



North East Combined Authority

**DURHAM • GATESHEAD • SOUTH TYNESIDE • SUNDERLAND**

**Leadership Board, 6 June 2023**

**Decisions - Notification**

**Please Note:** In accordance with the Constitution of the Combined Authority, key decisions will not be implemented pending any call-in.

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Any valid requests for call-in must be received by the Monitoring Officer by 5pm, Friday 16 June 2023.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Decision</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>
3. Membership of the Leadership Board, Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair and Designation of Thematic Leads	<p>That;</p> <p>the membership of the Leadership Board for the municipal year 2023/24 be agreed as set out in Appendix A.</p> <p>The Leadership Board confirms the re-appointment of Cllr Graeme Miller as its Chair and Cllr Tracey Dixon as its Vice-Chair for the municipal year 2023/24.</p> <p>The Leadership Board confirms the continued appointment of Ms Lucy Winskell as the non-voting Member of the Leadership Board representing the North East Local Enterprise Partnership during the municipal year 2023/24.</p>	<p>Nicola Robason</p> <p>Monitoring Officer (Core) – NECA</p> <p><a href="mailto:Nicola.robason@southtyneside.gov.uk">Nicola.robason@southtyneside.gov.uk</a></p>

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	<p>The Leadership Board appointment Mr. Mark Thompson as the Substitute nonvoting Member of the Leadership Board representing the North East Local Enterprise Partnership if Ms Winskell were unable to attend during the municipal year 2023/24.</p> <p>The Leadership Board re-appoints Thematic Leads for the following Thematic Lead Areas: (i) Chairs Thematic Portfolio, (ii) Economic Development and Digital, (iii) Finance and Skills &amp; Employability and (iv) Transport as set out in Appendix A.</p>	
4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 4 April 2023	That the minutes be approved as a correct record.	<p>Toby Ord</p> <p>Strategy and Democratic Services Assistant</p> <p><a href="mailto:toby.ord@northeastca.gov.uk">toby.ord@northeastca.gov.uk</a></p>
5. Announcements from the Chair and/or Head of Paid Service	N/A	<p>Beverley Poulter</p> <p>Lead Policy Officer</p> <p><a href="mailto:Beverley.poulter@sunderland.gov.uk">Beverley.poulter@sunderland.gov.uk</a></p>
6. Appointment of NECA's Committees and Sub-Committees, including Confirmation of Membership and appointment of Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Independent	<p>Agreed to;</p> <p>Appoint committees for the municipal year 2023/24, as set out in Appendix A.</p> <p>Accept the nominations for the membership of the committee and subcommittees, which have been received from the constituent authorities for the municipal year 2023/24, as set out in Appendix A (parts A to D).</p>	<p>Nicola Robason</p> <p>Monitoring Officer (Core) – NECA</p> <p><a href="mailto:Nicola.robason@southtyneside.gov.uk">Nicola.robason@southtyneside.gov.uk</a></p>

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<p>Persons, Appointments to the North East Joint Transport Committees and Appointment to Outside Bodies for the Municipal Year 2023/24</p>	<p>Extend the term of office of the Independent Chair of the Audit and Standards Committee, Mr Mark Scrimshaw, and appoint Stuart Green as Vice Chair for a further one-year term.</p> <p>Extend the term of office of the Independent Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and its Chair and Vice-Chair respectively, Mr David Taylor-Gooby and Mr Simon Hart for a further one-year term.</p> <p>Appoint, or confirm the continued appointment of, Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the committees for the municipal year 2023/24 or, in the absence of an appointment, agree to delegate the appointment to the relevant committees where and appropriate.</p> <p>Appoint Members and substitute Members to the North East Joint Transport Committee, as set out in Appendix A (Part E).</p> <p>Nominate Members and substitute Members to the committees and subcommittees of the North East Joint Transport Committee, for consideration by the Joint Transport Committee as set out in Appendix A (Part F to H).</p> <p>Appoint a Member and substitute Member and nominate a Member and substitute Member to represent NECA on the Transport for the North Board and Scrutiny Committee respectively, as set out in Appendix A (Part I).</p> <p>Confirm the three nominated Members to the North East LEP Board for 2023/2024 and confirm the observer Member for 2023/24, as set out in Appendix A (Part I).</p> <p>Note the position in relation to the continued appointment of Mazars as the External Auditor for 2023/24; and note that the Independent Person for the purpose of Standards Regime is</p>	

