

Forward Plan of Decisions

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The Forward Plan for the North of Tyne Combined Authority (NTCA) is published in accordance with the requirements of the Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2017 and the NTCA Constitution and gives 28 clear days' notice* of the key decisions that are planned to be taken by the NTCA, or by a Chief Officer under delegation.

A key decision is defined in the NTCA's Constitution as a decision which is likely to:

- a. result in the Authority or the Mayor incurring significant expenditure, or the making of significant savings, having regard to the Authority's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or
- b. to be significant in terms of its effects on persons living or working in an area comprising two or more electoral wards or divisions in the Authority's area.

In relation to private meetings the reason an item is expected to be considered "in private" will be identified in accordance with the following exempt information categories, which are set out in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended):

1. Information relating to an individual
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including to authority holding that information)
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under the authority
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal and professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings
6. Information which reveals that the authority proposes (a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or (b) to make an order or direction under any enactment
7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime

Contact details

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.

Decision-maker	Ref.	Decision is expected to be made on the following date (or within 60 days of the date)	Decision type	Public or Private	Details of the decision to be taken	Documents / additional documents for consideration	Contact officer
Cabinet	Cab 7 (a) Standing item	12 March 2024	Key	Public	NTCA Investment Fund Update and Funding Approvals This report will provide an update on progress with the NTCA Investment Fund, including any requests for project funding.	Report	Rob Hamilton Head of Strategy and Innovation rob.hamilton@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk
Cabinet	Cab 7 (b) New	12 March 2024	Non-key	Public	NTCA 2022-23 Final Statement of Accounts The Audited Statement of Accounts 2022/23, including the Narrative Report and Annual Governance Statement in line with Audit and Accounting Regulations 2015 as presented, taking account of the views of the Audit and Standards Committee, be approved, subject to: The Chief Finance Officer in consultation with the Mayor and Chief Executive to agree to any final amendments or changes to the NTCA 2022/23 Statement of Accounts, Narrative Statement and Annual Governance Statement made by the external auditors after the Cabinet meeting of 12 March and to approve the final 2022/23 Final Statement of accounts	Report; 2022-23 Draft Statement of Accounts; and 2022-23 Draft Annual Governance Statement	Katy Laing Strategic Finance Manager 0191 2116065 Katherine.laing@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk
Cabinet	Cab 7 (c) New	12 March 2024	Non-key	Cabinet	Final NTCA Annual Report Cabinet is invited to endorse the NTCA Annual Report. The Annual Report will also include updates on the work of the Housing and Land Board, the Inclusive Economy Board and the VSCE Stakeholder Group.	Report	Christine Reed – Director 07971 919977 christine.reed@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk
Cabinet	Cab 7 (d) New	12 March 2024	Non-key	Cabinet	Equalities Assemblies and Objectives Cabinet is recommended to endorse the Equalities Assemblies “Open the door a little wider” report, which presents resident and employer experiences and case studies of barriers to work as a result of inequality in the region. Cabinet also is recommended to note the progress made on NTCA’s Equalities Objectives and wider equality and diversity ambitions.	Report; NTCA Equalities Objectives (published on NTCA website); and Equalities Objectives update, June 2023 Cabinet report https://www.northoftyne-ca.gov.uk/wp-	Leigh Mills Head of Inclusive Growth leigh.mills@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk ; and Emma Patterson Inclusive Economy Policy Development Officer emma.patterson@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk

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Cabinet	Cab 7 (e) New	12 March 2024	Non-key	Cabinet	Skills Bootcamp update Cabinet is recommended to note the progress which has been made in terms of Skills Bootcamp delivery in financial year (FY) 2023-24.	Report; NTCA Strategic Skills Plan; and Skills Bootcamp Cabinet Report November 2023	Michelle Stone Principal Skills Manager michelle.stone@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk ; and Leigh Mills Head of Inclusive Growth leigh.mills@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk
Cabinet	Cab 7 (f) New	12 March 2024	Non-key	Cabinet	Adult Education Budget (AEB) mid-year update Cabinet is recommended to note the progress which has been made in terms of AEB delivery for the first half of the academic year (AY) 2023-24 and endorse the approach to managing AEB delivery for the remainder of this AY.	Report; NTCA Strategic Skills Plan; and AEB Cabinet Report November 2023	Michelle Stone Principal Skills Manager michelle.stone@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk ; and Leigh Mills Head of Inclusive Growth leigh.mills@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk

Section 2

Delegated Decisions

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NTCA Chief Executive	DD NTCA LEP 29.03.2023	29 March 2024	Key	Private*	North East Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Project Funding Decisions (March 2024) In its capacity as the accountable body for the North East LEP, legal and financial due diligence approval is requested for decisions expected to be taken by the North East LEP Board in March 2024 to award funding to capital infrastructure and revenue projects using its existing programme budgets. * Confidential by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).	Report	Ray Browning Programme Manager North East LEP ray.browning@nelep.co.uk

Section 3

Decisions of the North East Joint Transport Committees

The North East Joint Committee (JTC) is a joint committee of the North East Combined Authority and the North of Tyne Combined Authority. The North East Combined Authority acts as the accountable body for the Joint Transport Committee and its committees.

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