

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 (as amended) and the North East CA Constitution and gives 28 clear days' notice* of the key 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.

The Forward Plan also gives notice of non-key decisions that are planned to be taken by Cabinet. 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.

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.

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	Title and text to appear on the website	Documents/ additional documents for consideration	Contact Officer
Cabinet	26/11/2024	Public	North East Environment Stewardship, Coast, and Rural Growth Investment Plan This report will seek approval of the draft North East Environmental Stewardship, Coast, and Rural Growth Investment Plan and request in-principle approval of funding.		Janice Rose North East CA Rural Advisor janice.rose01@northumberland.gov.uk
Cabinet	26/11/2024	Public	North East Investment Zone – Wave 1 Projects This report will provide an update on the Investment Zone project pipeline and request approval of funding.		Rob Hamilton Interim Strategic Leader for Economic Growth and Regeneration Rob.hamilton@northeast-ca.gov.uk
Cabinet	26/11/2024	Public	Devolved Adult Skills Fund & Skills Bootcamps - update on progress This report will provide an update on the mobilisation of the Authority's Devolved Adult Skills Fund and Skills Bootcamps and request approval of funding proposals.		Adrian Dougherty Interim Strategic Leader for Skills, Inclusion and Public Service Reform Adrian.dougherty@northeast-ca.gov.uk
Cabinet	26/11/2024	Public	DWP Supported Employment Programme This report will seek approval to receive investment from the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) to deliver a new Supported Employment Programme.		Adrian Dougherty Interim Strategic Leader for Skills, Inclusion and Public Service Reform Adrian.dougherty@northeast-ca.gov.uk
Cabinet	26/11/2024	Public	Early Delivery Priorities for Culture, Creative, Tourism and Sport in the North East The report sets out the first steps for the Combined Authority in developing a strategic approach to regional visitor economy, events and place promotion which is impactful, sustainable, and inclusive; including allocation of funding for early priorities.		Rob Hamilton Interim Strategic Leader for Economic Growth and Regeneration Rob.hamilton@northeast-ca.gov.uk
Cabinet	26/11/2024	Public	2025-26 Budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan and Corporate Plan The report will set out the initial draft budget for 2025/26 and Medium-Term Financial Plan and draft Corporate plan for consultation.		Janice Gillespie Director of Finance and Investment Janice.gillespie@northeast-ca.gov.uk and Jackie Laughton Director of Operations Jacqueline.laughton@northeast-ca.gov.uk
Cabinet	26/11/2024	Public	2024/25 Budget Monitoring Position after Quarter 2 This report will set out a review of the 2024/25 budget.		Janice Gillespie Director of Finance and Investment Janice.gillespie@northeast-ca.gov.uk
Cabinet	26/11/2024	Public	Governance Update This report will provide an update on Cabinet portfolios and advisory boards and will recommend an appointment to the Nexus Board.		John Softly Monitoring Officer John.softly@northeast-ca.gov.uk
Cabinet	26/11/2024	Public	Bus Reform – Procurement of Specialist Support This report will seek delegated authority to procure and award contracts for specialist support associated with the region's bus Franchising Scheme Assessment.		Tobyn Hughes Director of Transport Tobyn.hughes@northeast-ca.gov.uk