



Forward Plan of Decisions

10 September 2021

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 Items withdrawn since the last publication are referred to as “Withdrawn” and following that will be removed altogether.**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)	14 Sept 2021	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.		John Scott John.Scott@southtyneside.gov.uk	Public
LB 2 (b) Chairman's Portfolio (Standing Item)	14 Sept 2021	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 Beverley.poulter@sunderland.gov.uk	Public
LB 2 (c) Finance and Skills and Employment (Standing Item)	14 Sept 2021	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 Graham.Wood@durham.gov.uk	Public

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LB 2 (d) Transport (Standing Item)	14 Sept 2021	Non-key	Leadership Board	Transport Thematic Lead Portfolio Update Report To provide an update on the Transport Thematic Lead Portfolio		Anneliese Hutchinson anneliesehutchinson@gateshead.gov.uk	Public
LB 2 (e) Corporate Issue	14 Sept 2021	Non-key	Leadership Board	NECA Budget 2022/23 This report is for information only.	NECA Budget 2021/22 Leadership-Board-2-February-2021-Agenda-Pack.pdf (northeastca.gov.uk)	Eleanor Goodman NECA Finance Manager 0191 433 3860 Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk	Public
Audit and Standards Sub-Committee							
There are no meetings currently scheduled.							
Audit and Standards Committee							
AS 2 (a) Corporate Issue	7 Sept 2021	Non-key	Audit and Standards Committee	North East Combined Authority Strategic Risk Register To consider and comment on the updated Strategic Risk Register for the North East Combined Authority.		Tracy Davis Senior Manager – Assurance, Sunderland City Council 07342704254 tracy.davis@sunderland.gov.uk	Public
AS 2 (b) Corporate Issue	7 Sept 2021	Non-key	Audit and Standards Committee	North East Combined Authority Internal Audit Progress Report 2021/22 To consider and comment on the Internal Audit Progress Report		Tracy Davis Senior Manager – Assurance, Sunderland City Council 07342704254	Public

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				for the North East Combined Authority.		tracy.davis@sunderland.gov.uk	
AS 2 (c) Corporate Issue	7 Sept 2021	Non-key	Audit and Standards Committee	Draft Statement of Accounts 2020/21 The Audit and Standards Committee is recommended to note the contents of the report.	NECA draft Statement of Accounts 2020/21 NECA-Draft-Statement-of-Accounts-2020-21.pdf (northeastca.gov.uk)	Eleanor Goodman NECA Finance Manager Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk ,	Public
Overview and Scrutiny Committee							
The next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is scheduled to be held 14 October 2021.							
Economic Development and Digital Advisory Board (EDDAB)							
The next meeting of the Economic Development and Digital Advisory Board is due to take place on 23 November 2021.							

North East Joint Transport Committees

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North East Joint Transport Committee (JTC)							
JTC 3 (a)	21 September 2021	Non-key	JTC	<p>Bus Partnership Update This report will provide the Joint Transport Committee with an update on the progress of the development of the Bus Service Improvement Plan and Enhanced Bus Partnership.</p>	<p>Bus Partnerships and Bus Partnerships Resources https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/2021.06.15-JTC-Public-Agenda-Pack.pdf</p> <p>Vision for Buses https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/2021.07.13-JTC-Public-Agenda-Pack-v2.pdf</p>	Philip Meikle Philip.meikle@transportnortheast.gov.uk	Public
JTC 3 (b)	21 September 2021	Non-key	JTC	<p>Transport Budget 2022/23 and Medium Term Financial Strategy The North East Joint Transport Committee is recommended to receive this report for consideration and comment, which will inform the Transport Budget Proposals 2022/23 report from the NECA Chief Finance Officer to the next meeting of the Committee.</p>	<p>Transport Revenue Budget 2021/22 - (Public Pack) Agenda Document for North East Joint Transport</p>	Eleanor Goodman Eleanor.goodman@northeast.ca.gov.uk	Public