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	currently vacant and agree to delegate the appointment of an Independent Person to the Monitoring Officer (Core) in consultation with the NECA Chair.	
7. Programme of Committee Meetings Municipal Year 2023/24	<p>To;</p> <p>Agree the proposed programme of committee meetings, as set out in Appendix A.</p> <p>Note the proposed programme of Joint Transport Committee meetings, which will be considered for approval at the Annual Meeting of the Joint Transport Committee on 20 June 2023.</p>	<p>Nicola Robason</p> <p>Monitoring Officer (Core) – NECA</p> <p><a href="mailto:Nicola.robason@southtyneside.gov.uk">Nicola.robason@southtyneside.gov.uk</a></p>
8. Review of the Constitution	<p>To;</p> <p>Note that no changes are proposed to the Constitution for NECA for the municipal year 2023/2024.</p> <p>Delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer to finalise the wording of any amendments to the Constitution that may arise as a consequence of the NECA</p> <p>Annual Meeting discussion, in consultation with the Chair and Head of Paid Service; and Note that the Constitution for 2023/2024 will be published on the NECA website.</p>	<p>Nicola Robason</p> <p>Monitoring Officer (Core) – NECA</p> <p><a href="mailto:Nicola.robason@southtyneside.gov.uk">Nicola.robason@southtyneside.gov.uk</a></p>
9. Chair’s Thematic Portfolio Update	N/A	<p>Beverley Poulter</p> <p>Lead Policy Officer</p> <p><a href="mailto:Beverley.poulter@sunderland.gov.uk">Beverley.poulter@sunderland.gov.uk</a></p>
10. Economic Development and	That the report be noted.	<p>Rory Sherwood-Parkin</p> <p>Senior Economic Policy Manager</p>

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Digital Thematic Portfolio Update		<a href="mailto:rory.sherwood-parkin@southtyneside.gov.uk">rory.sherwood-parkin@southtyneside.gov.uk</a>
11. Transport Thematic Lead Portfolio Update	That the report be noted.	Stuart Corker Transport Planning Team Leader <a href="mailto:stuartcorker@gateshead.gov.uk">stuartcorker@gateshead.gov.uk</a>
12. North East Devolution	<p>To;</p> <p>Note the content of this report and the attached consultation report.</p> <p>Endorse the proposals to establish a new mayoral combined authority for the North East region (NEMCA).</p> <p>Agree that NECA be abolished as a necessary step to allow NEMCA to be brought into existence.</p> <p>Agree to consent to the order to abolish NECA and NTCA and create NEMCA.</p> <p>Authorise the NECA Head of Paid Service to take such steps as are required to facilitate the creation of NEMCA.</p>	Nicola Robason Monitoring Officer (Core) – NECA <a href="mailto:Nicola.robason@southtyneside.gov.uk">Nicola.robason@southtyneside.gov.uk</a>
13. Audit Completion Report 2020/21	To note the audit completion report and accompanying follow up letters.	<p>Jim Dafter Senior Manager - Mazars <a href="mailto:jim.даfter@mazars.co.uk">jim.даfter@mazars.co.uk</a></p> <p>Gavin Barker Director, Public and Social Sector - Mazars <a href="mailto:gavin.barker@mazars.co.uk">gavin.barker@mazars.co.uk</a></p>

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14. Statement of Accounts 2020/21	<p>To;</p> <p>Authorise the Chief Finance Officer to sign the Letter of Representation on behalf of the Authority.</p> <p>Approve the Statement of Accounts for 2020/21, taking into account any views from the Audit and Standards Committee meeting on 11 April.</p> <p>Authorise the Chair of the Leadership Board and the Chief Finance Officer to make any further adjustments required to the Statement of Accounts as a result of the conclusion of the external audit and to sign the Statement of Accounts for 2020/21.</p> <p>Approve the Annual Governance Statement.</p> <p>Authorise the Chair of the Leadership Board and the Head of Paid Service to sign the Annual Governance Statement.</p> <p>Note the update provided on the 2021/22 and 2022/23 Statements of Accounts.</p>	<p>Eleanor Goodman Finance Manager – NECA <a href="mailto:Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk">Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk</a></p>
15. Date and Time of Next Meeting	28 November 2023, 2.00pm – noted.	<p>Toby Ord Strategy and Democratic Services Assistant <a href="mailto:toby.ord@northeastca.gov.uk">toby.ord@northeastca.gov.uk</a></p>