

Decision Title:

Bus Service Improvement Plan – Bus Fare Cap

Is this decision Key or Non-key?

Non-Key

If the decision is Key, has the decision been published on the Forward Plan?

N/A

Is this decision subject to Call-in?

No

Decision:**Option 1: Non-confidential decision:**

The Chief Executive is recommended to:
To approve and publish the updated Capped Fare Scheme.

Delegation:

The BSIP Programme fund allocations were approved by the Joint Transport Committee in June 2022. This programme of spend had previously been set out and agreed by the Joint Transport Committee on 19 March 2024 (Decision Notice Item 8 (ii)).

On 7 May 2024, the North East Combined Authority (North East CA) Cabinet agreed that ‘the formal decisions which the former North East Combined Authority and the former North of Tyne Combined Authority made be treated as decisions of the Authority.’ (Cabinet meeting 7 May 2024, Minute no C6/5/24 (4)).

On 10 December 2024, the North East Combined Authority (North East CA) Cabinet agreed at an extra-ordinary meeting to use additional Bus Service Improvement Plan funding to cap bus fares at £2.50 for the duration of 2025. This approval included the delegation ‘To approve and publish the updated Capped Fare Scheme’. (Extraordinary Cabinet Meeting 10 December 2024, Minute no C56/12/24).

Decisions are now being taken in line with that delegation.

Consultation:

Cabinet Member:	Yes
Monitoring Officer:	Yes
Director of Finance and Investment:	Yes

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Date of signing 08/04/2025.....