



Forward Plan of Decisions

16 August 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 Items withdrawn since the last publication are referred to as “Withdrawn” and following that will be removed altogether.**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.							
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The next scheduled meeting of the Audit and Standards Committee is to be held on 21 November 2023.							
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 3 (a)	19 September 2023	Non-Key	Joint Transport Committee	<p>Transport Budget 2024/25</p> <p>This report is for information</p>	<p>JTC Budget 2023/24 – Report to JTC 17 January 2023</p> <p>https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/2023.01.17-JTC-Agenda-Pack.pdf</p>	<p>Eleanor Goodman</p> <p>Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk</p>	Public
JTC 3 (b)	19 September 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</p> <p>Tobyn.Hughes@transportnortheast.Gov.UK</p>	Public
JTC 3 (c)	19 September 2023	Non-Key	Joint Transport Committee	<p>Durham County Council Transport Activity Report 2022/23</p> <p>The North East Joint Transport Committee is recommended to note the contents of this report.</p>	<p>The North East Combined Authority Constitution</p> <p>The North East Combined Authority Deed of Operation dated 29 April 2014</p> <p>The North East Combined Authority Deed of Cooperation dated 4 July 2018</p>	<p>Cathy Knight</p> <p>Cathy.knight@durham.gov.uk</p>	Public

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JTC 3 (d)	19 September 2023	Non-Key	Joint Transport Committee	<p>North East Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Strategy</p> <p>This report asks members to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Comment on the initial draft North East ZEV strategy and ii. Delegate authority to the Managing Director Transport North East, following consultation with the Chair of the Joint Transport Committee, NECA Finance Director and NECA Monitoring Officer, to agree that the consultation draft North East ZEV Strategy progresses to public consultation. 	None	Rachelle Forsyth-Ward rachelle.forsythward@transportnortheast.gov.uk	Public
JTC 3 €	19 September 2023	Key	Joint Transport Committee	<p>Appointment of Specialist Engineering Consultant for the Tyne Tunnels</p> <p>The report will seek approval to appoint a specialist engineering consultant to provide expert advice and support in relation to the Tyne Tunnels.</p>	None	Michael Dodds Michael.dodds@transportnortheast.gov.uk	Confidential – not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

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JTC Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee (TWSC)							
TWSC 2 (a)	14 September 2023	Non-Key	Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee	Nexus Corporate Plan Update To provide an update on the performance of Nexus against its Corporate Business Plan for 2023/24	None	Cathy Massarella Catherine.massarella@nexus.org.uk	Public
TWSC 2 (b)	14 September 2023	Non-Key	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	Cathy Massarella Catherine.massarella@nexus.org.uk	Public
TWSC 2 (c)	14 September 2023	Non-Key	Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee	Smart Ticketing Evolution Programme Report summarises the progress made by Nexus and its partners in rolling out smart payment for public transport in the region, and the next steps in that journey.	None	Cathy Massarella Catherine.massarella@nexus.org.uk	Public
TWSC 2 (d)	14 September 2023	Non-Key	Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee	Tyne Tunnels Update The report provides an update on activities at the Tyne Tunnels relating to the management and operation of the traffic tunnels and Tyne Pedestrian and Cyclist Tunnels.	None	Michael Dodds Michael.dodds@transportnortheast.gov.uk	Public

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TWSC 2 (e)	14 September 2023	Key	Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee	<p>Northbound Tunnel Enhanced Maintenance Works</p> <p>The report seeks approval in principle from the Joint Transport Committee, Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee for a Deed of Variation to the Project Agreement relating to enhanced maintenance works in 2024.</p> <p>It further requests delegated authority for the Managing Director Transport North East to complete the Variation subject to certain conditions being satisfied.</p>	None	Michael Dodds Michael.dodds@transpo.rtnortheast.gov.uk	Private Confidential – not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
TWSC 2 (f)	14 September 2023	Key	Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee	<p>Murton Station</p> <p>Approval for the sale of air space and construction of a new metro station at Murton</p>	None	Cathy Massarella Catherine.massarella@nexus.org.uk	Private Confidential – not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. Information relating to the financial or business affairs

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JTC Audit Committee							
The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 8 November 2023							
JTC Overview and Scrutiny Committee							
The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 26 October 2023							