

20 June 2017

Meeting held: Committee Room, North Tyneside Council, Quadrant, The Silverlink North, Cobalt Business Park, North Tyneside, NE27 0BY

Present:

Councillor: P Watson (Chair)

Councillors M Gannon, S Henig, P Jackson, I Malcolm, J McCarty and Mayor N Redfearn

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair, on behalf of the Leadership Board, welcomed Councillor P Jackson to the Leadership Board.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (MEMBERS)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor N Forbes and Mr A Hodgson.

2 MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEADERSHIP BOARD

Submitted: A report of the Monitoring Officer (previously circulated and copy attached to Official Minutes).

RESOLVED – That:

- i. The membership of the Leadership Board for the municipal year 2017/18 be confirmed as set out in Appendix A of the report;
- ii. Councillor Paul Watson be appointed as Chair of the Leadership Board for the municipal year 2017/18, and Councillor Simon Henig and Mayor Norma Redfearn be appointed as Vice-Chairs of the Leadership Board for the municipal year 2017/18;
- iii. Mr Andrew Hodgson be re-appointed as the non-voting Member of the Leadership Board representing the North East Local Enterprise Partnership during the municipal year 2017/18;
- iv. Ms Gillian Hall be re-appointed as the Substitute Member for the Member of the Leadership Board who would represent the North East Local Enterprise Partnership during the municipal year 2017/18; and
- v. The Thematic Leads for the Thematic Lead Areas for the municipal year 2017/18 be appointed as follows: (i) Economic Development and

Regeneration – Councillor Iain Malcolm, (ii) Employability and Inclusion – Councillor Peter Jackson and (iii) Transport and Digital Connectivity – Councillor Nick Forbes.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

4 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 21 March 2017 subject to a minor amendment to replace the reference to “advisable options” with “available options” in paragraph three of Minute 103 (Combined Authority (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2016) were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

5 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND/OR THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE**

The Chair referred to the fact that although the seven local authorities supported devolution in principle but were unable to make progress on a devolution deal, it was still hoped that devolution could be achieved in future.

The Chair also referred to the positive developments achieved to dates on inward investment, transport projects and the refresh of the Strategic Economic Plan.

6 **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES, AGREEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS, APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO OUTSIDE BODIES AND APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR**

Submitted: A report of the Monitoring Officer (previously circulated and copy attached to Official Minutes).

Members considered the report which sought their agreement to the continued establishment of the committees of the North East Combined Authority (NECA), addition of the Overview and Scrutiny Call-In Sub-Committee and appointment of Members, Chairs and Vice-Chairs, including appointment of Members to an outside body. The report also provided information on the appointment of the External Auditor.

RESOLVED – That:

- i. The committees as set out in Appendix A be appointed;
- ii. The Overview and Scrutiny Call-In Sub-Committee, as set out in Appendix A, be established;
- iii. The nominations for the membership of the committees and sub-committees that had been received from the constituent local authorities, as set out in Appendix A, be accepted;

- iv. An independent person Mr David Taylor-Gooby be appointed as Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, with an annual remuneration of £2,000 paid in monthly instalments for the role;
- v. Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the committees for the municipal year 2017/18 be appointed as follows:
 - (a) Transport North East Committee
 - Councillor Nick Forbes be appointed as Chair;
 - Councillors Carl Marshall and Glen Sanderson be appointed as Vice-Chairs; and
 - The appointment of Vice-Chair from the Tyne and Wear constituent local authorities, a portfolio holder for Transport, be delegated to the Transport North East Committee. That Vice-Chair would chair the Transport North East (Tyne and Wear) Sub-Committee.
 - (b) Transport North East (Tyne and Wear) Sub-Committee
 - The appointment of Chair be delegated to the Transport North East Committee. This Member would be the Vice-Chair of the Transport North East Committee from the Tyne and Wear constituent local authorities and portfolio holder for Transport.
 - The appointment of Vice-Chair of the Sub-Committee be delegated to the Transport North East Committee.
 - (c) Economic Development and Regeneration Advisory Board
 - Councillor Iain Malcolm be appointed as Chair;
 - The appointment of Vice-Chair from the constituent local authorities be delegated to the Advisory Board; and
 - The appointment of the second Vice-Chair, which would be from amongst the non-voting business representative Co-opted Members, be delegated to the Advisory Board.
 - (d) Governance Committee
 - An Independent Co-opted Member Mr Mark Scrimshaw be confirmed as Chair; and
 - An Independent Co-opted Member Mr George John Clark be confirmed as Vice-Chair.
- vi. Councillor Carl Marshall be designated as an Alternate Member to represent the Combined Authority on Rail North whenever the Member is unable to attend; and

- vii. The position in relation to the appointment of the External Auditor for 2017/18 be noted.

