

## **Leadership Board**

26 April 2018

(3.00 - 3.20 pm)

Meeting held: Committee Room, Gateshead Civic Centre, Regent Street, Gateshead, NE8 1HH

### **APPROVED MINUTES**

#### **Present:**

Councillor : Mayor N Redfearn (Chair)

Councillors: W Daley, N Forbes, M Gannon, S Henig, I Malcolm and H Trueman

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#### **84 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (MEMBERS)**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor P Jackson and Mr A Hodgson.

#### **85 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **86 NORTH OF TYNE PROPOSALS - CONSENT TO SECRETARY OF STATE'S ORDER**

Submitted: A report of the Monitoring Officer, Head of Paid Service and Chief Finance Officer (previously circulated and copy attached to Official Minutes).

Members considered the report which invited them to consent in principle to the making of an Order by the Secretary of State in relation to the creation of a new Mayoral Combined Authority (NTMCA) for the areas of Newcastle upon Tyne, North Tyneside and Northumberland, agree authority to enter into a deed of co-operation and grant delegated authority in relation to the next steps in giving consent. The report was introduced by the Monitoring Officer.

As an update, it was noted that a further draft Order had been received on 20 April 2018, which addressed most of the outstanding matters, specifically the appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs and the Joint Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee arrangements. The only outstanding matter remaining was to confirm the required number of members from each local authority to form the Joint Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee and its quorum.

All Members took the opportunity to speak about the proposed changes to the NECA boundary, the creation of the NTMCA and the devolution deal for the three local authorities. Members highlighted the importance of continuing to work together for the benefit of the region as a whole. Members noted the understanding that the NTMCA devolution deal would not cause detriment to the remaining NECA area and received assurances that the proposed devolution would bring benefits for the whole region.

The Chair thanked Members for their support and offered her assurances that the region would continue to work together.

Members then voted on the recommendations as set out in the report.

**RESOLVED** – That:

- (i) Consent be given in principle to the making of an Order by the Secretary of State which would have the following effects:
  - a. amend the boundaries of NECA to remove the North of Tyne local authority areas (Newcastle upon Tyne, North Tyneside and Northumberland);
  - b. create and give powers to a new Mayoral Combined Authority;
  - c. provides for a Joint Transport Committee and a Proper Officer for Transport;
  - d. transfer transport related assets into the joint ownership of the two Combined Authorities;
  - e. make the Tyne and Wear Passenger Transport Executive (NEXUS) an executive body of each of the Combined Authorities and to amend legislation to extend its duties to both Combined Authorities; and
  - f. make consequential amendments including amendments to the NECA Order and relevant legislation to give effect to the above.
  
- (ii) Agreement be given to the NECA entering into a Deed of Co-operation with each of the Councils for the Local Government areas of Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle upon Tyne, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside and Sunderland reflecting the terms set out in the Heads of Terms attached in the Schedule to this report, and delegated authority be given to the Head of Paid Service, on the advice of the Monitoring Officer, to approve and authorise execution of the said Deed of Co-operation.
  
- (iii) Delegated authority be given to the Head of Paid Service, on the advice of the Monitoring Officer and with the agreement of the two Vice-Chairs of NECA Leadership Board, to formally consent to the final Secretary of State's Order, when such consent was requested by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government; subject to:
  - a. all seven current constituent authorities of NECA and NECA entering into the Deed of Co-operation referred to in resolution (ii) above; and

- b. the final Secretary of State's Order reflecting all principles agreed upon between the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government and all constituent Authorities.

**Record of vote**

**In favour:** Councillors W Daley, N Forbes, S Henig, I Malcolm, H Trueman and Mayor N Redfearn

**Against:** None

**Abstention:** Councillor M Gannon

87 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, 19 June 2018 at 2pm.