

North East Joint Transport Committee

Date: 17 November 2020

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 by 5pm on 24 November 2020.

Item	Decision / Information	Contact Officer
1. Apologies for Absence	Apologies were received from Cllr I Malcolm and Mayor N Redfearn.	Emma Reynard emmareynard@gateshead.gov.uk
2. Declarations of Interest	None	
3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 October 2020.	RESOLVED: The minutes were agreed as a correct record.	Emma Reynard emmareynard@gateshead.gov.uk

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4. North East Transport Plan – Approval to Consult	<p>RESOLVED: The North East Joint Transport Committee agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • progress the draft North East Transport Plan to public consultation; and • grant delegated authority to the Proper Officer for Transport to agree, following consultation with the Chair, any technical or minor amendments to the Transport Plan and Integrated Sustainability Assessment prior to and during consultation. 	<p>Rachelle Forsyth-Ward Rachelle.forsyth-ward@transportnortheast.gov.uk</p>
5. Transport North East – Regional Transport Update	<p>RESOLVED: The North East Joint Transport Committee noted the report.</p>	<p>Simon Jobe simon.jobe@northeastca.gov.uk</p> <p>Tobyn Hughes Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk</p>
6. Capital Budget Monitoring 2020-21	<p>RESOLVED: The North East Joint Transport Committee noted the report and agreed the updated revised capital programme for 2020-21 which has been adjusted to reflect reprofiling of schemes across years and additional funding received since the revised programme was agreed in July.</p>	<p>Eleanor Goodman Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk</p> <p>Patsy O'Reagan Patsy.oreagan@northeastca.gov.uk</p>

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7. Revenue Budget Proposals 2021-22 and Updated Forecast Outturn 2020-21	<p>RESOLVED: The North East Joint Transport Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Received the report for consideration and comment; (ii) Noted the updated projected outturn position for the 2020/21 Transport budget, as set out in the report; (iii) Considered the following budget assumptions/ proposals and agreed to these forming the basis of consultation on the 2021/22 Transport Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) That the 2021/22 Transport Levy for Tyne and Wear is indicatively to be set at £61.1m, which represents a cash freeze compared with the current year; b) That the revenue grant to Nexus for 2020/21 is indicatively proposed to be set at £59.0m, which is a cash freeze compared with the current year total; 	<p>Eleanor Goodman Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk</p> <p>Patsy O'Reagan Patsy.oreagan@northeastca.gov.uk</p>

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	<p>c) That the JTC consider the redistribution of £1.2m of earmarked reserves held on behalf of Nexus by NECA to the Tyne and Wear authorities proportionate to their shares of the 2021/22 Transport Levy for Tyne and Wear;</p> <p>d) That contributions of £500,000 to the Transport Strategy Unit are top sliced from Local Transport Plan Integrated Transport Block grant received by the JTC in 2021/22;</p> <p>e) That the JTC Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee give consideration to increasing the Tyne Tunnels Tolls for Class 2 vehicles next year, in line with the concession contract and the agreed approach to the funding of the Tyne Tunnels. (Note: The final decision to increase the Tyne Tunnel Tolls will be taken by the JTC Tyne and Wear Sub Committee in January 2021).</p> <p>(iv) Noted that the budget proposals for Transport will be subject to a consultation process including reports to the Joint Transport Committee Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Joint Transport</p>	

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	Committee Audit Committee, relevant officer groups and the Leadership Board of NECA and the NTCA Cabinet; and (v) Noted the intention to approve the budget and agree the Transport Levies at the meeting of the JTC on 19 January 2021, after considering any comments received on the proposals and decisions reached by the Tyne and Wear Sub Committee in January 2021.	
8. Exclusion of the Press and Public	RESOLVED: The North East Joint Transport Committee agreed to exclude the press and public during consideration of item 9 by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972	
9. Minutes of the confidential meeting held on 20 October 2020	RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting were agreed as a correct record.	Emma Reynard emmareynard@gateshead.gov.uk