



## Forward Plan of Decisions

### 16 September 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 Items withdrawn since the last publication are referred to as “Withdrawn” and following that will be removed altogether.**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)
<b>Leadership Board</b>							
LB 3 (a) Economic Development and Digital (Standing Item)	4 October 2022	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)	4 October 2022	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
LB 3 (c) Finance and Skills and Employment (Standing Item)	4 October 2022	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

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LB 3 (d) Transport (Standing Item)	4 October 2022	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
LB 3 (e) Corporate Issue	4 October 2022	Key	Leadership Board	<b>Devolution Update</b> To provide an update on Devolution discussions for the North East		Nicola Robason Monitoring Officer - NECA <a href="mailto:Nicola.Robason@southtyneside.gov.uk">Nicola.Robason@southtyneside.gov.uk</a>	Public
LB 3 (f) Corporate Issue	4 October 2022	Non-key	Leadership Board	<b>NECA Budget 2023-24</b> This report is for information		Eleanor Goodman Finance Manager – NECA <a href="mailto:Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk">Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk</a> 0191 433 3860	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	27 Sept 2022	Non-key	Audit and Standards Committee	<b>Audit Strategy Memorandum 2021-22</b> This report is for information only		Jim Dafter Senior Manager – Mazars <a href="mailto:jim.dafter@mazars.co.uk">jim.dafter@mazars.co.uk</a>	Public

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<b>Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>							
OS 2 (a) Corporate Issue	13 Oct 2022	Non-key	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	<b>Forward Plan and Work Programme Update</b> For information and agreement.		Gavin Armstrong Policy & Scrutiny Officer - NECA <a href="mailto:Gavin.armstrong@northeastca.gov.uk">Gavin.armstrong@northeastca.gov.uk</a> 07825 658575	Public
OS 2 (b) Economic Development and Digital Skills and Employment	13 Oct 2022	Non-key	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	<b>Tackling Inequalities Update</b> For information only.		Gavin Armstrong Policy & Scrutiny Officer - NECA <a href="mailto:Gavin.armstrong@northeastca.gov.uk">Gavin.armstrong@northeastca.gov.uk</a> 07825 658575	Public
<b>Economic Development and Digital Advisory Board (EDDAB)</b>							
The next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is scheduled to take place on 22 November 2022.							

**North East Joint Transport Committees**

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<b>North East Joint Transport Committee</b>							
JTC 3 (a)	18 October 2022	Non-key	JTC	<p><b>Transport Plan Progress Report</b></p> <p>The Joint Transport Committee is recommended to note the contents of the report.</p>	None	<p>Tobyn Hughes</p> <p><a href="mailto:Tobyn.hughes@transportnortheast.gov.uk">Tobyn.hughes@transportnortheast.gov.uk</a></p>	Public
JTC 3 (b)	18 October 2022	Key	JTC	<p><b>North East Bus Enhanced Partnership</b></p> <p>Approve the consultation materials (Draft Enhanced Partnership Plan &amp; Enhanced Partnership Schemes) for the operators objection period and statutory consultation with key stakeholders.</p>	<p>North East Bus Service Improvement Plan</p> <p><a href="https://transportnortheast.gov.uk/TNE-BSIP_FINAL.pdf">TNE-BSIP_FINAL.pdf (transportnortheast.gov.uk)</a></p> <p>Bus Partnerships and Bus Partnerships Resources</p> <p><a href="https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/2021.06.15-JTC-Public-Agenda-">https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/2021.06.15-JTC-Public-Agenda-</a></p>	<p>Philip Meikle</p> <p><a href="mailto:Philip.meikle@transportnortheast.gov.uk">Philip.meikle@transportnortheast.gov.uk</a></p>	Public

					<a href="#">Pack.pdf</a> 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> Bus Back Better - The National Bus Strategy <a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/980227/DT-Bus-Back-Better-national-bus-strategy-for-England.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/980227/DT-Bus-Back-Better-national-bus-strategy-for-England.pdf</a> The Bus Services Act 2017 – Enhanced Partnership Guidance <a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/959501/bus-services-act-2017-enhanced-partnerships-guidance.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/959501/bus-services-act-2017-enhanced-partnerships-guidance.pdf</a>		
JTC 3 (c)	18 October 2022	Non-key	JTC	<b>Transport Budget 2023/24</b> This report is for information	JTC Budget and capital programme 2022/23, 2 February	Eleanor Goodman <a href="mailto:Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk">Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk</a>	Public

					2022, <a href="https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/2022.02.02-JTC-Public-Documents-Pack.pdf">https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/2022.02.02-JTC-Public-Documents-Pack.pdf</a>		
JTC 3 (d)	18 October 2022	Yes	JTC	<b>Transforming Cities Fund Tranche 2 – Grant Funding Agreements</b>  This report will seek JTC approval to allocate funding from the Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) Devolved Pot to a number of schemes, subject to successful appraisal in line with the North East Transport Assurance Framework.	None	Jonathan Bailes, Transport Programme Lead <a href="mailto:Jonathan.bailes@transportnortheast.gov.uk">Jonathan.bailes@transportnortheast.gov.uk</a>	Public
JTC 3 (e)	18 October 2022	No	JTC	<b>North East Active Travel Strategy Update</b>  This report seeks to provide Members with an update on the development of the North East Active Travel Strategy.	None	Rachelle Forsyth-Ward Head of Transport Policy and Strategy Development <a href="mailto:Rachelle.forsythward@transportnortheast.gov.uk">Rachelle.forsythward@transportnortheast.gov.uk</a>	Public
<b>Joint Transport Committee Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee (TWSC)</b>							
The next meeting will take place on 3 November 2022							
<b>North East Joint Transport Committee Audit Committee (JTC Audit Committee)</b>							
The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 30 November 2022							
<b>North East Joint Transport Committee Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JTC Overview and Scrutiny Committee)</b>							
JTC OSC 2 (a)	13 Oct 2022	Non-key	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	<b>Consultation Principles</b> This report asks the OSC to note the draft Transport North East Consultation Principles.		Rachelle Forsyth-Ward, Head of Transport Strategy and Policy Development <a href="mailto:Rachelle.forsythward@transportnortheast.gov.uk">Rachelle.forsythward@transportnortheast.gov.uk</a>  07546 653401	Public

JTC OSC 2 (b)	13 Oct 2022	Non-key	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	<b>Making the Right Travel Choice Strategy</b> This report with update the OSC on the strategy, consultation, feedback received, and any action taken.		Rachelle Forsyth-Ward, Head of Transport Strategy and Policy Development <a href="mailto:Rachelle.forsythward@transportnortheast.gov.uk">Rachelle.forsythward@transportnortheast.gov.uk</a> <a href="tel:07546653401">uk</a> 07546 653401	Public
JTC OSC 2 (c)	13 Oct 2022	Non-key	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	<b>Transport Budget 2023/24</b> Report for information.	JTC Budget and capital programme 2022/23, 2 February 2022, <a href="https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/2022.02.02-JTC-Public-Document-Pack.pdf">https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/2022.02.02-JTC-Public-Document-Pack.pdf</a>	Eleanor Goodman, NECA Finance Manager <a href="mailto:Eleanore.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk">Eleanore.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk</a> 0191 433 3860	Public
JTC OSC 2 (d)	13 Oct 2022	Non-key	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	<b>Forward Plan and Work Programme Update</b> For information and agreement.		Gavin Armstrong Policy & Scrutiny Officer - NECA <a href="mailto:Gavin.armstrong@northeastca.gov.uk">Gavin.armstrong@northeastca.gov.uk</a> 07825 658575	Public