

## North East Joint Transport Committee

Date 15 November 2022

### Decisions – Notification

**Please Note:** In accordance with the Constitution of the Combined Authority, key decisions will not be implemented pending any call-in.

**Date of Publication:** 17 November 2022

A request for a call-in must be received by the Monitoring Officer ([mikebarker@gateshead.gov.uk](mailto:mikebarker@gateshead.gov.uk)) by 5pm on 25 November 2022

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1. Apologies for Absence	Apologies were received from Councillor Martin Gannon, Councillor Nick Kemp and Councillor Graeme Miller	Emma Reynard <a href="mailto:emmareynard@gateshead.gov.uk">emmareynard@gateshead.gov.uk</a>
2. Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations of interest.	
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2022	<b>RESOLVED:</b> The minutes were agreed as a correct record.	Emma Reynard <a href="mailto:emmareynard@gateshead.gov.uk">emmareynard@gateshead.gov.uk</a>

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4. Notes of the inquorate meeting held on 18 October 2022	The North East Joint Transport Committee agreed the notes of the meeting as a correct record.	Emma Reynard <a href="mailto:emmareynard@gateshead.gov.uk">emmareynard@gateshead.gov.uk</a>
5. North East Enhanced Bus Partnership	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The North East Joint Transport Committee:</p> <p>(i) agreed the draft Enhanced Partnership Plan and Scheme to be presented to bus operators for the objection period and for statutory consultation;</p> <p>(ii) agreed to delegate authority to the Managing Director, Transport North East, in consultation the Chair of the Joint Transport Committee and the Monitoring Officer, to make amendments to the plan and scheme following the operator objection period and prior to the statutory consultation.</p>	Philip Meikle <a href="mailto:philip.meikle@transportnortheast.gov.uk">philip.meikle@transportnortheast.gov.uk</a> Heather Jones <a href="mailto:heather.jones@transportnortheast.gov.uk">heather.jones@transportnortheast.gov.uk</a>
6. Forecast of Capital Outturn 2022/23 – Period to 30 September 2022	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The North East Joint Transport Committee:</p> <p>(i) Noted the updated forecast capital outturn for 2022/23;</p>	Paul Darby <a href="mailto:Paul.darby@durham.gov.uk">Paul.darby@durham.gov.uk</a>

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	(ii) Agreed the five-thousand-pound increase in the budget for the Tyne Pedestrian and Cycle Tunnels refurbishment project, as set out in section 2.38, to be funded by Tyne Tunnel reserves; and  (iii) Noted the assumptions being applied in the development of the 2023/24 capital programme.	Eleanor Goodman <a href="mailto:Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk">Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk</a>
7. Revenue Budget Proposals 2023/24 and Updated Forecast of Outturn 2022/23	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The North East Joint Transport Committee:</p> (i) Received the report for information and comment; (ii) Noted the updated forecast of outturn for the 2022/23 Transport Budgets, as set out in the report; (iii) Considered the budget assumptions/proposals set out in the report, forming the basis of consultation on the 2023/24 Transport budget; (iv) Noted that the budget proposals for Transport will be subject to a consultation process including	Paul Darby <a href="mailto:Paul.darby@durham.gov.uk">Paul.darby@durham.gov.uk</a>  Eleanor Goodman <a href="mailto:Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk">Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk</a>

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	<p>reports to the JTC Overview and Scrutiny Committee, relevant officer groups and the Leadership Board of NECA and the NTCA Cabinet;</p> <p>(v) Noted the intention to approve the budget and agree the Transport levies at the meeting of the Joint Transport Committee on 17 January 2023.</p>	
<p>8. South of Tyne and Wearside Loop Strategic Outline Case</p>	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The North East Joint Transport Committee:</p> <p>(i) Noted the Executive Summary of the draft Strategic Outline Case (SOC) as set out in Appendix 1;</p> <p>(ii) Approved the preferred option, as outlined in the draft SOC, to be taken forward to the Outline Business Case (OBC) stage;</p> <p>(iii) Authorised Transport North East to work with the government and other relevant bodies to identify sources of funding for both the OBC and for the full scheme;</p>	<p>Derek Gittins  <a href="mailto:Derek.gittins@transportnortheast.gov.uk">Derek.gittins@transportnortheast.gov.uk</a></p>

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	<p>(iv) Noted that future references to the preferred option will use the name ‘Washington Metro Loop’; and</p> <p>(v) Noted that at this stage it is assumed that Nexus will be the body tasked with developing the OBC.</p>	
9. Consultation Principles	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The North East Joint Transport Committee approved the Transport North East Consultation Principles subject to amendments requested by the Committee to principles relating to the geography of the region and the inclusion of disaffected groups.</p>	<p>Rachelle Forsyth-Ward  <a href="mailto:rachelle.forsythward@transportnorth-east.gov.uk">rachelle.forsythward@transportnorth-east.gov.uk</a></p>
10. Transforming Cities Fund Tranche 2 – Grant Funding Agreements	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The North East Joint Transport Committee:</p> <p>(i) Delegated authority to the Managing Director, Transport, following consultation with the Section 73 Officer and Monitoring Officer, to approve the Park and Ride Expansion scheme and release the associated £2,295,000 of funds from the TCF</p>	<p>Jonathan Bailes  <a href="mailto:Jonathan.bailes@transportnortheast.gov.uk">Jonathan.bailes@transportnortheast.gov.uk</a></p>

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	<p>Devolved Pot to enable the project to commence, subject to successful appraisal in line with the Transport Assurance Framework.</p> <p>(ii) Instructed officers to prepare and sign a Grant Funding Agreement with Durham County Council for the delivery of the Park and Ride Expansion scheme following successful appraisal.</p>	
11. Transport Plan Progress Report	<b>RESOLVED:</b> The North East Joint Transport Committee noted the report.	Tobyn Hughes <a href="mailto:Tobyn.hughes@transportnortheast.gov.uk">Tobyn.hughes@transportnortheast.gov.uk</a>
12. Bus Service Improvement Plan Review	<b>RESOLVED:</b> The North East Joint Transport Committee agreed the changes to the Bus Service Improvement Plan for publication.	Heather Jones <a href="mailto:Heather.jones@transportnortheast.gov.uk">Heather.jones@transportnortheast.gov.uk</a>
13. Making the Right Travel Choice Strategy	<b>RESOLVED:</b> The North East Joint Transport Committee: <p>(i) Noted the responses to the consultation as outlined in the report and in Appendix 1; and</p>	Rachelle Forsyth-Ward <a href="mailto:rachelle.forsythward@transportnortheast.gov.uk">rachelle.forsythward@transportnortheast.gov.uk</a>

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	(ii) Formally adopted the North East Making the Right Travel Choice Strategy set out in Appendix 2, as one of the suite of strategies expanding on the North East Transport Plan.	