

## **Leadership Board**

16 January 2018

**Decisions - Notification** 

**Please Note:** In accordance with the Constitution of the Combined Authority, the decisions will not be implemented pending any call-in.

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Any valid requests for call-in must be received by the Monitoring Officer by 5pm on 25 January 2018.

Agenda item	Decision	Contact Officer
7. Budget 2018/19 and Transport Levies	RESOLVED – That:  A. The position of Northumberland County Council in supporting the recommendations in the report via a letter to the Leadership Board be accepted;  And	Paul Woods Paul.woods@northeastca.gov.uk 0744 693 6840

- a) a transport net revenue budget for 2018/19 of £83,647,746 as set out in section 4 of this report be agreed;
- b) the following Transport Levies for 2018/19 be agreed:

a. Durham County Council

b. Northumberland County Council £6,150,880

£15,696,866

c. Tyne and Wear Councils (detailed in table 6) £61,800,000

- c) a transport revenue grant to Durham County Council for the delivery of transport services of £15,691,866 as outlined in section 4.4 be agreed;
- d) a transport revenue grant to Northumberland County Council for the delivery of transport services of £6,145,880 as outlined in section 4.5 be agreed;
- e) a transport revenue grant to Nexus for the delivery of transport services in Tyne and Wear of £59,700,000 as outlined in section 4.6 be agreed;
- f) the continuation of funding for the Regional Transport Team as set out in section 4.9 be agreed;
- g) the funding arrangement for the Tyne and Wear Urban Transport Management Centre (UTMC) set out in section 4.10 be agreed;
- h) a budget for the corporate costs of the NECA of up to £374,610, with a continuation of the current contribution of £300,000 paid for by an equal contribution of £42,857 from each of the seven councils in NECA, as set out in section 5, be agreed;

- i) agreement be given to continue a contribution to fund the North East LEP core capacity costs of £250,000 as match funding to secure a £250,000 Government grant, paid for by an equal contribution of £35,714 from each of the councils in the NECA, as part of an estimated budget of £2.96m, as set out in section 6;
- j) agreement be given the continuation of the budget contribution of £140,000 towards inward investment activity, which was paid for by an equal contribution of £20,000 from each of the seven councils in NECA, as set out in section 7, contributing to a total budget for this area of activity of £460,000.
- k) agreement be given to a budget of up to £25,000, funded from interest earned, to provide support for the Skills portfolio and up to £25,000 to fund the Economic Development and Regeneration Advisory Board (EDRAB) portfolio activity, as set out in sections 8;
- the Leadership Board noted that the Treasury Management and Investment Strategy and the statement on Minimum Revenue Provision for borrowed capital expenditure for 2018/19 were set out in the report on the Capital Programme on this agenda; and
- m) agreement be given to holding the level of reserves set out in section 9.1, and the Leadership Board noted that the Chief Finance Officer considered this level of reserves to be satisfactory, given the information currently available about the arrangements for managing financial risks facing the NECA.

And

**B.** The above resolutions be recorded and take effect as unanimous resolutions of the Leadership Board.

8. Capital
Programme
2018/19 and
Treasury
Management
Policy and
Strategy 2018/19

## **RESOLVED** – That:

- (i) the position of Northumberland County Council in supporting the recommendations in the report via a letter to the Leadership Board be accepted;
- (ii) the latest position in respect of the 2017/18 capital programme, set out in section 2, be noted;
- (iii) the proposed approach to maximising Local Growth Fund capital spending in 2017/18, set out in section 2.3 of the report, which will be subject to approval by the North East Local Enterprise Partnership (NELEP) Board, be agreed;
- (iv) the proposed initial capital programme for 2018/19, which amounts to £176.2m, with an estimated outturn spend of £138.7m after taking account of over-programming, as set out in section 3, be approved;
- (v) the Treasury Management Strategy for 2018/19 (including the Borrowing and Investment Strategies) and the Prudential Indicators as set out in Appendix C be approved; and
- (vi) the Minimum Revenue Provision Statement for 2018/19 as set out in Appendix D be approved.

## And

**B.** The above resolutions be recorded and take effect as unanimous resolutions of the Leadership Board.

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9. Project Approvals: South Shields Transport Interchange Local Growth Fund Approval	<ul> <li>i. A grant of £6m for the South Shields Transport Interchange, subject to the approval of the LEP Board and the conditions to be attached to the grant, as set out in section 2, be agreed. The Leadership Board noted that this was in addition to the £3.4m stage 1 grant approval that had been approved by the Leadership Board on 21st March 2017; and</li> <li>ii. The Monitoring Officer be authorised to finalise and enter into any legal and grant funding documentation required to enable the approved scheme in this report to proceed.</li> </ul>	Paul Woods Paul.woods@northeastca.gov.uk 0744 693 6840
10. Metro Futures New Fleet Procurement Update	<ul> <li>i. The government's confirmation that it would directly contribute £337m towards the new fleet and its maintenance be noted;</li> <li>ii. Nexus' intended approach to procurement of a new fleet of Metro trains, a new maintenance facility and a long-term fleet maintenance contract as set out in paragraph 2.2 be endorsed; and</li> <li>iii. The design features for the new Metro trains that Nexus intended to include in its specification as set out in paragraphs 2.11 - 2.14 be endorsed.</li> </ul>	Tobyn Hughes tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk 0191 203 3246
11. The Setup Of A Not For Profit Company -	RESOLVED – That authority be delegated to the Head of Paid Service, on the advice of and in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer and Monitoring Officer, to take all steps necessary or desirable to establish a company limited by guarantee without limitation, to approve the form of	Paul Woods Paul.woods@northeastca.gov.uk 0744 693 6840

Company Limited By Guarantee	the company's constitutional documents and other documents to be filed in connection with the formation of the company.	
12. Exclusion of Press and Public	RESOLVED – That by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A press and public be excluded from the meeting for the duration of consideration of agenda items 14 and 15 (Confidential Minutes of the Previous Meeting Held on 21 November 2017 and Confidential Minutes of the Previous Meeting Held on 12 December 2017) because exempt information was likely to be disclosed and the public interest test against the disclosure was satisfied.	Peter Judge peter.judge@northeastca.gov.uk 07342 069 371