



Forward Plan of Decisions

4 March 2022

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 Items withdrawn since the last publication are referred to as “Withdrawn” and following that will be removed altogether.**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)	7 June 2022	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)	7 June 2022	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)	7 June 2022	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)	7 June 2022	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	7 June 2022	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	7 June 2022	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

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LB 1 (g) Corporate Issue	7 June 2022	Key	Leadership Board	<p>Appointment of Committees, Agreement of Membership, Appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs, Appointment of Members to Outside Bodies and Appointment of External Auditor</p> <p>The Leadership Board is requested to make the appropriate required appointments for 2021/22 Municipal Year</p>		<p>Nicola Robason Monitoring Officer - NECA Nicola.robason@southtyneside.gov.uk</p>	Public
LB 1 (h) Corporate Issue	7 June 2022	Key	Leadership Board	<p>Membership of the Leadership Board</p> <p>Members are requested to make the appropriate required appointments to the Leadership Board</p>		<p>Nicola Robason Monitoring Officer - NECA Nicola.robason@southtyneside.gov.uk</p>	Public

Audit and Standards Sub-Committee

There are no meetings currently scheduled.

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Audit and Standards Committee							
AS 4 (a) Corporate Issue	5 April 2022	Non-key	Audit and Standards Committee	North East Combined Authority Internal Audit Plan 2022/23 For comment and consideration		Tracy Davis Senior Manager, Assurance - Sunderland City Council tracy.davis@sunderland.gov.uk	Public
AS 4 (b) Corporate Issue	5 April 2022	Non-key	Audit and Standards Committee	North East Combined Authority Strategic Risk Register For comment and consideration		Tracy Davis Senior Manager, Assurance - Sunderland City Council tracy.davis@sunderland.gov.uk	Public
AS 4 (c) Corporate Issue	5 April 2022	Non-key	Audit and Standards Committee	Changes to the Code of Practice for Local Authority Accounting in the UK for 2021/22 For information only	CIPFA Local Authority Accounting Code of Practice 2021/22	Eleanor Goodman Finance Manager - NECA eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk 0191 433 3860	Public
AS 4 (d) Corporate Issue	5 April 2022	Non-key	Audit and Standards Committee	Agreement of Accounting Policies for 2021/22 Statement of Accounts For review of accounting policies, approve their use in preparation of the 21/22 financial statements, and authorisation of the Chief	CIPFA Local Authority Accounting Code of Practice 2021/22	Eleanor Goodman Finance Manager - NECA eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk 0191 433 3860	Public

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				Finance Officer's review of accounting policies			
AS 4 (e) Corporate Issue	5 April 2022	Non-key	Audit and Standards Committee	Final Accounts Timetable for the year ended 31 March 2022 For information only	CIPFA Local Authority Accounting Code of Practice 2021/22	Eleanor Goodman Finance Manager - NECA eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk 0191 433 3860	Public
Overview and Scrutiny Committee							
The date of the next Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting is to be confirmed.							
Economic Development and Digital Advisory Board (EDDAB)							
The date of the next Economic Development and Digital Advisory Board meeting is to be confirmed.							

North East Joint Transport Committees

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North East Joint Transport Committee (JTC)							
JTC 9 (a)	15 March 2022	Non-key	JTC	Capital Programme Update This report is for information.	2021/22 Capital Programme – report to JTC 19 Jan 2021 (Public Pack) Agenda Document for North East Joint Transport Committee, 19/01/2021 14:30 (northeastca.gov.uk)	Eleanor Goodman Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk	Public
JTC 9 (b)	15 March 2022	Non-key	JTC	2021/22 Revenue Budget Update This report is for information.	2021/22 Transport Budget – report to JTC 19 Jan 2021 (Public Pack) Agenda Document for North East Joint Transport Committee, 19/01/2021 14:30 (northeastca.gov.uk)	Eleanor Goodman Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk	Public
JTC 9 (c)	15 March 2022	Key	JTC	Transforming Cities Fund Tranche 2 – Grant Funding Agreements This report will seek JTC approval to allocate funding from the Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) Devolved Pot to a number of	None	Jonathan Bailes Jonathan.bailes@transportnortheast.gov.uk	Public

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				schemes, subject to successful appraisal in line with the North East Transport Assurance Framework.			
JTC 9 (d)	15 March 2022	Non-key	JTC	Transport Plan Progress Report The Joint Transport Committee is recommended to note this report.	None	Tobyn Hughes Tobyn.hughes@transportnortheast.gov.uk	Public
JTC 9 (e)	15 March 2022	Key	JTC	North East Zero Emission Vehicle Policy The Joint Transport Committee is recommended to approve this policy.	None	Tobyn Hughes Tobyn.hughes@transportnortheast.gov.uk	Public
JTC 9 (f)	15 March 2022	Non-key	JTC	JTC Agenda Standing Items This report seeks agreement to add an additional standing agenda item to future Joint Transport Committee agendas in relation to decisions made by the Joint Transport Committee Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee.	None	Mike Barker mikebarker@gateshead.gov.uk	Public
JTC 9 (g)	15 March 2022	Non-key	JTC	Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas – Grant Acceptance This report will seek JTC approval to accept a grant from the Department of Transport Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas fund and instruct officers to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the delivery of in total 73 electric buses and associated enabling infrastructure.	Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas – Business Case https://www.transportnortheast.gov.uk/projects-and-campaigns/delivering-zero-emission-buses-in-the-north-east/	Jonathan Bailes Jonathan.bailes@transportnortheast.gov.uk	Public

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JTC 9 (h)	15 March 2022	Key	JTC	Leamside Line Update To approve or otherwise the procurement of a consultant, to deliver a pilot number of contractual agreements relating to the Leamside line proposal.	None	Derek Gittins Derek.gittins@transport.northeast.gov.uk	Private by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972
JTC 9 (i)	15 March 2022	Non-key	JTC	Transfer proposal - PA to Managing Director, Transport North East The TUPE transfer of the PA to the Managing Director, Transport North East – from Nexus to the Transport North East team (employed by NECA).	None	Lynda Clifford Lynda.clifford@transport.northeast.gov.uk	Private by virtue of paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972
Joint Transport Committee Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee (TWSC)							
The next meeting of the Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee is scheduled to take place on 7 April 2022							
North East Joint Transport Committee Audit Committee (JTC Audit Committee)							
JTC Audit 4 (a)	23 March 2022	Non-key	JTC Audit	Joint Transport committee Internal Audit Plan 2022/23 To consider and comment on the Internal Audit Plan for the Joint Transport Committee 2022/23.	None	Tracy Davis Tracy.davis@sunderland.gov.uk	Public
JTC Audit 4 (b)	23 March 2022	Non-key	JTC Audit	Joint Transport Committee Strategic Risk Register	None	Tracy Davis Tracy.davis@sunderland.gov.uk	Public

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				To consider and comment on the updated Strategic Risk Register for the Joint Transport Committee.		gov.uk	
JTC Audit 4 (c)	23 March 2022	Non-key	JTC Audit	Tyne Pedestrian and Cycle Tunnels Update This report is for information.	None	Fiona Bootle Fiona.bootle@transportnortheast.gov.uk	Public
North East Joint Transport Committee Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JTC Overview and Scrutiny Committee)							
The next meeting of the JTC OSC is to be confirmed.							