



Forward Plan of Decisions

22 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 Items withdrawn since the last publication are referred to as “Withdrawn” and following that will be removed altogether.**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 3 (a) Economic Development and Digital (Standing Item)	2 Nov 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 3 (b) Chairman's Portfolio (Standing Item)	2 Nov 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 3 (c) Finance and Skills and Employment (Standing Item)	2 Nov 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 3 (d) Transport (Standing Item)	2 Nov 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
Audit and Standards Sub-Committee							
There are no meetings currently scheduled.							
Audit and Standards Committee							
The next meeting of the Audit and Standards Committee is scheduled to be held 7 December 2021.							
Overview and Scrutiny Committee							
OS 2 (a) Economic Development and Digital	14 Oct 2021	Non-key	Overview and Scrutiny	Economic Recovery To note the report		Gavin Armstrong Gavin.armstrong@northeastca.gov.uk	Public
OS 2 (b) Economic Development and Digital	14 Oct 2021	Non-key	Overview and Scrutiny	Broadband – access and exclusion To note the report		Gavin Armstrong Gavin.armstrong@northeastca.gov.uk	Public
OS 2 (c) Corporate Issue	14 Oct 2021	Non-key	Overview and Scrutiny	Forward Plan and Work Programme Update To note and agree the proposed forward plan		Gavin Armstrong Gavin.armstrong@northeastca.gov.uk	Public

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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 Sept 2021	Non-key	JTC	<p>Bus Partnership Update</p> <p>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</p> <p>https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/2021.06.15-JTC-Public-Agenda-Pack.pdf</p> <p>Vision for Buses</p> <p>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

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JTC 3 (b)	21 Sept 2021	Non-key	JTC	<p>Transport Budget 2022/23 and Medium-Term Financial Strategy</p> <p>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 Committee, 19/01/2021 14:30 (northeastca.gov.uk)</p>	<p>Eleanor Goodman</p> <p>Eleanor.goodman@northeast.ca.gov.uk</p>	Public
JTC 3 (c)	21 Sept 2021	Non-key	JTC	<p>Key Route Network Consultation</p> <p>The Joint Transport Committee is recommended to note this report.</p>	None	<p>Tobyn Hughes</p> <p>Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk</p>	Public
JTC 3 (d)	21 Sept 2021	Non-key	JTC	<p>Transport North East – Transport Plan Progress Report</p> <p>The Joint Transport Committee is recommended to note the contents of the report.</p>	None	<p>Tobyn Hughes</p> <p>Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk</p>	Public
JTC 3 (e)	21 Sept 2021	Non-key	JTC	<p>Transport Programme Resources</p> <p>To agree changes in staffing to support the management of the Transport Capital Programme</p>	None	<p>Tobyn Hughes</p> <p>Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk</p>	Private By virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act

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JTC 3 (f)	21 Sept 2021	Non-key	JTC	<p>JTC Submission to 2021 Comprehensive Spending Review and 'Levelling Up' White Paper</p> <p>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.</p>	None	<p>Tobyn Hughes</p> <p>Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk</p>	Public
JTC 3 (g)	21 Sept 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	<p>Tobyn Hughes</p> <p>Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk</p>	Private by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act
JTC 3 (h)	21 Sept 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 	None	<p>Jonathan Bailes</p> <p>Jonathan.bailes@transportnortheast.gov.uk</p> <p>Rachelle Forsyth-Ward</p> <p>Rachelle.forsythward@transportnortheast.gov.uk</p>	Public

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve the creation of a fixed term Active Travel Data Analyst post within Transport North East. 			
JTC 4 (a)	26 Oct 2021	Non-key	JTC	<p>Discharge of Transport Functions by Durham County Council</p> <p>This report is for information.</p>	None	<p>Andy Leadbeater</p> <p>Andrew.leadbeater@durham.gov.uk</p>	Public
JTC 4 (b)	26 Oct 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://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/2021.06.15-JTC-Public-Agenda-Pack.pdf</p> <p>Vision for Buses</p> <p>https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/2021.07.13-JTC-Public-Agenda-Pack-v2.pdf</p>	<p>Philip Meikle</p> <p>Philip.meikle@transportnortheast.gov.uk</p>	Public

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					<p>Bus Back Better - The National Bus Strategy</p> <p>https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/980227/DfT-Bus-Back-Better-national-bus-strategy-for-England.pdf</p> <p>The Bus Services Act 2017 – Enhanced Partnership Guidance</p> <p>https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/959501/bus-services-act-2017-enhanced-partnerships-guidance.pdf</p>		

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JTC 4 (d)	26 Oct 2021	Non-key	JTC	<p>City Regions Sustainable Transport Settlement Update</p> <p>The purpose of this report is to provide committee members with an update on a City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement for the North East.</p>	None	<p>Jonathan Bailes</p> <p>Jonathan.bailes@transportnortheast.gov.uk</p>	Public
JTC 4 (e)	26 Oct 2021	Non-key	JTC	<p>Leamside Line Update</p> <p>This report seeks the Committee's agreement of the next steps regarding progressing the case for investment</p>	None	<p>Derek Gittins</p> <p>Derek.gittins@transportnortheast.gov.uk</p>	Private by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act
Joint Transport Committee Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee (TWSC)							
The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 4 November 2021.							
North East Joint Transport Committee Audit Committee (JTC Audit Committee)							
The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 24 November 2021.							

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JTC OSC 2 (a)	14 Oct 2021	Non-Key	JTC OSC	<p>Transport Budget 2022/23 and Medium Term Financial Strategy</p> <p>The Committee is recommended to note the report</p>	<p>JTC Budget 2021/22</p> <p>https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/2021.01.19-JTC-Public-Agenda-1.pdf</p>	<p>Eleanor Goodman</p> <p>Eleanor.goodman@north-eastca.gov.uk</p>	Public
JTC OSC 2 (b)	14 Oct 2021	Non-Key	JTC OSC	<p>Zero Emission Vehicle Policy Update</p> <p>The Joint Transport Committee 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
JTC OSC 2 (c)	14 Oct 2021	Non-Key	JTC OSC	<p>Go Smarter, Go Active Update</p> <p>Report is for information. The report will provide members with a summary of the campaign activities that were delivered over the summer period</p>	<p>Active Travel Fund Proposal</p> <p>JTC report 16 March 2021</p>	<p>Rachelle Forsyth-Ward</p> <p>Rachelle.forsythward@transportnortheast.gov.uk</p>	Public
JTC OSC 2 (d)	14 Oct 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