



## Forward Plan of Decisions

**16 October 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 Items withdrawn since the last publication are referred to as “Withdrawn” and following that will be removed altogether.**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)
<b>Leadership Board</b>							
LB 2 (a) Corporate Issue	7 November 2023	Key	Leadership Board	<b>North East Devolution</b> To consider whether to consent to the making of the statutory order to create a new mayoral combined authority for the North East region and abolish the existing combined authorities (NTCA and NECA)		Nicola Robason Monitoring Officer - NECA <a href="mailto:nicola.robason@southtyneside.gov.uk">nicola.robason@southtyneside.gov.uk</a>	Public
LB 3 (a) Economic Development and Digital (Standing Item)	28 November 2023	Non-key	Leadership Board	<b>Economic Development and Digital Thematic Update</b> 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 <a href="mailto:rory.sherwood-parkin@southtyneside.gov.uk">rory.sherwood-parkin@southtyneside.gov.uk</a>	Public
LB 3 (b) Chairman's Portfolio (Standing Item)	28 November 2023	Non-key	Leadership Board	<b>Thematic Lead Portfolio Update Report from the Chair</b> 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 <a href="mailto:Beverley.poulter@sunderland.gov.uk">Beverley.poulter@sunderland.gov.uk</a>	Public

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LB 3 (c) Finance, Skills and Employment (Standing Item)	28 November 2023	Non-key	Leadership Board	<b>Finance and Skills and Employment Thematic Lead Portfolio Update Report</b> To provide an update on the Finance and Skills and Employment Thematic Lead Portfolio		Graham Wood Economic Development Manager – Durham County Council <a href="mailto:graham.wood@durham.gov.uk">graham.wood@durham.gov.uk</a>  John Tindale Employability Manager – Durham County Council <a href="mailto:john.tindale@durham.gov.uk">john.tindale@durham.gov.uk</a>	Public
LB 3 (d) Transport (Standing Item)	28 November 2023	Non-key	Leadership Board	<b>Transport Thematic Lead Portfolio Update Report</b> To provide an update on the Transport Thematic Lead Portfolio		Stuart Corker  Transport Planning Team Leader - Gateshead Council <a href="mailto:stuartcorker@gateshead.gov.uk">stuartcorker@gateshead.gov.uk</a>	Public
<b>Audit and Standards Sub-Committee</b>							
There are no meetings currently scheduled.							
<b>Audit and Standards Committee</b>							
AS 2 (a) Corporate Issue	21 November 2023	Non-key	Audit and Standards Committee	<b>North East Combined Authority Internal Audit Progress Report 2023/24</b> For comment and consideration		Tracy Davis Senior Manager – Assurance, Sunderland City Council 07342704254 <a href="mailto:tracy.davis@sunderland.gov.uk">tracy.davis@sunderland.gov.uk</a>	Public
<b>Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>							
The next scheduled meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is to be held on 14 December 2023.							

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<b>Economic Development and Digital Advisory Board (EDDAB)</b>							
The next scheduled meeting of the Economic Development and Digital Advisory Board is to be held on 5 March 2024.							

### North East Joint Transport Committees

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<b>North East Joint Transport Committee</b>							
JTC 3 (i)	17 October 2023	Key	JTC	<p><b>Bus Service Improvement Plan – 2023 Refresh</b></p> <p>This report asks the JTC to approve an updated version of the Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP)</p>	<p>North East Bus Service Improvement Plan  <a href="https://transportnortheast.gov.uk/TNE-BSIP_FINAL.pdf">TNE-BSIP_FINAL.pdf</a>  <a href="https://transportnortheast.gov.uk">transportnortheast.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Enhanced Partnership            (Public Pack)Agenda Document for North East Joint Transport Committee,  <a href="https://northeastca.gov.uk/21/03/2023_14:30">21/03/2023 14:30</a>  <a href="https://northeastca.gov.uk">northeastca.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Vision for Buses  <a href="https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/2021.07.13-JTC-Public-Agenda-Pack-v2.pdf">https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/2021.07.13-JTC-Public-Agenda-Pack-v2.pdf</a></p> <p>Bus Back Better - The National Bus Strategy  <a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/980227/DfT-Bus-Back-Better-national-bus-strategy-for-England.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/980227/DfT-Bus-Back-Better-national-bus-strategy-for-England.pdf</a></p> <p>The Bus Services Act 2017 – Enhanced Partnership Guidance</p>	<p>Heather Jones  <a href="mailto:Heather.jones@transportnortheast.gov.uk">Heather.jones@transportnortheast.gov.uk</a></p>	Public