7 **PROGRAMME OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS, MUNICIPAL YEAR 2017/18**

Submitted: A report of the Monitoring Officer (previously circulated and copy attached to Official Minutes).

Members considered the report which sought their agreement to the programme of meetings for the municipal year 2017/18.

RESOLVED – That the proposed programme of meetings, as set out in Appendix A, be agreed.

8 **REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE NORTH EAST COMBINED AUTHORITY**

Submitted: A report of the Monitoring Officer (previously circulated and copy attached to Official Minutes).

Members considered the report which sought their agreement to relevant changes to the North East Combined Authority Constitution following the required annual review.

RESOLVED – That the changes to the Constitution as set out in the Appendix to the report be agreed.

9 **UPDATES FROM THEMATIC LEADS**

(a) **Economic Development and Regeneration**

Submitted: An update report of the Thematic Lead for Economic Development and Regeneration (previously circulated and copy attached to Official Minutes).

Members considered the report which provided an update on activity and progress under the Economic Development and Regeneration theme of the Combined Authority.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

(b) **Employability and Inclusion**

Submitted: An update report of the Thematic Lead for Employability and Inclusion (previously circulated and copy attached to Official Minutes).

Members considered the report which provided information on progress in delivering the Employability and Inclusion and Skills themes of the Strategic Economic Plan.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

(c) **Transport (and Digital Connectivity)**

Submitted: An update report of the Thematic Lead for Transport (previously circulated and copy attached to Official Minutes).

Members considered the report which provided an update on progress on activities that were helping to deliver the key principles of the Transport Manifesto.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

10 **PROJECT APPROVALS - LOCAL GROWTH FUND**

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

Members considered the report which sought approvals with regard to the Local Growth Fund (LGF) programme.

As an update, an approval was also sought for the 5G Test Bed development project due to its progress stage.

RESOLVED – That:

- i. The 2016/17 Outturn position for the Local Growth Fund be noted and the funding changes set out in the report be agreed;
- ii. Agreement be given to the inclusion of the following new projects into the Local Growth Fund Programme, as set out in more detail in section 2.2 and Appendix A:
 - International Advanced Manufacturing Park (IAMP) – £41.15m;
 - Incubator Support Fund (programme) – £2.035m;
 - Innovation Project Development Fund (programme) – £0.95m;
 - 5G Test Bed development project – £0.25m;
 - Scale-up North East (programme) – £1.5m;
 - Institute of Technology bid – £1.25m;
 - East Pilgrim Street, Southern Access, Newcastle – £4.35m;
 - Integra 61, Bowburn, County Durham – £1.5m; and
 - Gateshead Quays project – £5.0m.
- iii. Agreement be given to the following changes to the Local Growth Fund (LGF) programme, as set out in more detail in section 2.2 and Table 1:
 - Scotswood Bridgehead, Newcastle – £3.2m removed from programme to part fund East Pilgrim Street;
 - A1-A690 junction improvement, County Durham – £1.5m removed from programme to fund Integra 61, Bowburn;

- Park and Ride Corridor, Gateshead – £5m removed from programme to fund Gateshead Quays; and
 - Central Station to Stephenson Quarter – Project revised and reduced to £4m, with a saving of £1.15m used to fund the East Pilgrim Street project.
- iv. The revised Local Growth Funding Programme for 2017/18 and future years as set out in section 2.5 of the report and attached as Appendix B be approved;
- v. The Monitoring Officer be authorised to finalise and enter into any legal and Grant Funding documentation required to enable the approved Local Growth Funding programme to proceed;
- vi. Subject to formal approval by the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Board, agreement be given to a revenue grant of £212,375 to the Centre for Process Industry to undertake a study into the development of Medicines Smart Packaging and drug-delivery innovation project in the North East with the conditions set out in section 2.13 of the report; and
- vii. Delegated authority be given to the Chair and the Head of Paid Service, in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer, to sign off the grant for the 5G Test Bed development project.

11 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, 18 July 2017 at 2pm at South Tyneside Council.