



Forward Plan of Decisions

1 October 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 Items withdrawn since the last publication are referred to as “Withdrawn” and following that will be removed altogether.**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
LB 3 (e) Corporate Issue	2 Nov 2021	Non-key	Leadership Board	Appointment of NECA's Committees – Update To agree the nominations for the NECA Audit and Standards Committee and the NECA Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Appointment of Committees, Agreement of Membership, Appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs, Appointment of Members to Outside Bodies https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Leadership-Board-v3-8-June-2021.pdf	Nicola Robason Nicola.Robason@southtyneside.gov.uk	Public

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LB 3 (f) Skills and Employment	2 Nov 2021	Non-key	Leadership Board	NECA Pay and Grading Structure The purpose of this report is to outline proposals for the North East Combined Authority to review the current Pay and Grading structure for NECA employees		Alison Lazazzera Alison.Lazazzera@durham.gov.uk	Private by virtue of Paragraphs 1 - 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972
LB 3 (g) Skills and Employment	2 Nov 2021	Key	Leadership Board	NECA Trade Union Recognition Agreement The purpose of this report is to seek agreement to the adoption of a Trade Union Partnership Agreement for the North East Combined Authority		Alison Lazazzera Alison.Lazazzera@durham.gov.uk	Private by virtue of Paragraph 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972
Audit and Standards Sub-Committee							
There are no meetings currently scheduled.							
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The next meeting of the Audit and Standards Committee is scheduled to be held 7 December 2021.							

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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
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 4 (a)	26 October 2021	Non-key	JTC	Discharge of Transport Functions by Durham County Council This report is for information.	None	Andy Leadbeater Andrew.leadbeater@durham.gov.uk	Public
JTC 4 (b)	26 October 2021	Key	JTC	North East Bus Improvement Plan This report seeks the Committee's approval of the Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) for submission to the Department for Transport	Bus Partnerships and Bus Partnerships Resources https://northeastcouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/2021.06.15-JTC-Public-Agenda-Pack.pdf Vision for Buses https://northeastcouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/2021.07.13-JTC-Public-Agenda-Pack-v2.pdf Bus Back Better - The National Bus Strategy	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/980227/DFt-Bus-Back-Better-national-bus-strategy-for-England.pdf The Bus Services Act 2017 – Enhanced Partnership Guidance 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

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JTC 4 (d)	26 October 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	Jonathan Bailes Jonathan.bailes@transportnortheast.gov.uk	Public
JTC 4 (e)	26 October 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	Derek Gittins Derek.gittins@transportnortheast.gov.uk	Private by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act
JTC 5 (a)	16 November 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

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.

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