



Forward Plan of Decisions

6 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 Items withdrawn since the last publication are referred to as “Withdrawn” and following that will be removed altogether.**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	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
LB 5 (g) 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	Capital Programme and Treasury Management Strategy 2022/23 - https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Item-10-Budget-2022-23-And-Medium-	Eleanor Goodman Finance Manager - NECA 0191 433 3860 Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk	Public

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				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 Cash Investment Strategy 2023/24 contained in the Treasury Management Strategy.	Term-Financial-Strategy.pdf		
LB 5 (h) 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</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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				County Council and to Nexus in accordance with the decisions of the JTC; authorise the Chief Finance Officer and the Monitoring 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.			
Audit and Standards Sub-Committee							
There are no meetings currently scheduled.							
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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 28 February 2023.							

North East Joint Transport Committees

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North East Joint Transport Committee							
JTC 5 (a)	17 January 2023	Key	JTC	<p>Transport Budget and Levies 2023/24</p> <p>Note the position of the Transport Budget in 2022/23 and approve the revised estimates for the year;</p> <p>Agree a Transport net revenue budget for 2023/24 as set out in the report;</p> <p>Agree Transport Levies for Durham County Council, Northumberland County Council and Tyne and Wear councils for 2023/24 as set out in the report;</p> <p>Agree transport revenue grants to Durham County Council, Northumberland County Council and Nexus as set out in the report;</p> <p>Approve the budget for Transport North East as set out in the report;</p> <p>Agree the forecast level and use of reserves as set out in the report.</p>	<p>JTC Budget and capital programme 2022/23, 2 February 2022, https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/2022.02.02-JTC-Public-Document-Pack.pdf</p>	<p>Eleanor Goodman, NECA Finance Manager, Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk, 0191 433 3860</p>	Public
JTC 5 (b)	17 January 2023	Key	JTC	<p>Transport Capital Programme 2023/24</p> <p>Note the position in respect of the 2022/23 capital programme as set out in the report;</p> <p>Approve the proposed initial capital programme for 2023/24 and future years as set out in the report.</p>	<p>JTC Budget and capital programme 2022/23, 2 February 2022, https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/2022.02.02-JTC-Public-Document-Pack.pdf</p>	<p>Eleanor Goodman, NECA Finance Manager, Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk, 0191 433 3860</p>	Public

JTC 5 (c)	17 January 2023	Non-key	JTC	Transport Plan Progress Report The Joint Transport Committee is recommended to note the contents of this report	None	Tobyn Hughes Tobyn.hughes@transportnortheast.gov.uk	Public
Joint Transport Committee Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee (TWSC)							
TWSC 3 (a)	12 January 2023	Key	TWSC	Revision to Metro, Shields Ferry and Secured Bus Fares April 2023 To seek approval for the 2023 revision of fares for Metro, Shields Ferry and Secured Bus Services.	None	Martin Kearney, Managing Director, Nexus Martin.kearney@nexus.org.uk	Public
TWSC 3 (b)	12 January 2023	Non-key	TWSC	Nexus Corporate Performance Update To provide an update on the performance of Nexus against its Corporate Business Plan for 2022/23.	None	Martin Kearney, Managing Director, Nexus Martin.kearney@nexus.org.uk	Public
TWSC 3 (c)	12 January 2023	Non-key	TWSC	Nexus Corporate Risks 2022/23 To provide an update on the Nexus Corporate Risk Register for 2022/23.	None	Martin Kearney, Managing Director, Nexus Martin.kearney@nexus.org.uk	Public
TWSC 3 (d)	12 January 2023	Non-key	TWSC	Nexus' People and Culture Strategy To present Nexus' People and Culture Strategy to Members, for information.	Nexus' People and Culture Strategy	Martin Kearney, Managing Director, Nexus Martin.kearney@nexus.org.uk	Public
TWSC 3 (e)	12 January 2023	Non-key	TWSC	Nexus Diversity and Inclusion Strategy The purpose of this report is to present the Nexus Diversity and Inclusion Strategy for information	None	Martin Kearney, Managing Director, Nexus Martin.kearney@nexus.org.uk	Public

TWSC 3 (f)	12 January 2023	Non-key	TWSC	Metro Flow Update – Presentation To provide an update on the delivery of the Metro Flow Project	None	Martin Kearney, Managing Director, Nexus Martin.kearney@nexus.org.uk	Public
TWSC 3 (g)	12 January 2023	Non-key	TWSC	Tyne Tunnels Update To provide an update on Tyne Tunnels	None	Fiona Bootle Tyne Tunnel Contract Manager Fiona.bootle@transport.northeast.gov.uk	Public

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)

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 16 March 2023