



Forward Plan of Decisions

27 June 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 Items withdrawn since the last publication are referred to as “Withdrawn” and following that will be removed altogether.**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 2 (a) Economic Development and Digital (Standing Item)	28 November 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 2 (b) Chairman's Portfolio (Standing Item)	28 November 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 2 (c) Finance and Skills and Employment (Standing Item)	28 November 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 2 (d) Transport (Standing Item)	28 November 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
Audit and Standards Sub-Committee							
There are no meetings currently scheduled.							
Audit and Standards Committee							
AS 1 (a) Corporate Issue	27 June 2023	Non-key	Audit and Standards Committee	Consideration of 'Going Concern Status' for the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 For information only	NECA Budget and Medium term Financial Plan, Leadership Board 24 January 2023 Leadership-Board-Agenda-Pack-FINAL-24-January-2023.pdf (northeastca.gov.uk)	Eleanor Goodman Finance Manager – NECA 0191 433 3860 Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk	Public
AS 1 (b) Corporate Issue	27 June 2023	Non-key	Audit and Standards Committee	Draft Statement of Accounts 2022/23 To note	NECA draft Statement of Accounts 2021/22 FINAL-Audit-and-Standards-Agenda-Pack-28-June-2022.pdf (northeastca.gov.uk)	Eleanor Goodman Finance Manager – NECA 0191 433 3860 Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk	Public

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AS 1 (c) Corporate Issue	27 June 2023	Non-key	Audit and Standards Committee	Auditor's Annual Report – year ended 31 March 2021 To note	NECA Audited Statement of Accounts 2020/21 northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/FINAL-Annual-General-Meeting-of-the-Leadership-Board-Agenda-Pack-6-June-2023.pdf	Gavin Barker Director, Public and Social Sector - Mazars gavin.barker@mazars.co.uk	Public
Overview and Scrutiny Committee							
OS 1 (a) Corporate Issue	27 July 2023	Non-key	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	An examination of adult well-being and health and its relationship to individuals' ability to work in the North East For information		Gavin Armstrong Policy & Scrutiny Officer – NECA Gavin.armstrong@northeastca.gov.uk 07825 658575	Public
OS 1 (b) Corporate Issue	27 July 2023	Non-Key	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Forward Plan and Work Programme Update For information and agreement		Gavin Armstrong Policy & Scrutiny Officer – NECA Gavin.armstrong@northeastca.gov.uk 07825 658575	Public
Economic Development and Digital Advisory Board (EDDAB)							
The next scheduled meeting of the Economic Development and Digital Advisory Board is to be held on 26 September 2023.							

North East Joint Transport Committees

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North East Joint Transport Committee							
JTC 2 (a)	18 July 2023	Non-Key	Joint Transport Committee	<p>2022/23 Revenue Budget and Capital Programme Outturn</p> <p>This report is for information</p>	<p>JTC Budget and capital programme 2022/23, 18 January 2022,</p> <p>northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/2022.01.18-JTC-Agenda-Pack-v2.pdf</p>	<p>Eleanor Goodman, NECA Finance Manager</p> <p>Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk,</p> <p>0191 433 3860</p>	Public
JTC 2 (b)	18 July 2023	Non-Key	Joint Transport Committee	<p>2023/24 Revenue Budget and Capital Programme Update</p> <p>Note the updated forecast of outturn for 2023/24 and approve the revised budget for the year.</p>	<p>JTC Budget and capital programme 2023/24, 17 January 2023 (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</p> <p>Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk,</p> <p>0191 433 3860</p>	Public
JTC 2 (c)	18 July 2023	Key	Joint Transport Committee	<p>Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) Capital Programme Approvals</p> <p>This report will seek JTC approval to allocate funding from the Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) Capital Pot to a number of bus infrastructure improvement schemes subject to successful appraisal in line with the North East Transport Assurance Framework.</p>		<p>Jonathan Bailes Interim Assistant Director Transport Programmes</p> <p>Jonathan.bailes@transportnortheast.gov.uk</p>	Private by virtue of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

