



Forward Plan of Decisions

19 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 Items withdrawn since the last publication are referred to as “Withdrawn” and following that will be removed altogether.**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.		George Mansbridge George.Mansbridge@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) Corporate Issue	2 Nov 2021	Non-key	Leadership Board	NECA Budget 2022/23 This report is for information	NECA Budget 2021/22 https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Leadership-Board-2-February-2021-Agenda-Pack.pdf	Eleanor Goodman Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk	Public
LB 3 (g) Skills and Employment	2 Nov 2021	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 (h) 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

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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							
The next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is scheduled to take place on 16 December 2021.							
Economic Development and Digital Advisory Board (EDDAB)							
ED 2 (a) Economic Development and Digital	23 Nov 2021	Non-key	Advisory Board	Economic Growth and Recovery Update For information only		George Mansbridge George.Mansbridge@southtyneside.gov.uk	Public
ED 2 (b) Economic Development and Digital	23 Nov 2021	Non-key	Advisory Board	North Shoring and Investment North East England Update For information only		George Mansbridge George.Mansbridge@southtyneside.gov.uk	Public
ED 3 (c) Economic Development and Digital	23 Nov 2021	Non-key	Advisory Board	Digital Durham For information only		George Mansbridge George.Mansbridge@southtyneside.gov.uk	Public

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 Service 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/DFIT-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	Capital Programme Management Framework The purpose of this paper is to provide board members with an overview of a regional Capital Programme Management Framework and to seek approval from the Committee for its implementation.	None	Jonathan Bailes Jonathan.bailes@transportnortheast.gov.uk	Public
JTC 4 (e)	26 October 2021	Non-key	JTC	Appointment to Transport for the North General Purposes Committee This report seeks approval of representation to the TfN General Purposes Committee.	None	Mike Barker mikebarker@gateshead.gov.uk	Public
JTC 5 (a)	16 November 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 5 (b)	16 November 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 Local Government Act
JTC 5 (c)	16 November 2021	Non-key	JTC	Discharge of Transport Functions by Northumberland County Council 2021/21	None	Stuart McNaughton Stuart.mcnaughton@northumberland.gov.uk	Public

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				The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of how Northumberland County Council has discharged the transport functions delegated to it for 2021/21.			
JTC 5 (d)	16 November 2021	Key	JTC	<p>Revenue Budget Proposals 2022/23 and Updated Forecast of Outturn 2021/22</p> <p>The North East Joint Transport Committee is recommended to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Receive the report for information and comment; Note the updated forecast of outturn for the 2021/22 Transport budget as set out in the report; Agree to the budget assumptions/proposals set out in the report forming the basis of consultation on the 2022/23 Transport budget; Note that the budget proposals for transport will be subject to a consultation process including reports to the JTC Overview and Scrutiny Committee, relevant officer groups and the Leadership Board of NECA and the NTCA Cabinet; Note the intention to approve the budget and agree the Transport levies at the meeting of the JTC on 18 January 2022, after considering any comments received on the proposals and decisions reached by the Tyne and Wear Sub Committee in January 2022. 	<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>	Eleanor Goodman Eleanor.goodman@north-eastca.gov.uk	Public

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JTC 5 (e)	16 November 2021	Non-key	JTC	Forecast of Capital Outturn 2021/22 – Period to 30 September 2021 The North East Joint Transport Committee is recommended to note the updated forecast of capital outturn for 2021/22.	Transport Capital Programme 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 5 (f)	16 November 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 Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk	Public
JTC 5 (g)	16 November 2021	Key	JTC	Transforming Cities Fund Tranche 2 – Grant Funding Agreements This report will seek JTC approval to allocate funding from the Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) Devolved Pot to the regional Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) scheme.	None	Jonathan Bailes Jonathan.bailes@transportnortheast.gov.uk	Public
JTC 5 (h)	16 November 2021	Key	JTC	Transforming Cities Fund Tranche 2 – Programme Update This report provides members with an update on the delivery of the Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) programme and seeks Joint Transport Committee approval to	None	Jonathan Bailes Jonathan.bailes@transportnortheast.gov.uk	Public

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				adjust the funding allocations of some schemes in the programme.			
JTC 5 (i)	16 November 2021	Non-key	JTC	Transport for the North Update The report sets out the North East's opportunities from working with Transport for North.	None	Tobyn Hughes Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk	Public
JTC 5 (j)	16 November 2021	Non-key	JTC	Tyne Tunnels Support Staffing The purpose of the report is to outline the staffing position in relation to Tyne Tunnels Support staff.	None	Fiona Bootle Fiona.bootle@transportnortneast.gov.uk	Private By virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act
JTC 5 (k)	16 November 2021	Non-key	JTC	Active Travel Fund Tranche 3 – Regional Award This report will provide an update to members on the regional award secured from the Department of Transport for the delivery of schemes to be funded via Active Travel Fund Tranche 3.	None	Jonathan Bailes Jonathan.bailes@transportnortneast.gov.uk	Public
Joint Transport Committee Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee (TWSC)							
TWSC 3 (a)	4 November 2021	Non-key	TWSC	Nexus Annual Activity and Expenditure for 2021 To provide financial and statistical information relating to Nexus services as per its annual reporting process	None	Martin Kearney martin.kearney@nexus.org.uk	Public
TWSC 3 (b)	4 November 2021	Non-key	TWSC	Nexus Corporate Business Plan 2022/23 – 2026/27	None	Martin Kearney martin.kearney@nexus.org.uk	Public

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				To provide Members with the latest update in relation to the Corporate Business Plan for 2022/23 – 2026/27 and to seek any comments on the draft plan. A further report will be submitted in January 2022 once the JTC agree the Nexus budget for 2022/23			
TWSC 3 (c)	4 November 2021	Non-key	TWSC	Nexus Corporate Performance Update 2021/22 To provide Members with the latest update in relation to the Corporate Business Plan for 2021/22	Nexus Corporate Plan 2021/22 https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/2020.01.14-TWSC-Complete-Agenda.pdf	Martin Kearney martin.kearney@nexus.org.uk	Public
TWSC 3 (d)	4 November 2021	Non-key	TWSC	Nexus Corporate Risk Register 2021/22 To provide Members with an update on Nexus' Corporate Risk Register for 2021/22	None	Martin Kearney martin.kearney@nexus.org.uk	Public
TWSC 3 (e)	4 November 2021	Non-key	TWSC	Tyne Tunnels Update To provide Members with the latest update in relation to the Tyne Tunnels.	None	Fiona Bootle Fiona.bootle@transportnortheast.gov.uk	Public

North East Joint Transport Committee Audit Committee (JTC Audit Committee)

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The 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)							
The next meeting is schedule to take place on 16 December 2021.							