

The North East Combined Authority is committed to open government and encouraging local people to have their say on the decisions that affect them, their families and community as a whole. The Combined Authority recognises that it is therefore important to provide as much information about these decisions as possible. One way in which we do this is by publishing a Forward Plan for decisions. To further assist with openness and transparency, our Cabinet meetings can be attended in person or viewed online [here](#). Cabinet papers can also be found [here](#).

Dates for 2024/25 Cabinet meetings are as follows (all commence at 2pm):

Date	Venue
07/05/24	Durham County Council (County Hall)
11/06/24	Gateshead Council (Civic Centre)
30/07/24	Newcastle City Council (Civic Centre)
17/09/24	North Tyneside Council (Quadrant, Cobalt Business Park)
26/11/24	Northumberland County Council (County Hall)
28/01/25	South Tyneside Council (Town Hall)
11/03/25	Sunderland City Council (City Hall)

The Forward Plan for the North East Combined Authority is published in accordance with the requirements of the Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2017 and the North East CA Constitution and gives 28 clear days' notice* of the decisions that are planned to be taken by the Cabinet or by a Chief Officer under delegation.

Decisions are either key or non-key. A key decision is defined as a decision which is likely to:

- a. Result in the Authority or the Mayor incurring significant expenditure, or the making of significant savings, having regard to the Authority's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or
- b. To be significant in terms of its effects on persons living or working in an area comprising two or more electoral wards or divisions in the Authority's area.

In relation to private meetings the reason an item is expected to be considered "in private" will be identified in accordance with the following exempt information categories, which are set out in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended):

1. Information relating to an individual.
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including to authority holding that information).
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under the authority.
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal and professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
6. Information which reveals that the authority proposes (a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or (b) to make an order or direction under any enactment.
7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

A non-key decision is a decision that is legally within the power of the Cabinet to make and can be taken by a Cabinet Member, a subcommittee of Cabinet or an Officer.

Contact Details

Unless otherwise indicated, if you require any further information or wish to make representations about any of the matters contained in the Forward Plan please contact the appropriate officer as detailed against each entry, at least 7 days before the meeting.

* The most recent entries are referred to as '**New**'. Updated entries are referred to as '**Update**'. Items withdrawn since the last publication are referred to as '**Withdrawn**' and following that will be removed altogether.

Decision Maker	Decision is expected to be made on the following date (or within 60 days of the date)	Public or Private	Details of the decision to be taken	Documents/additional documents for consideration	Contact Officer
Cabinet	11 June 2024	Public	Appointments to the North East Combined Authority Cabinet and other bodies To approve any proposed changes to appointments to Cabinet and Cabinet portfolios and appointments to committees and other bodies.		John Softly Monitoring Officer John.softly@newcastle.gov.uk
Cabinet	11 June 2024	Public	North East Combined Authority Senior Management Structure To approve the proposed senior management structure and associated recruitment processes. Deferred for further consultation.		Henry Kippin Chief Executive Henry.kippin@northeast-ca.gov.uk
Cabinet	11 June 2024	Public	Trailblazer - Deeper Devolution Deal To ratify the Deeper Devolution Deal, giving the North East Combined Authority more control over transport, housing and skills, with over £100m of new funding for investing in the North East's priorities.		Henry Kippin Chief Executive Henry.kippin@northeast-ca.gov.uk
Cabinet	11 June 2024	Public	North East Combined Authority – early priorities To approve the next steps and agree early investments on the North East Devolution Deal.		Henry Kippin Chief Executive Henry.kippin@northeast-ca.gov.uk
Cabinet	11 June 2024	Public (with some business/financial information exempt from publication)	Adult Education Budget To approve grant funding agreements and the award of contracts for services for the delivery of the Adult Education Programme from 1 August 2024.		Leigh Mills Head of Skills and Inclusion leigh.mills@northeast-ca.gov.uk
Cabinet	11 June 2024	Public	North East Combined Authority Equality Objectives To approve a set of interim objectives for the first 12 months, including a programme of engagement to develop a longer term set of objectives.		Henry Kippin Chief Executive Henry.kippin@northeast-ca.gov.uk
Cabinet	11 June 2024	Public	Initial Transport Programme, Partnerships and Investments To note the report and agree any recommendations.		Tobyn Hughes Director of Transport Tobyn.hughes@northeast-ca.gov.uk
Cabinet	11 June 2024	Public	North East Combined Authority Borrowing Powers To consent to the making of regulations by central government to give NECA statutory borrowing powers in respect of its non-transport related functions.		Janice Gillespie Director of Finance and Investment Janice.gillespie@northeast-ca.gov.uk
Cabinet	11 June 2024	Public	Former NECA Statement of Accounts 2022-23 To approve the final 2022-23 Statement of Accounts and associated documents for the former NECA (pre 7 May 2024).		Janice Gillespie Director of Finance and Investment Janice.gillespie@northeast-ca.gov.uk