JTC 2 (d)	18 July 2023	Key	Joint Transport Committee	<p>Transforming Cities Fund Tranche 2 – Residual Grant Funding</p> <p>This report will seek JTC approval to allocate residual funding from the Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) Devolved Pot to a number of schemes.</p>	None	<p>Jonathan Bailes Interim Assistant Director Transport Programmes</p> <p>Jonathan.bailes@transportnortheast.gov.uk</p>	Public
JTC 2 (e)	18 July 2023	Non-Key	Joint Transport Committee	<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, Managing Director Transport North East</p> <p>Tobyn.hughes@transportnortheast.gov.uk</p>	Public
JTC 2 (f)	18 July 2023	Key	Joint Transport Committee	<p>Bus Service Improvement Plan – Fares package: Multi-operator, Multi-modal tickets</p> <p>This report asks the JTC to approve a variation to the Capped Fares Scheme which will allow for the introduction of further BSIP funded fares offers.</p>	<p>North East Bus Service Improvement Plan TNE-BSIP_FINAL.pdf (transportnortheast.gov.uk) Enhanced Partnership (Public Pack) Agenda Document for North East Joint Transport Committee, 21/03/2023 14:30 (northeastca.gov.uk) Vision for Buses https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/2021.07.13-JTC-Public-Agenda-Pack-v2.pdf 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>Heather Jones Head of Enhanced Partnerships, Transport North East Heather.jones@transportnortheast.gov.uk</p>	Public

					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		
Joint Transport Committee Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee (TWSC)							
TWSC 1 (a)	13 July 2023	Non-Key	Joint Transport Committee Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee	Nexus Corporate Business Plan 2023/24 – 2027/28 To present Nexus Corporate Business Plan 2023/24 - 2027/28.	None	Martin Kearney Managing Director, Nexus Martin.kearney@nexus.org.uk	Public
TWSC 1 (b)	13 July 2023	Non-Key	Joint Transport Committee Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee	Metro Performance Update To provide an update on Metro performance.	None	Martin Kearney Managing Director, Nexus Martin.kearney@nexus.org.uk	Public
TWSC 1 (c)	13 July 2023	Key	Joint Transport Committee Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee	Murton Station Approval for the sale of air space and construction of a new metro station at Murton	None	Martin Kearney Managing Director, Nexus Martin.kearney@nexus.org.uk	Private by virtue of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972
TWSC 1 (d)	13 July 2023	Non-Key	Joint Transport Committee Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee	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 1 (e)	13 July 2023	Non-Key	Joint Transport Committee Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee	Nexus Corporate Risks 2023/24 Providing an update on the Nexus Corporate Risk Register for 2023/24 based on the approved Corporate Plan and demonstrates that these risks are being properly managed and controlled.	None	Martin Kearney Managing Director, Nexus Martin.kearney@nexus.org.uk	Public
TWSC 1 (f)	13 July 2023	Non-Key	Joint Transport Committee Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee	Review of the £2/£4 offer provided on Metro between January and March 2023 Note the contents of the review.	None	Martin Kearney Managing Director, Nexus Martin.kearney@nexus.org.uk	Public
TWSC 1 (g)	13 July 2023	Non-Key	Joint Transport Committee Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee	Tyne Tunnels Update To provide an update on the 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)							
JTC Audit 1 (a)	26 July 2023	Non-Key	Joint Transport Committee Audit Committee	Joint Transport Committee Internal Audit Annual Report 2022/23 To consider and comment on the Internal Audit Annual Report for 2022/23	None	Tracy Davis Senior Manager – Assurance (Sunderland City Council) 07342704254 tracy.davis@sunderland.gov.uk	Public
North East Joint Transport Committee Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JTC Overview and Scrutiny Committee)							
JTC OSC 1 (a)	27 July 2023	Non-Key	JTC Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Bus Partnership Update To provide an update on the Bus Partnership	Enhanced Partnership - (Public Pack)Agenda Document for North East Joint Transport Committee,	Heather Jones, Head of Enhanced Partnerships Heather.jones@transport.northeast.gov.uk 07962 867 407	Public

					21/03/2023 14:30 (northeastca.gov.uk) Bus Service Improvement Plan - TNE-BSIP-Nov-25-2.pdf (transportnortheast.gov.uk) Your Vision for Buses - North-East-Vision-for-Buses-A4-v18.pdf (transportnortheast.gov.uk)		
JTC OSC 1 (b)	27 July 2023	Non-Key	JTC Overview and Scrutiny Committee	North East Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Strategy – update This report seeks to provide OSC with an update on the development of the North East Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Strategy.	None	Rachelle Forsyth-Ward Interim Assistant Director, Transport Strategy rachelle.forsythward@transportnortheast.gov.uk	Public
JTC OSC 1 (c)	27 July 2023	Non-Key	JTC Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Work Programme Report to provide the Committee with an overview of the work programme for 2023/24.	None	Gavin Armstrong gavin.armstrong@northeastca.gov.uk	Public