

North East Combined Authority

Leadership Board

19 April 2016

Meeting held: Sunderland Civic Centre, Burdon Road, Sunderland, SR2 7SN

Present:

Councillor S Henig (Chair)

Councillors N Forbes, M Henry, D Ledger, I Malcolm, B Pickard and P Watson and Ms G Hall

56 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor G Davey, Mayor N Redfearn and Mr Hodgson.

57 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

58 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 19 JANUARY 2016

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 January 2016 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

59 MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 24 MARCH 2016

The minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 24 March 2016 subject to the inclusion of Ms G Hall in the list of Members Present at the Meeting were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

60 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 progress of key developments within the Economic Development and Regeneration theme of the Combined Authority. The report was introduced by the Thematic Lead.

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 an update on progress of key developments within the Employability and Inclusion theme of the Combined Authority. The report was introduced by the Thematic Lead.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

(c) Transport

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 of key developments within the Transport theme of the Combined Authority. The report was introduced by the Thematic Lead.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

61 FINANCIAL UPDATE AND TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REVIEW

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

Members considered the report which:

- set out the latest position with regard to Capital Expenditure in 2015/16;
- provided an update on key elements of the capital programme for 2016/17 to 2018/19, including a revised Metro Asset renewal Programme;
- provided an update on revenue spending in 2015/16 and the carry-over of the devolution workstream budget agreed last year to fund continuing activity in 2016/17; and
- provided an annual review of the Treasury Management activity in 2015/16.

RESOLVED – That:

- i. The latest information about capital spending in 2015/16 set out in section 2.1 be noted and the revised spending profile for the Northern Access Corridor Phase 2 scheme, which would increase the level of spending in 2015/16 from £3.0m to £3.68m, as described in section 2.2, be approved;
- ii. The updated capital programme for 2016/17 in respect of the Metro Asset Renewal Programme set out in section 3 be agreed;
- iii. The latest information in relation to the revenue budget be noted and the carry-over of the balance of the £500,000 budget that had been established to fund devolution workstreams to fund activity in the new year, as set out in section 5.3, be agreed;

- iv. The underwriting of Mental Health Trailblazer costs by NECA as set out in section 5.4 be agreed; and
- v. The information about the Annual Review of Treasury Management Activity in 2015/16 be noted and the changes to the investment counterparties set out in section 6 be agreed.

62 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Friday, 13 May 2016 at 3pm at North Tyneside Council (extraordinary meeting)

Tuesday, 21 June 2016 at 2pm at Gateshead Council (annual meeting)

63 **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED – That by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting during the consideration of agenda items 9 and 10 (Implementing the North East JEREMIE 2 Fund and Tyne Pedestrian and Cyclist Tunnels: Tender Report) because exempt information was likely to be disclosed and the public interest test against the disclosure was satisfied.