



## Forward Plan of Decisions

**27 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 Items withdrawn since the last publication are referred to as “Withdrawn” and following that will be removed altogether.**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)
<b>Leadership Board</b>							
LB 3 (a) Economic Development and Digital (Standing Item)	2 Nov 2021	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.		George Mansbridge <a href="mailto:George.Mansbridge@southtyneside.gov.uk">George.Mansbridge@southtyneside.gov.uk</a>	Public
LB 3 (b) Chairman's Portfolio (Standing Item)	2 Nov 2021	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 <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)	2 Nov 2021	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 <a href="mailto:Graham.Wood@durham.gov.uk">Graham.Wood@durham.gov.uk</a>	Public

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LB 3 (d) Transport (Standing Item)	2 Nov 2021	Non-key	Leadership Board	<b>Transport Thematic Lead Portfolio Update Report</b>  To provide an update on the Transport Thematic Lead Portfolio		Anneliese Hutchinson  <a href="mailto:anneliesehutchinson@gateshead.gov.uk">anneliesehutchinson@gateshead.gov.uk</a>	Public
LB 3 (e) Corporate Issue	2 Nov 2021	Non-key	Leadership Board	<b>Appointment of NECA's Committees – Update</b>  To agree the nominations for the NECA Audit and Standards Committee and the NECA Overview and Scrutiny Committee	<b>Appointment of Committees, Agreement of Membership, Appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs, Appointment of Members to Outside Bodies</b>  <a href="https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Leadership-Board-v3-8-June-2021.pdf">https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Leadership-Board-v3-8-June-2021.pdf</a>	Nicola Robason  <a href="mailto:Nicola.Robason@southtyneside.gov.uk">Nicola.Robason@southtyneside.gov.uk</a>	Public

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LB 3 (f) Corporate Issue	2 Nov 2021	Non-key	Leadership Board	<b>NECA Budget 2022/23</b> This report is for information	<b>NECA Budget 2021/22</b> <a href="https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Leadership-Board-2-February-2021-Agenda-Pack.pdf">https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Leadership-Board-2-February-2021-Agenda-Pack.pdf</a>	Eleanor Goodman <a href="mailto:Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk">Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk</a>	Public
LB 3 (g) Skills and Employment	2 Nov 2021	Key	Leadership Board	<b>NECA Pay and Grading Structure</b> 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 <a href="mailto:Alison.Lazazzera@durham.gov.uk">Alison.Lazazzera@durham.gov.uk</a>	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	<b>NECA Trade Union Recognition Agreement</b> 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 <a href="mailto:Alison.Lazazzera@durham.gov.uk">Alison.Lazazzera@durham.gov.uk</a>	Private by virtue of Paragraph 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

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<b>Audit and Standards Sub-Committee</b>							
There are no meetings currently scheduled.							
<b>Audit and Standards Committee</b>							
The next meeting of the Audit and Standards Committee is scheduled to be held 7 December 2021.							
<b>Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>							
The next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is scheduled to take place on 16 December 2021.							
<b>Economic Development and Digital Advisory Board (EDDAB)</b>							
ED 2 (a) Economic Development and Digital	23 Nov 2021	Non-key	Advisory Board	<b>Economic Growth and Recovery Update</b> For information only		George Mansbridge <a href="mailto:George.Mansbridge@southtyneside.gov.uk">George.Mansbridge@southtyneside.gov.uk</a>	Public
ED 2 (b) Economic Development and Digital	23 Nov 2021	Non-key	Advisory Board	<b>North Shoring and Investment North East England Update</b> For information only		George Mansbridge <a href="mailto:George.Mansbridge@southtyneside.gov.uk">George.Mansbridge@southtyneside.gov.uk</a>	Public
ED 3 (c) Economic Development and Digital	23 Nov 2021	Non-key	Advisory Board	<b>Digital Durham</b> For information only		George Mansbridge <a href="mailto:George.Mansbridge@southtyneside.gov.uk">George.Mansbridge@southtyneside.gov.uk</a>	Public

### North East Joint Transport Committees

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<b>North East Joint Transport Committee (JTC)</b>							
JTC 5 (a)	16 November 2021	Non-key	JTC	<p><b>City Regions Sustainable Transport Settlement Update</b></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 <a href="mailto:Jonathan.bailes@transportnortheast.gov.uk">Jonathan.bailes@transportnortheast.gov.uk</a>	Public
JTC 5 (b)	16 November 2021	Non-key	JTC	<p><b>Leamside Line Update</b></p> <p>This report seeks the Committee's agreement of the next steps regarding progressing the case for investment.</p>	None	Derek Gittins <a href="mailto:Derek.gittins@transportnortheast.gov.uk">Derek.gittins@transportnortheast.gov.uk</a>	Private by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act
JTC 5 (c)	16 November 2021	Non-key	JTC	<p><b>Discharge of Transport Functions by Northumberland County Council 2021/21</b></p> <p>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.</p>	None	Stuart McNaughton <a href="mailto:Stuart.mcnaughton@northumberland.gov.uk">Stuart.mcnaughton@northumberland.gov.uk</a>	Public
JTC 5 (d)	16 November 2021	Key	JTC	<p><b>Revenue Budget Proposals 2022/23 and Updated Forecast of Outturn 2021/22</b></p> <p>The North East Joint Transport Committee is recommended to:</p> <p>i. Receive the report for information and comment;</p>	<p><b>Transport Revenue Budget 2021/22 - (Public Pack)Agenda Document for North East Joint</b></p>	Eleanor Goodman <a href="mailto:Eleanor.goodman@north-eastca.gov.uk">Eleanor.goodman@north-eastca.gov.uk</a>	Public

