



Leadership Board (Extraordinary Meeting)

Monday 7th August 2017 at 3.00 pm

Meeting to be held at the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Nissan Way, Sunderland, SR5 3QY

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AGENDA

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1. **Apologies for Absence (Members)**

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Please remember to declare any personal interest where appropriate both verbally and by recording it on the relevant form (to be handed to the Democratic Services Officer). Please also remember to leave the meeting where any personal interest requires this.

3. **Transport for the North (TfN) - Incorporation as a Sub-National Transport Body** **1 - 4**

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Leadership Board

Date: 7 August 2017

Subject: Transport for the North (TfN) – Incorporation as a Sub-National Transport Body

Report of: Thematic Lead for Transport and Digital Connectivity

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide an interim report to the Leadership Board on the progress of Transport for the North (TfN) in its proposal to become a Sub-National Transport Body (STB) pending the submission of a full and detailed report in advance of the forthcoming meeting.

Recommendations

The Leadership Board is recommended to note the contents of this report.

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1. Background Information

- 1.1 At its meeting on 18th July 2017 the Leadership Board considered a report concerning Transport for the North's (TfN) proposal to become a Sub-National Transport Body (STB). The report outlined the process by which TfN is intended to become a STB and the part that NECA may play in it.
- 1.2 The report also sought the consent of the Leadership Board to the making of Regulations by the Secretary of State to allow TfN to become a STB.
- 1.3 The Leadership Board decided at its meeting on 18th July 2017 to defer the report in order to enable additional information to be provided in relation to certain key matters. The full report to the meeting of the Leadership Board on 7 August will be available next week and will provide the requisite information sought.

2. Proposals

- 2.1 The Leadership Board will be invited on 7th August 2017 to consent to the making of Regulations under section 102E of the Local Transport Act 2007 by the Secretary of State to establish TfN as a Sub-National Transport Body.
- 2.2 TfN are carrying out further work to develop the required Regulations, but the final version of the Draft Regulations is not expected to be available before the meeting of the Leadership Board. As a result, the Leadership Board will be invited to delegate authority to the Head of Paid Service in consultation with others to consent to the participation of NECA in the Sub-National Transport Body, Transport for the North. Such consent if given will enable the relevant regulations to be laid before Parliament by the Secretary of State in a timely way and enable the creation of the new statutory body, to be created in the Spring of 2018.

3. Reasons for the Proposals

- 3.1 The proposals are being put forward to enable TfN to become a Sub-National Transport Body so as to improve transport in the North of England. Further information will be provided in the full report which is to be published as soon as possible.

4. Alternative Options Available

- 4.1 A full overview of options will be provided in the full report.

5. Next Steps and Timetable for Implementation

- 5.1 An overview of next steps and a timetable for implementation will be provided in the full report.

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6. Potential Impact on Objectives

6.1 An overview of the potential impact on objectives will be provided in the full report.

7. Financial and Other Resources Implications

7.1 An overview of financial and other resource implications will be provided in the full report.

8. Legal Implications

8.1 An overview of legal implications will be provided in the full report.

9. Key Risks

9.1 An overview of the key risks will be provided in the full report.

10. Equality and Diversity

10.1 An overview of the equality and diversity issues and impacts will be provided in the full report.

11. Crime and Disorder

11.1 An overview of the crime and disorder issues and implications will be provided in the full report.

12. Consultation/Engagement

12.1 Full details of consultation and engagement will be provided in the full report.

13. Other Impact of the Proposals

13.1 An overview of other impacts of the proposals outlined in the report will be provided in the full report.

14. Appendices

14.1 There are no appendices to this report.

15. Background Papers

15.1 Report to the Leadership Board on 18th July 2017.

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16. Contact Officers

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17. Glossary

TfN – Transport for the North
STB – Sub-national Transport Body