



Forward Plan of Decisions

5 May 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 Items withdrawn since the last publication are referred to as “Withdrawn” and following that will be removed altogether.**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 1 (a) Economic Development and Digital (Standing Item)	6 June 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 1 (b) Chairman's Portfolio (Standing Item)	6 June 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 1 (c) Finance and Skills and Employment (Standing Item)	6 June 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 1 (d) Transport (Standing Item)	6 June 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 1 (e) Corporate Issue	6 June 2023	Key	Leadership Board	Programme of Committee Meetings Municipal Year 2022/23 The Leadership Board are asked to agree the programme of Committee meetings for the Municipal Year 2022/23 starting from the Annual meeting of the NECA Leadership Board		Nicola Robason Monitoring Officer - NECA Nicola.robason@southtyneside.gov.uk	Public
LB 1 (f) Corporate Issue	6 June 2023	Key	Leadership Board	Review of the Constitution The NECA Leadership Board are asked to review the NECA Constitution		Nicola Robason Monitoring Officer - NECA Nicola.robason@southtyneside.gov.uk	Public
LB 1 (g) Corporate Issue	6 June 2023	Key	Leadership Board	Appointment of Committees, Agreement of Membership, Appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs, Appointment of Members to Outside Bodies and Appointment of External Auditor The Leadership Board is requested to make the appropriate required		Nicola Robason Monitoring Officer - NECA Nicola.robason@southtyneside.gov.uk	Public

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				appointments for 2022/23 Municipal Year			
LB 1 (h) Corporate Issue	6 June 2023	Key	Leadership Board	Membership of the Leadership Board Members are requested to make the appropriate required appointments to the Leadership Board		Nicola Robason Monitoring Officer - NECA Nicola.robason@southtyneside.gov.uk	Public
LB 1 (i) Corporate Issue	6 June 2023	Key	Leadership Board	North East Devolution To consider the findings of the public consultation on the proposed creation of a new mayoral combined authority for the North East region and to determine next steps	The “minded to” North East Devolution Deal – Item 11 Appendix 1 Annex A https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Leadership-Board-Agenda-Pack-FINAL-24-January-2023.pdf	Nicola Robason Monitoring Officer - NECA Nicola.robason@southtyneside.gov.uk	Public
LB 1 (j) Corporate Issue	6 June 2023	Non-key	Leadership Board	Audit Completion Report The Leadership Board is recommended to note the contents of the Audit Completion Report for 2020/21	Report to Audit and Standards Committee 11 April 2023 https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/FINAL-Audit-and-Standards-Committee-Agenda-Pack-11-April-2023.pdf	Jim Dafter Senior Manager - Mazars jim.dafter@mazars.co.uk Gavin Barker Director, Public and Social Sector - Mazars gavin.barker@mazars.co.uk	

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LB 1 (k) Corporate Issue	6 June 2023	Key	Leadership Board	<p>Statement of Accounts 2020/21</p> <p>The Leadership Board is recommended to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Authorise the Chief Finance Officer to sign the Letter of Representation on behalf of the Authority; ii. Approve the Statement of Accounts for 2020/21, taking into account any views from the Audit and Standards Committee meeting on 11 April; iii. Authorise the Chair of the Leadership Board and the Chief Finance Officer to make any further adjustments required to the Statement of Accounts as a result of the conclusion of the external audit and to sign the Statement of Accounts for 2020/21; iv. Approve the Annual Governance Statement; and v. Authorise the Chair of the Leadership Board and the Head of Paid Service to sign the Annual Governance Statement. 	<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-Report.pdf (northeastca.gov.uk)</p>	<p>Eleanor Goodman</p> <p>Finance Manager – NECA</p> <p>0191 433 3860</p> <p>Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk</p>	

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Audit and Standards Sub-Committee							
There are no meetings currently scheduled.							
Audit and Standards Committee							
The next scheduled meeting of the Audit and Standards Committee is to be confirmed at the Annual General Meeting of the Leadership Board.							
Overview and Scrutiny Committee							
The next scheduled meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is to be confirmed at the Annual General Meeting of the Leadership Board.							
Economic Development and Digital Advisory Board (EDDAB)							
The next scheduled meeting of the Economic Development and Digital Advisory Board is to be confirmed at the Annual General Meeting of the Leadership Board.							

North East Joint Transport Committees

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North East Joint Transport Committee							
The next meeting of the North East Joint Transport Committee is scheduled for 20 June 2023.							
Joint Transport Committee Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee (TWSC)							
2023/24 Joint Transport Committee Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee dates to be confirmed.							
North East Joint Transport Committee Audit Committee (JTC Audit Committee)							
2023/24 North East Joint Transport Audit Committee dates to be confirmed.							
North East Joint Transport Committee Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JTC Overview and Scrutiny Committee)							
2023/24 North East Joint Transport Committee Overview and Scrutiny Committee dates to be confirmed.							