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ii. Note the updated forecast of outturn for the 2021/22 Transport budget as set out in the report;</li> <li>iii. Agree to the budget assumptions/proposals set out in the report forming the basis of consultation on the 2022/23 Transport budget;</li> <li>iv. 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;</li> <li>v. 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.</li> </ul>	<a href="#">Transport Committee, 19/01/2021 14:30 (northeastca.gov.uk)</a>		
JTC 5 (e)	16 November 2021	Non-key	JTC	<p><b>Forecast of Capital Outturn 2021/22 – Period to 30 September 2021</b></p> <p>The North East Joint Transport Committee is recommended to note the updated forecast of capital outturn for 2021/22.</p>	<a href="#">Transport Capital Programme 2021/22 - (Public Pack)Agenda Document for North East Joint Transport Committee,</a>	Eleanor Goodman <a href="mailto:Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk">Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk</a>	Public



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					<a href="#">19/01/2021 14:30 (northeastca.gov.uk)</a>		
JTC 5 (f)	16 November 2021	Non-key	JTC	<b>Transport North East – Transport Plan Progress Report</b> The Joint Transport Committee is recommended to note the contents of this report.	None	Tobyn Hughes <a href="mailto:Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk">Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk</a>	Public
JTC 5 (g)	16 November 2021	Key	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 the regional Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) scheme.	None	Jonathan Bailes <a href="mailto:Jonathan.bailes@transportnortheast.gov.uk">Jonathan.bailes@transportnortheast.gov.uk</a>	Public
JTC 5 (h)	16 November 2021	Key	JTC	<b>Transforming Cities Fund Tranche 2 – Programme Update</b> This report provides members with an update on the delivery of the Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) programme and seeks Joint Transport Committee approval to adjust the funding allocations of some schemes in the programme.	None	Jonathan Bailes <a href="mailto:Jonathan.bailes@transportnortheast.gov.uk">Jonathan.bailes@transportnortheast.gov.uk</a>	Public
JTC 5 (i)	16 November 2021	Non-key	JTC	<b>Transport for the North Update</b> The report sets out the North East's opportunities from working with Transport for North.	None	Tobyn Hughes <a href="mailto:Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk">Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk</a>	Public



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JTC 5 (j)	16 November 2021	Non-key	JTC	<b>Tyne Tunnels Support Staffing</b> The purpose of the report is to outline the staffing position in relation to Tyne Tunnels Support staff.	None	Fiona Bootle <a href="mailto:Fiona.bootle@transportnortheast.gov.uk">Fiona.bootle@transportnortheast.gov.uk</a>	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	<b>Active Travel Fund Tranche 3 – Regional Award</b> 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 <a href="mailto:Jonathan.bailes@transportnortheast.gov.uk">Jonathan.bailes@transportnortheast.gov.uk</a>	Public
<b>Joint Transport Committee Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee (TWSC)</b>							
TWSC 3 (a)	4 November 2021	Non-key	TWSC	<b>Nexus Annual Activity and Expenditure for 2021</b> To provide financial and statistical information relating to Nexus services as per its annual reporting process	None	Martin Kearney <a href="mailto:martin.kearney@nexus.org.uk">martin.kearney@nexus.org.uk</a>	Public
TWSC 3 (b)	4 November 2021	Non-key	TWSC	<b>Nexus Corporate Business Plan 2022/23 – 2026/27</b> 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	None	Martin Kearney <a href="mailto:martin.kearney@nexus.org.uk">martin.kearney@nexus.org.uk</a>	Public

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TWSC 3 (c)	4 November 2021	Non-key	TWSC	<b>Nexus Corporate Performance Update 2021/22</b> To provide Members with the latest update in relation to the Corporate Business Plan for 2021/22	Nexus Corporate Plan 2021/22 <a href="https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/2020.01.14-TWSC-Complete-Agenda.pdf">https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/2020.01.14-TWSC-Complete-Agenda.pdf</a>	Martin Kearney <a href="mailto:martin.kearney@nexus.org.uk">martin.kearney@nexus.org.uk</a>	Public
TWSC 3 (d)	4 November 2021	Non-key	TWSC	<b>Nexus Corporate Risk Register 2021/22</b> To provide Members with an update on Nexus' Corporate Risk Register for 2021/22	None	Martin Kearney <a href="mailto:martin.kearney@nexus.org.uk">martin.kearney@nexus.org.uk</a>	Public
TWSC 3 (e)	4 November 2021	Non-key	TWSC	<b>Tyne Tunnels Update</b> To provide Members with the latest update in relation to the Tyne Tunnels.	None	Fiona Bootle <a href="mailto:Fiona.bootle@transportnortheast.gov.uk">Fiona.bootle@transportnortheast.gov.uk</a>	Public
<b>North East Joint Transport Committee Audit Committee (JTC Audit Committee)</b>							
JTC Audit (2)	24 November 2021	Non-key	JTC Audit	<b>Joint Transport Committee Internal Audit Progress Report 2021/22</b> To consider and comment on the Internal Audit Progress Report for the Joint Transport Committee	None	Tracy Davis <a href="mailto:tracy.davis@sunderland.gov.uk">tracy.davis@sunderland.gov.uk</a>	Public

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JTC Audit (2)	24 November 2021	Non-key	JTC Audit	<p><b>Joint Transport Committee Strategic Risk Register</b></p> <p>To consider and comment on the updated Strategic Risk Register for the Joint Transport Committee</p>	None	<p>Tracy Davis</p> <p><a href="mailto:tracy.davis@sunderland.gov.uk">tracy.davis@sunderland.gov.uk</a></p>	Public
<b>North East Joint Transport Committee Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JTC Overview and Scrutiny Committee)</b>							
The next meeting is schedule to take place on 16 December 2021.							