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JTC 3 (ii)	17 October 2023	Non-key	JTC	<b>Transport Plan Progress Report</b> The Joint Transport Committee is recommended to note the contents of this report.	None	Tobyn Hughes <a href="mailto:Tobyn.hughes@transportnortheast.gov.uk">Tobyn.hughes@transportnortheast.gov.uk</a>	Public
<b>JTC Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee (TWSC)</b>							
TWSC 3 (i)	9 November 2023	Non-key	TWSC	<b>Tyne Tunnels Update</b> 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 <a href="mailto:Michael.dodds@transportnortheast.gov.uk">Michael.dodds@transportnortheast.gov.uk</a>	Public
TWSC 3 (ii)	9 November 2023	Non-key	TWSC	<b>Nexus Corporate Update</b> To provide an update on the performance of Nexus against its Corporate Business Plan for 2023/24	None	Cathy Massarella <a href="mailto:Catherine.massarella@nexus.org.uk">Catherine.massarella@nexus.org.uk</a>	Public
TWSC 3 (iii)	9 November 2023	Non-key	TWSC	<b>Nexus Corporate Risks 2023/24</b> Providing an update on the Nexus Corporate Risk Register for 2023/24 based on the approved Corporate Plan and	None	Cathy Massarella <a href="mailto:Catherine.massarella@nexus.org.uk">Catherine.massarella@nexus.org.uk</a>	Public

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				demonstrates that these risks are being properly managed and controlled.			
<b>JTC Audit Committee</b>							
JTC Audit 2 (i)	8 November 2023	Non-key	JTC Audit	<b>Joint Transport Committee Internal Audit Annual Report 2022/23</b> To consider and comment on the Internal Audit Annual Report for 2022/23.	None	Tracy Davis <a href="mailto:Tracy.davis@sunderland.gov.uk">Tracy.davis@sunderland.gov.uk</a>	Public
JTC Audit 2 (ii)	8 November 2023	Non-key	JTC Audit	<b>Joint Transport Committee Internal Audit Progress Report 2023/24</b> To consider and comment on the Internal Audit Progress Report for the Joint Transport Committee.	None	Tracy Davis <a href="mailto:Tracy.davis@sunderland.gov.uk">Tracy.davis@sunderland.gov.uk</a>	Public
<b>JTC Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>							
JTC OSC 2 (i)	26 October 2023	Non-key	JTC OSC	<b>Transport Budget 2024/25</b> This report is for information.	Transport Budget 2024/25 – Report to JTC 19 September 2023 ( <a href="#">Public Pack</a> ) <a href="#">Agenda Document for North East Joint Transport Committee, 19/09/2023 14:30 (northeastca.gov.uk)</a>  JTC Budget 2023/24 – Report to JTC 17 January 2023 <a href="https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023">https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023</a>	Eleanor Goodman <a href="mailto:Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk">Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk</a>	Public

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					<a href="#">/01/2023.01.17-JTC-Agenda-Pack.pdf</a>		
JTC OSC 2 (ii)	26 October 2023	Non-key	JTC OSC	<p><b>Nexus Corporate Performance Update</b></p> <p>To provide an update on the performance of Nexus against its Corporate Business Plan for 2023/24</p>	None	<p>Cathy Massarella</p> <p><a href="mailto:Catherine.massarella@nexus.org.uk">Catherine.massarella@nexus.org.uk</a></p>	Public