

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)
18/03/25	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 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 decision to be taken	Documents/ additional documents for consideration	Contact Officer
Cabinet	18/03/25	Public	<p><b>The Mayor's Local Transport Plan and transport investments</b></p> <p>The report asks Cabinet to endorse the Mayor's publication of the Local Transport Plan (LTP), which has been finalised following extensive public consultation along with the LTP Delivery Plan.</p> <p>To update on funding secured to deliver the LTP, in line with the Government's commitments under the North East Devolution Deal.</p> <p>To seek approval for various activities to continue delivery of the transport the transport programme as outlined in the LTP and its Delivery Plan.</p>		Philip Meikle, Assistant Director of Transport Strategy <a href="mailto:Philip.meikle@northeast-ca.gov.uk">Philip.meikle@northeast-ca.gov.uk</a>
Cabinet	18/03/25	Public	<p><b>The North East CA Strategic Risk Review (6 monthly update)</b></p> <p>To review of the North East CA Strategic Risks</p>		Chrisi Page, Head of Investment Programmes <a href="mailto:Chrisi.page@northeast-ca.gov.uk">Chrisi.page@northeast-ca.gov.uk</a>
Cabinet	18/03/25	Public	<p><b>Adult Skills</b></p> <p>To receive an update on adult skills investment and to seek approval for the proposed approach to funding for 2025-26.</p>		Leigh Mills, Head of Skills and Inclusion <a href="mailto:Leigh.Mills@northeast-ca.gov.uk">Leigh.Mills@northeast-ca.gov.uk</a>
Cabinet	18/03/25	Private	<p><b>Town Centre and High Street Transformation</b></p>		Rob Hamilton, Interim Strategic Lead for Economic Growth and Regeneration <a href="mailto:Rob.hamilton@northeast-ca.gov.uk">Rob.hamilton@northeast-ca.gov.uk</a>
Cabinet	18/03/25	Public	<p><b>Interim North East Local Growth Plan</b></p> <p>To receive an Interim Draft of the North East Local Growth Plan.</p>		Rob Hamilton, Interim Strategic Lead for Economic Growth and Regeneration <a href="mailto:Rob.hamilton@northeast-ca.gov.uk">Rob.hamilton@northeast-ca.gov.uk</a>
Cabinet	18/03/25	Public	<p><b>Delivering our Ambition for the regional visitor economy</b></p> <p>To receive proposals for a regional approach to visitor economy</p>		Rob Hamilton, Interim Strategic Lead for Economic Growth and Regeneration <a href="mailto:Rob.hamilton@northeast-ca.gov.uk">Rob.hamilton@northeast-ca.gov.uk</a>
Cabinet	18/03/25	Public	<p><b>Unlocking Finance for North East Businesses to start and to grow</b></p> <p>To agree arrangements for the award of NECA funds for delivery of Successor to the North East Fund and a co-invested university commercialisation and spinout fund, supporting growth of North East Businesses through loan and equity investment.</p>		Mark Stamper Head of Economic Delivery, <a href="mailto:Mark.Stamper@northeast-ca.gov.uk">Mark.Stamper@northeast-ca.gov.uk</a>
Cabinet	18/03/25	Public	<p><b>North East Combined Authority Excellence in Education Programme</b></p> <p>To present a new Excellence in Education Programme, which demonstrably delivers on the North East CA's Mission 1: Home of Real Opportunity.</p>		Adrian Dougherty, Interim Strategic Leader for Skills, Inclusion and Public Service Reform <a href="mailto:Adrian.Dougherty@northeast-ca.gov.uk">Adrian.Dougherty@northeast-ca.gov.uk</a>
Cabinet	18/03/25	Public	<p><b>Programme Delivery Update</b></p> <p>To update on forecast financial delivery of programmed works in 2024/25</p>		Mags Scott, Director of Finance and Investment <a href="mailto:Mags.scott@northeast-ca.gov.uk">Mags.scott@northeast-ca.gov.uk</a> Eleanor Goodman, Head of Finance

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