

**23 September 2025**

## Decision Notice

In accordance with the requirements of the Authority's Constitution, notice is given that Cabinet, at its meeting held on 23 September 2025, made the decisions set out below.

These decisions will come into force, and may then be implemented, on the expiry of 5 working days after the publication of this notice ("the call-in period"), unless a valid request for call-in is received during the call-in period.

This decision notice was published on Wednesday 24 September 2025. The call-in period will expire at 5pm on Wednesday 1 October 2025.

Further information regarding the Cabinet and its decisions can be obtained from the Authority's website [www.northeast-ca.gov.uk](http://www.northeast-ca.gov.uk) or from Paul Wheeler email: [paul.wheeler@northeast-ca.gov.uk](mailto:paul.wheeler@northeast-ca.gov.uk).

Reference and Title	Decision
C31/09/25 <b>Delivering the Mayor's Local Transport Plan</b>	<p><b>Resolved to:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approve the capital investments set out below, enabling the payment of funding and the completion of Grant Funding Agreements with respective Local Authorities: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) £10.9 million of City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement capital funding for the Northumberland Park Interchange scheme, as outlined in Section 2.1 of the report.</li> <li>b) £5.55 million of Consolidated Active Travel Fund (CATF) capital funding, as outlined in Section 2.2 of the report.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Approve the revenue investments set out below, and authorise the Director of Transport to undertake associated procurement activity and award contracts in accordance with the Authority's Commissioning and Procurement rules: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) £150k of City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement capacity funding for the procurement of a study which identifies investment priorities to improve the safety of women and girls travelling on the North East's transport network.</li> <li>b) £150k of City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement capacity funding to procure a supplier to undertake an accessibility review of the region's transport network and identify priorities for investment.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Agree to allocate of £23 million of City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) to sustainable transport schemes in County Durham as outlined in Section 2.4 of the report, subject to the agreement of the Department for Transport.</li> </ol>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Approve the extension of the existing Capped Fare Scheme on buses until 31 March 2026 and allocate £8.69m of North East Combined Authority (North East CA) reserves to fund this extension.</li> <li>5. Agree to commence procurement activity and delegate authority to the Chief Executive to award contract to install Electric Vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure, funded by the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement, at sites in Gateshead and North Tyneside.</li> <li>6. Approve the creation of a multi-year framework contract, with a total value of £1.1 million, for the provision of assurance services for transport business cases, following a procurement process conducted in accordance with the Authority's Commissioning and Procurement rules, and delegate authority to the Director of Transport to appoint the providers to the framework contract and to approve commissions within the scope and terms of the framework contract.</li> </ol>
<p>C32/09/25</p> <p><b>Regeneration and development of the central areas of Newcastle and Gateshead</b></p>	<p><b>Resolved to:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Endorse the North East CA engaging with Newcastle City Council and Gateshead Council as joint partners, with a view to working with wider public sector partners, in jointly developing the Newcastle-Gateshead Mayoral Development Zone strategy and potential delivery vehicle(s), including defining the benefits afforded by a Mayoral Development Zone or Corporation.</li> <li>2. Agree that the Mayor, on behalf of the North East CA, work with respective Council Leaders, HM Government, Homes England and other partners and investors locally, regionally and nationally, to facilitate the bringing forward of regeneration and the attraction of investment to the Newcastle-Gateshead Mayoral Development Zone.</li> <li>3. Approve the investment of up to £300,000 from the North East CA Investment Fund as a contribution to the cost of developing the strategy, including the procurement and appointment of a multi-disciplinary team of expert advisers.</li> <li>4. Delegate to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Mayor, and the leaders and Chief Executives of Newcastle and Gateshead councils, all decisions related to the procurement and appointment of advisers, and the establishment of a strategic regeneration board as described in the report.</li> <li>5. Note that any future investment by the North East CA related to the sites within the proposed Mayoral Development Zone or Corporation will be treated in the usual way through the North East CA Single Assurance Framework and in line with the North East CA's constitution.</li> </ol>

<p>C33/09/25  <b>The North East CA Strategic Risk Review (6 monthly update)</b></p>	<p><b>Resolved to:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review, comment upon and agree the current strategic risks, scoring and proposed management actions at Appendix A of the report.</li> <li>2. Consider any potential new and emerging risks for inclusion within the strategic risk register.</li> </ol>
<p>C34/09/25  <b>Budget Monitoring Update 2025-26 Quarter 1</b></p>	<p><b>Resolved to:</b></p> <p>Note the revised forecast spend against budget for 2025/26 at the end of June 2025.</p>
<p>C35/09/25  <b>Portfolio Advisory Boards Update</b></p>	<p><b>Resolved to:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Note the arrangements as to the Portfolio Advisory Boards set out in the report; and</li> <li>2. Agree to invite Clare Williams as an observer at Cabinet on behalf of trade unions in the region.</li> </ol>
<p>C37/09/25  <b>FIFA Women's World Cup 2035™</b></p>	<p><b>Resolved to agree the recommendations in the report</b></p>