



North East Combined Authority, Governance Committee

Friday 11th December, 2015 at 2.00 pm

Meeting to be held: Gateshead Council, Civic Centre, Regent Terrace, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear NE8 1HH

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Date: 11 December 2015

Subject: Tyne and Wear Quality Contracts Scheme

Report of: Managing Director (Transport Operations), Nexus

Executive Summary

At the request of the Chair, in consultation with the Monitoring Officer, this report provides the Governance Committee with documentation related to the proposed Quality Contracts Scheme (QCS) for Tyne and Wear that has previously been presented to the North East Leadership Board.

Recommendations

The Governance Committee is invited to review the documentation considered by the North East Leadership Board (NELB) during development of the QCS.

1 Background Information

- 1.1 On 21 October 2014 the North East Leadership Board received a report from the Lead Chief Executive for Transport and the Director General of Nexus that examined options to deliver the Bus Strategy for Tyne and Wear and sought approval to refer the proposed Quality Contracts Scheme (QCS) to the QCS Board, the next stage in the legislative process to make the QCS. The minutes of this meeting can be found at
http://www.northeastca.gov.uk/sites/default/files/minutes_document/Draft%20Minutes%20-%2021%20October%202014%20-%20North%20East%20Leadership%20Board.pdf
- 1.2 The report of the Lead Chief Executive for Transport presented to the NELB on 21st October 2014 can be found at
<http://www.nexus.org.uk/sites/default/files/NELBQCSreportJRS13Octfinalpw.pdf>

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1.3 The Lead Chief Executive for Transport's report on 21st October 2014 was accompanied by a further report from the Director General of Nexus can be found at <http://www.nexus.org.uk/sites/default/files/Nexus%20Report%20to%20the%20NECA%20%28NELB%29.pdf>

1.4 On 17th November 2015 the NELB received a further report from the Lead Chief Executive for Transport and Managing Director for Transport Operations that set out the QCS Board's opinion regarding the QCS for Tyne and Wear. The report can be found at http://www.northeastca.gov.uk/sites/default/files/minutes_document/Leadership%20Board%2017%20November%202015%2C%20Supplemental%20Agenda%20Pack%20No.1.pdf

2 Next Steps

2.1 On 17 November 2015 the NECA Leadership Board instructed Nexus to review the options for delivering the objectives of the Bus Strategy.

3 Potential Impact on Objectives

3.1 None arising directly as a consequence of this report.

4 Finance and Other Resources

4.1 None arising directly as a consequence of this report.

5 Legal

5.1 None arising directly as a consequence of this report.

6 Other Considerations

6.1 Consultation/Community Engagement

None arising directly as a consequence of this report.

6.2 Human Rights

None arising directly as a consequence of this report.

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6.3 Equalities and Diversity

None arising directly as a consequence of this report.

6.4 Risk Management

None arising directly as a consequence of this report.

6.5 Crime and Disorder

None arising directly as a consequence of this report.

6.6 Environment and Sustainability

None arising directly as a consequence of this report.

7 Background Documents

7.1 The report of the Lead Chief Executive for Transport dated 21st October 2014 had two annexes, which can be accessed using the web links below:

- Annex 2 Part 1 relates to legal advice on consultation and process - <http://www.nexus.org.uk/sites/default/files/Final%20Nexus%20Procedure%20and%20Consultation%20Advice%20141003.pdf>
- Annex 2 Part 2 relates to legal advice on the public interest test and proportionality - <http://www.nexus.org.uk/sites/default/files/Final%20Nexus%20Proportionality%20Advice%20141003.pdf>

7.2 The report of the Director General of Nexus dated 21st October 2014 had six appendices, which can be accessed using the web links below:

- Appendix A: Voluntary Partnership Agreement - http://www.nexus.org.uk/sites/default/files/Appendix%20A%20-%20Voluntary%20Partnership%20Agreement_1.pdf
- Appendix B: Quality Contracts Scheme - http://www.nexus.org.uk/sites/default/files/Appendix%20B%20-%20Quality%20Contracts%20Scheme_1.pdf
- Appendix C: QCS Public Interest Test Report - <http://www.nexus.org.uk/sites/default/files/Appendix%20C%20-%20QCS%20Public%20Interest%20Test%20Report%20PUBLIC.pdf>
- Appendix D: Cross Boundary Bus Collaboration Protocol - http://www.nexus.org.uk/sites/default/files/Appendix%20D%20-%20Cross%20Boundary%20Bus%20Collaboration%20Protocol_1.pdf

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- Appendix E: QCS Affordability Analysis - <http://www.nexus.org.uk/sites/default/files/Appendix%20E%20-%20QCS%20Affordability%20Analysis.pdf>
- Appendix F: BSDP Consultation Report - <http://www.nexus.org.uk/sites/default/files/Appendix%20F%20-%20BSDP%20Consultation%20Report.pdf>

8 Links to the Local Transport Plans

- 8.1 The Bus Strategy for Tyne and Wear is a daughter document to the Local Transport Plan for Tyne and Wear.

9 Appendices

- 9.1 The appendices to the report are included as links in the main body.

10 Contact Officers

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11 Sign off

- Head of Paid Service ✓
- Monitoring Officer ✓
- Chief Finance Officer ✓

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12 Glossary

QCS – Quality Contracts Scheme
VPA – Voluntary Partnership Agreement