

North East Joint Transport Committee

Date: 15 June 2021

Decisions – Notification

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

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A request for a call-in must be received by the Monitoring Officer (Transport) by 5pm on 24 June 2021.

Item	Decision / Information	Contact Officer
1. Appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair for the Municipal Year 2021/22	<p>RESOLVED: The North East Joint Transport Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Appointed Councillor M Gannon as Chair for the municipal year 2021/22; and (ii) Appointed Councillor C Johnson as Vice Chair for the municipal year 2021/22. 	<p>Mike Barker mikebarker@gateshead.gov.uk</p>
2. Apologies for Absence	<p>Apologies were received from Councillor T Dixon and Councillor N Forbes</p>	<p>Emma Reynard emmareynard@gateshead.gov.uk</p>

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3. Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations of interest.	
4. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 March 2021	RESOLVED: The minutes were agreed as a correct record.	Emma Reynard emmareynard@gateshead.gov.uk
5. Appointment of JTC Committees	RESOLVED: The North East Joint Transport Committee: (i) Agreed the appointment of committee members and sub-committee members for the municipal year 2021/22 as set out in Appendix A of the report; (ii) Agreed the re-appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair for the JTC Audit Committee for one year; (iii) Agreed the reappointment of the Chair and Vice Chair for the JTC Overview and Scrutiny Committee for one year; (iv) Agreed the appointment of Councillor C Johnson as Chair and Councillor J McElroy as Vice Chair of the Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee for the municipal year 2021/22; and	Mike Barker mikebarker@gateshead.gov.uk

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	(v) Agreed to delegate any changes to membership necessary to accommodate political balance, or appointments to any outstanding vacancies, on any of the Joint Transport Committees to the Lead Chief Executive (Transport) following consultation with the Chair of the JTC to comply with the relevant legislation and ensure any vacancies can be filled as soon as possible.	
6. Programme of Committee Meetings for the 2021/22 Municipal Year	RESOLVED: The North East Joint Transport Committee agreed the proposed programme of committee meetings as set out in Appendix A of the report.	Tobyn Hughes Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk
7. Transport North East – Transport Plan Progress Update	RESOLVED: The North East Joint Transport Committee noted the report.	Tobyn Hughes Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk
8. Active Travel Fund Update	RESOLVED: The North East Joint Transport Committee: (i) Noted the progress being made to deliver the Go Smarter, Go Active Campaign; (ii) Noted the proposals for spending the Active Travel Capability Funding indicative allocation have been submitted to the Department for Transport; and (iii) Agreed to the principle of establishing an Active Travel Partnership	Rachelle Forsyth-Ward Rachelle.forsythward@transportnortheast.gov.uk

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9. Bus Partnerships	<p>RESOLVED: The North East Joint Transport Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Agreed to confirm to Government their commitment to developing an Enhanced Partnership in line with the National Bus Strategy requirements; (ii) Agreed to issue formal notice of intent to prepare an Enhanced Partnership Plan and Schemes to bus operators and to begin consultation with local bus operators in order to pursue it; and (iii) Noted the requirement for local authorities as statutory highway authorities for the area to commit to be part of the partnership program. 	<p>Tobyn Hughes Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk</p>
10. Bus Partnerships Project Resources	<p>RESOLVED: The North East Joint Transport Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Agreed to establish a project team to deliver an Enhanced Partnership; (ii) Agreed a gross budget of £1.684m (inclusive of 20% contingencies) to deliver the project, with LA7 authorities providing a contribution of up to £844k in the amounts set out in paragraph 2.4 of the report. 	<p>Philip Meikle Philip.meikle@transportnortheast.gov.uk</p> <p>Eleanor Goodman Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk</p>

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11. Exclusion of the Press and Public	RESOLVED: The North East Joint Transport Committee agreed to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of item 12 by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.	
12. Enhanced Bus Partnerships Project Board	RESOLVED: The North East Joint Transport Committee agreed the recommendations set out in the report.	Philip Meikle Philip.meikle@transportnortheast.gov.uk Eleanor Goodman Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk