pdf	Eleanor Goodman Finance Manager - NECA 0191 433 3860 Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk	Public

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				Cash Investment Strategy 2023/24 contained in the Treasury Management Strategy.			
LB 5 (g) Corporate Issue	24 Jan 2023	Key	Leadership Board	<p>Budget 2023/24 and Medium-Term Financial Strategy</p> <p>To note the updated position in terms of forecast of outturn for 2022/23; unanimously agree a budget for 2023/24 for the corporate costs of NECA and the accountable body for the JTC as set out in the report; note the decisions taken on 17 January 2023 by the JTC about the Transport Budget and Levies for 2023/24 and issue the levies in accordance with that decision; make arrangements to administer payment of a transport revenue grant to Durham County Council and to Nexus in accordance with the decisions of the JTC; authorise the Chief Finance Officer and the Monitoring</p>	<p>NECA Budget 2022/23 – Leadership Board 1 February 2022</p> <p>https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Item-10-Budget-2022-23-And-Medium-Term-Financial-Strategy.pdf</p>	<p>Eleanor Goodman Finance Manager - NECA 0191 433 3860 Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk</p>	Public

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				Officer to take such other steps as are necessary to give effect to the proposals in this report; note the level of reserves set out in the report; and approve the Pay Policy Statement.			
LB 6 (e) Corporate Issue	4 April 2023	Non-Key	Leadership Board	Audit Completion Report 2021/22 For information only	Audit Strategy Memorandum – NECA Audit and Standards 27 Sept 2022 – Item 4	Jim Dafter Senior Manager – Mazars jim.dafter@mazars.co.uk	Public
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 11 April 2023.							
Overview and Scrutiny Committee							
The next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is scheduled to take place on 16 March 2023.							
Economic Development and Digital Advisory Board (EDDAB)							
The next meeting of the Economic Development and Digital Advisory Board is scheduled to take place on 7 March 2023.							

North East Joint Transport Committees

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North East Joint Transport Committee							
JTC 6 (a)	21 February 2023	Key	JTC	<p>JTC Revenue Budget Update</p> <p>Agree the updated budget for 2022/23 and 2023/24.</p>	<p>JTC Budget 2023/24 (Public Pack)Agenda Document for North East Joint Transport Committee, 17/01/2023 14:30 (northeastca.gov.uk)</p>	<p>Eleanor Goodman, NECA Finance Manager, 0191 433 3860 Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk</p>	Public
JTC 6 (b)	21 February 2023	Non-key	JTC	<p>Transport Plan Progress Report</p> <p>The Joint Transport Committee is recommended to note the contents of this report.</p>	None	<p>Tobyn Hughes Tobyn.hughes@transportnortheast.gov.uk</p>	Public
JTC 6 (c)	21 February 2023	Key	JTC	<p>Bus Enhanced Partnership Scheme</p> <p>This report asks the JTC to approve the EP Plan and Scheme.</p>	<p>North East Bus Service Improvement Plan TNE-BSIP_FINAL.pdf (transportnortheast.gov.uk)</p> <p>Enhanced Partnership (Public Pack)Agenda Document for North East Joint Transport Committee, 15/11/2022 14:30 (northeastca.gov.uk)</p> <p>Vision for Buses https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/2021.07.13-JTC-</p>	<p>Philip Meikle, Transport Strategy Director, Transport North East philip.meikle@transportnortheast.gov.uk</p> <p>Heather Jones, Head of Enhanced Partnerships, Transport North East Heather.jones@transportnortheast.gov.uk</p>	Public

					<p>Public-Agenda-Pack-v2.pdf</p> <p>Bus Back Better - The National Bus Strategy https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/980227/DfT-Bus-Back-Better-national-bus-strategy-for-England.pdf</p> <p>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</p>		
JTC 6 (d)	21 February 2023	Key	JTC	<p>Qualifying Agreement</p> <p>This report asks the JTC to approve the Qualifying Agreement on the Coast Road bus corridor.</p>	<p>North East Bus Service Improvement Plan TNE-BSIP_FINAL.pdf (transportnortheast.gov.uk)</p> <p>Enhanced Partnership (Public Pack) Agenda Document for North East Joint Transport Committee, 15/11/2022 14:30 (northeastca.gov.uk)</p> <p>Vision for Buses https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/2021.07.13-JTC-Public-Agenda-Pack-v2.pdf</p>	<p>Philip Meikle, Transport Strategy Director, Transport North East philip.meikle@transportnortheast.gov.uk</p> <p>Heather Jones, Head of Enhanced Partnerships, Transport North East Heather.jones@transportnortheast.gov.uk</p>	Public

					<p>Bus Back Better - The National Bus Strategy https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/980227/DfT-Bus-Back-Better-national-bus-strategy-for-England.pdf</p> <p>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</p>		
Joint Transport Committee Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee (TWSC)							
Next meeting scheduled for 6 April 2023.							
North East Joint Transport Committee Audit Committee (JTC Audit Committee)							
Next meeting scheduled for 5 April 2023.							
North East Joint Transport Committee Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JTC Overview and Scrutiny Committee)							
Next meeting scheduled for 16 March 2023.							