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					Committee, 19/01/2021 14:30 (northeastca.gov.uk)		
JTC 3 (c)	21 September 2021	Non-key	JTC	Key Route Network Consultation The Joint Transport Committee is recommended to note this report.	None	Tobyn Hughes Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk	Public
JTC 3 (d)	21 September 2021	Non-key	JTC	Transport North East – Transport Plan Progress Report The Joint Transport Committee is recommended to note the contents of the report.	None	Tobyn Hughes Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk	Public
JTC 3 (e)	21 September 2021	Non-key	JTC	Transport Programme Resources To agree changes in staffing to support the management of the Transport Capital Programme	None	Tobyn Hughes Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk	Private By virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act
JTC 3 (f)	21 September 2021	Non-key	JTC	JTC Submission to 2021 Comprehensive Spending Review and ‘Levelling Up’ White Paper This report seeks approval from the Joint Transport Committee to make representations to Government, Government Departments and other relevant departments relating to the Comprehensive Spending Review and the ‘Levelling Up’ White Paper.	None	Tobyn Hughes Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk	Public

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JTC 3 (g)	21 September 2021	Non-key	JTC	<p>City Region Sustainable Transport Fund</p> <p>The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Committee to begin the necessary preparations for the development of a bid to the City Region Sustainable Transport Fund (CRSTF).</p>	None	Tobyn Hughes Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk	Private by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act
JTC 3 (h)	21 September 2021	Key	JTC	<p>Capability Fund Update</p> <p>The report will recommend that the North East Joint Transport Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note that the JTC is to receive £2,157,597 from the DfT's Active Travel Capability Fund; Approve the distribution of the fund to the Local Authorities and Transport North East as per the allocations set out in the report; and Approve the creation of a fixed term Active Travel Data Analyst post within Transport North East. 	None	Jonathan Bailes Jonathan.bailes@transportnortheast.gov.uk Rachelle Forsyth-Ward Rachelle.forsythward@transportnortheast.gov.uk	Public
JTC 4 (a)	26 October 2021	Non-key	JTC	<p>Discharge of Transport Functions by Durham County Council</p> <p>This report is for information.</p>	None	Andy Leadbeater Andrew.leadbeater@durham.gov.uk	Public
JTC 4 (b)	26 October 2021	Key	JTC	<p>North East Bus Improvement Plan</p> <p>This report seeks the Committee's approval of the Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) for submission to the Department for Transport</p>	<p>Bus Partnerships and Bus Partnerships Resources</p> <p>https://northeastcouncil.gov.uk/wp-</p>	Philip Meikle Philip.meikle@transportnortheast.gov.uk	Public

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					https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/959501/bus-services-act-2017-enhanced-partnerships-guidance.pdf		
JTC 4 (c)	26 October 2021	Non-key	JTC	Transport North East – Transport Plan Progress Report The Joint Transport Committee is recommended to note the contents of this report.	None	Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk	Public
JTC 4 (d)	26 October 2021	Non-key	JTC	City Regions Sustainable Transport Settlement Update The purpose of this report is to provide committee members with an update on a City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement for the North East.	None	Jonathan Bailes Jonathan.bailes@transportnortheast.gov.uk	Public
JTC 4 (e)	26 October 2021	Non-key	JTC	Leamside Line Update This report seeks the Committee's agreement of the next steps regarding progressing the case for investment	None	Derek Gittins Derek.gittins@transportnortheast.gov.uk	Private by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the

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							Local Government Act
Joint Transport Committee Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee (TWSC)							
The next meeting will take place on 4 November 2021.							
North East Joint Transport Committee Audit Committee (JTC Audit Committee)							
The meeting next meeting is scheduled to take place on 24 November 2021.							
North East Joint Transport Committee Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JTC Overview and Scrutiny Committee)							
JTC OSC 2 (a)	14 October 2021	Non-key	JTC OSC	Transport Budget 2022/23 and Medium Term Financial Strategy The Committee is recommended to note the report	JTC Budget 2021/22, (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 OSC 2 (b)	14 October 2021	Non key	JTC OSC	Zero Emission Vehicle Policy Update The Joint Transport Committee Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to note the contents of this report	None	Tobyn Hughes Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk	Public

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JTC OSC 2 (c)	14 October 20221	Non-key	JTC OSC	<p>Go Smarter, Go Active Update</p> <p>Report is for information.</p> <p>The report will provide members with a summary of the campaign activities that were delivered over the summer period</p>	Active Travel Fund Proposal, JTC report, 16 March 2021	<p>Rachelle Forsyth-Ward</p> <p>Rachelle.forsythward@transportnortheast.gov.uk</p>	Public
JTC OSC 2 (d)	14 October 2021	Non-key	JTC OSC	<p>Transport North East – Transport Plan Progress Update</p> <p>The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to note the contents of this report</p>	None	<p>Tobyn Hughes</p> <p>Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk</p>	Public