

North East Combined Authority

North East Leadership Board (NELB)

15 April 2014

(2.30pm - 2.40 pm)

Meeting held Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham, DH1 5UL

Present:

Councillor Henig (Chair)

Councillors Davey, Gannon, Malcolm, McCarty and Trueman, and Mayor Redfearn

In attendance:

J Robinson	Gateshead Council
V Geary	North Tyneside Council
S Tognarelli	Sunderland City Council
P Ritchie	Newcastle City Council
P Melia	North Tyneside Council
I Thompson	Durham County Council
D Cramond	South Tyneside Council
J Barton	North Tyneside Council
L Kerr	North Tyneside Council
C Winter	7 North Eastern Local Authorities
J Howard	7 North Eastern Local Authorities
V Miller	Democratic Services

1 MEMBERSHIP OF NELB

J Robinson opened the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Forbes, Henry and Watson, and also from the North East Local Enterprise Partnership (NELEP).

V Geary then listed the nominations that had been received for the North East Combined Authority, North East Leadership Board, as follows, and invited members to confirm these:

Durham:

Member: Councillor Henig

Substitute Member: Councillor Napier

Gateshead:

Member: Councillor Henry
Substitute Member: Councillor Gannon

Newcastle:

Member: Councillor Forbes
Substitute Member: Councillor McCarty

North Tyneside:

Member: Mayor Redfearn
Substitute Member: Councillor B Pickard

Northumberland:

Member: Councillor Davey
Substitute Member: Councillor Ledger

South Tyneside:

Member: Councillor Malcolm
Substitute Member: Councillor Kerr

Sunderland:

Member: Councillor Watson
Substitute Member: Councillor Trueman

NELEP:

A nomination was awaited.

RESOLVED – That:

- (i) the membership of the North East Combined Authority, North East Leadership Board, for the Municipal Year 2014/15 as listed above, with the exception of the NELEP nomination which was awaited, be confirmed;
- (ii) Councillor Henig be appointed as Chair of the North East Combined Authority, North East Leadership Board, for the Municipal Year 2014/15; and
- (iii) Mayor Redfearn and Councillor Henry be appointed as Vice-Chairs of the North East Combined Authority, North East Leadership Board, for the Municipal Year 2014/15.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 APPOINTMENT OF STATUTORY OFFICERS

Submitted: A report of the Head of Law and Governance, North Tyneside Council (previously circulated and copy attached to Official Minutes).

Members considered the report which invited them to agree the appointment and designation of nominated individuals to undertake the roles of Statutory Chief Officers for the Combined Authority. The report was introduced by V Geary.

RESOLVED – That:

- a) Jane Robinson, the Chief Executive of Gateshead Council be designated as Head of Paid Service of the North East Combined Authority for an interim period of up to 6 months;
- b) Vivienne Geary, Head of Law and Governance at North Tyneside Council be appointed as Monitoring Officer of the North East Combined Authority for an interim period of up to one year with a review of the arrangement after a period of 6 months;
- c) Sonia Tognarelli, Head of Financial Resources at Sunderland City Council be appointed as Chief Finance Officer of the North East Combined Authority for an interim period pending the conclusion of a recruitment of a Chief Finance Officer for a longer term; and
- d) the office of Monitoring Officer be designated for the time being as the principal office for the North East Combined Authority.

4 DELEGATION OF TRANSPORT FUNCTIONS TO COUNTY COUNCILS

Submitted: A report of the Head of Law and Governance, North Tyneside Council (previously circulated and copy attached to Official Minutes).

Members considered the report which invited them to agree the delegation of specific transport functions from the North East Leadership Board to the County Council of Durham and Northumberland County Council. The report was introduced by V Geary.

RESOLVED – That the delegation of the Transport Functions, as identified in Appendix 1 of the report, to the County Council of Durham and Northumberland County Council be agreed.

5 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 29 April 2014 at 2pm at Gateshead Civic Centre.