



Forward Plan of Decisions

22 January 2024

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 Items withdrawn since the last publication are referred to as “Withdrawn” and following that will be removed altogether.**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 4 (a) Chairman's Portfolio (Standing Item)	23 January 2024	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 4 (b) Finance, Skills and Employment (Standing Item)	23 January 2024	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
LB 4 (c) Transport (Standing Item)	23 January 2024	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.							

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Audit and Standards Committee							
There are no meetings currently scheduled.							
Overview and Scrutiny Committee							
There are no meetings currently scheduled.							
Economic Development and Digital Advisory Board (EDDAB)							
The next scheduled meeting of the Economic Development and Digital Advisory Board is to be held on 27 February 2024.							

North East Joint Transport Committees

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North East Joint Transport Committee							
JTC 8 (i)	20 February 2024	Non-key	JTC	<p>Discharge of Transport Functions by Northumberland County Council</p> <p>Under the Constitution of the Combined Authority, and in accordance with an Operating Agreement between the Constituent Authorities, certain functions have been delegated to the Executive of the two Constituent County Councils, being Durham and Northumberland.</p> <p>This report provides an update on the discharge of delegated functions by Northumberland County Council for the financial year 2022/23.</p>	<p>Previous discharge of transport function report can be found here:</p> <p>https://northeastca.gov.uk/decision-making/the-north-east-joint-transport-committee/#papers-section</p>	Neil Easton neil.easton@northumberland.gov.uk	Public
JTC 8 (ii)	20 February 2024	Key	JTC	<p>Bus Service Improvement Plan – Funding for Additional Staff</p> <p>(i) Approve, in principle, to allocate £1.5m of BSIP funding for the provision of additional staff to improve the customer experience across the bus network.</p> <p>(ii) Delegate authority to the Managing Director, Transport North East, following consultation with the Chair of the JTC, Monitoring Officer and Finance Director to enter into contracts and/or Grant Funding Agreements to deliver the additional</p>	<p>North East Bus Service Improvement Plan TNE-BSIP-Refresh-Sept-23-WEB.pdf (transportnortheast.gov.uk)</p> <p>Enhanced Partnership (Public Pack) Agenda Document for North East Joint Transport Committee, 21/03/2023 14:30 (northeastca.gov.uk)</p>	<p>Philip Meikle philip.meikle@transportnortheast.gov.uk</p> <p>Heather Jones Heather.jones@transportnortheast.gov.uk</p>	

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				staffing.	<p>Vision for Buses https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/2021.07.13-JTC-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 8 (iii)	20 February 2024	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	Tobyn Hughes Tobyn.hughes@transportnortheast.gov.uk	Public

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JTC Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee (TWSC)							
The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 11 April 2024							
JTC Audit Committee							
The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 13 March 2024							
JTC Overview and Scrutiny Committee							
The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 28 March 2024							