



North East Combined Authority

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Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Thursday 17 December 2020 at 2.00pm

Meeting to be held virtually via Microsoft Teams

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25 March 2021 at 2.00pm

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North East Combined Authority, Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Thursday 1 October 2020
(2.00pm – 3.00pm)

Meeting held virtually via Microsoft Teams

Present:

Independent Members: Mr D Taylor-Gooby (Chair) and Mr S Hart (Vice-Chair)

Councillors: R Crute (Durham), A Batey (Durham) G Kilgour (South Tyneside), W Flynn (South Tyneside), J Eagle (Gateshead)

Officers: N Robason (Deputy Monitoring Officer, NECA), G Armstrong (Policy and Scrutiny Officer, NECA), J Lunness (Strategy and Democratic Services Assistant, NECA), P Darby (Deputy Chief Financial Officer, NECA), C Auld (Assistant Director of Economic Regeneration, Sunderland Council), K Connolly (Strategy and Democracy Officer, South Tyneside Council), S Gwilym (Principal Overview and Scrutiny Officer, Durham County Council)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 SEPTEMBER 2019

The minutes were approved as a correct record.

4. MINUTES OF THE INQUORATE MEETING HELD ON 19 DECEMBER 2019

Apologies received from Cllr A Batey were added to the minutes. The minutes were approved as a correct record.

5. COVID-19 REGIONAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY

Submitted: Report of the Chief Executive, Sunderland City Council (previously circulated and copy attached to the official minutes).

Catherine Auld, Assistant Director of Economic Regeneration at Sunderland City Council presented the report and delivered a presentation. The presentation outlined the Regional Recovery from Covid-19 and covered the following topics:

- Local Impact of Covid-19
- Regional Structure and Four Workstreams
- Government Interventions
- Local Restrictions on LA7
- Economic Recovery and Asks of Government

The following points were highlighted during the presentation:

- Vast majority of businesses and sectors impacted locally by Covid-19, with a large reduction in footfall in town centres;
- Disproportionate impact on the most vulnerable and disadvantaged;
- Regional Response and Recovery groups are now working concurrently, with the Response Groups recently being stood back up;
- Looking ahead, significant challenges remain and updates on the Comprehensive Spending Review, Local Recovery and Devolution White Paper and UK Shared Prosperity Fund will continue to be monitored;
- The region has pulled together to create a Covid-19 Economic Response Group, with the North East Recovery and Renewal Deal focussing on a transition to a cleaner, greener and more inclusive economy;
- The five key areas of the emerging recovery package include: Job Recovery, Building the Economy of the Future, Supporting Businesses, Community and Place and a Connected North East.

During discussion, the following points were discussed by Members:

- There is still much uncertainty underlying the current situation. For example, there is no clarity regarding the replacement of EU Structural Funds. Without all the tools available there is a risk of losing jobs;
- Good communication with local businesses and communities in the short and long-term is very important;
- Much guidance is still required regarding possible funding streams available;
- The hospitality and leisure sectors are amongst the hardest hit due to Covid-19. Smaller and independent venues are struggling and cannot compete with larger chains and corporations. The hospitality sector is at the heart of our town centres and the balance needs to be redressed to support them;
- An online sales tax may be a possible way to help support our city centres and high streets. This could be investigated further by NECA's Economic Development and Digital Advisory Board;
- The Kickstart Placement scheme will not be useful without footfall in town centres;

- Further information is required in regards risks that the local area and sectors face during the recovery;
- The issue of who exactly owns shopping centres in terms of rates and rents is important. Better relations are needed as sometimes people may choose not to invest in a shopping centre due to owners or landlords taking unnecessary amounts of time during discussions or not providing all the required information;
- The NELEP is producing regular Economic Intelligence Reports, which may be of interest to the Committee.

C Auld was thanked for the informative presentation and discussion.

AGREED – That:

- i. the report and presentation be noted;
- ii. the issue of an online sales tax be further investigated;
- iii. a special meeting of the Committee be arranged to investigate the impact of Covid-19 on town centres, with information requested from the NELEP.

6. FORWARD PLAN AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE

Submitted: Report of the Policy and Scrutiny Officer (previously circulated and copy attached to the official minutes).

Gavin Armstrong, the Policy and Scrutiny Officer, presented the report which provided Members with the opportunity to consider items on the Forward Plan and the Work Programme of the Committee for 2020/21.

During discussion, the possibility of resuming regular Thematic Lead presentations to the Committee was raised. It was noted that the proposed agendas for future meetings of the Committee look quite full and it is important to also retain a level of flexibility for the Committee to consider urgent items.

AGREED – That:

- i. the report be noted;
- ii. Thematic Lead presentations be resumed in the future after the meetings scheduled to be held on 17 December 2020 and 25 March 2021.

7. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

17 December 2020 at 2.00pm.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Agenda Item 4

Date: 17 December 2020
Subject: NECA Budget Proposals 2021/22
Report of: Chief Finance Officer

Executive Summary

This report provides the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with an update on the NECA Budget Proposals for 2021/22 and future years as part of the budget consultation process.

A report on the draft 2021/22 Budget was presented to the Leadership Board on 3 November 2020. That report is attached as an appendix for consideration and comment. Included in the report is an updated forecast of outturn for the current year against the budget agreed in January 2020.

The views of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be considered in the development of the final budget report and reported to the NECA Leadership Board when it sets the budgets for 2021/22 at its meeting in February 2021.

Recommendations

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to receive the report for information and provide comment for consideration as part of the consultation process.

1. Background Information

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek the views of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the proposals for the 2021/22 NECA budget, as part of the consultation process. The report on the draft budget was presented to the Leadership Board on 3 November and is attached to this report.

2 Proposals

- 2.1 The draft budget proposals for 2021/22 set out in the report attached at Appendix 1.
- 2.2 Key proposals presented to the NECA Leadership Board on 3 November include:
- a) The contribution from the NECA constituent authorities to NECA corporate costs be set at £25,000 per authority next year (currently £22,857 per authority). This is the first time that an increase has been requested since the establishment of NECA in 2014 as is required to meet staff costs which have been increasing over time through pay awards and incremental progression, and Service Level Agreements (SLAs) which are also largely driven by staff costs. The SLAs underpinning NECA and the Joint Transport Committee (JTC) have all been subject to review by the relevant lead authorities during the last six months; and
 - b) The £70,000 contribution towards the costs of the JTC Accountable Body role is continued in 2021/22 through an equal contribution of £10,000 from the seven local authority members of the JTC though there will be a need to review these contributions in 2022/23.

3. Reasons for the Proposals

- 3.1 As part of the process for setting its budget, NECA must ensure appropriate and effective consultation takes place with all Members and other stakeholders on the content of the Budget. This includes consultation with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and this report provides an opportunity for such consultation to take place.

4. Alternative Options Available

- 4.1 The report is presented for information.

5. Next Steps and Timetable for Implementation

- 5.1 Comments made as part of the consultation process will be considered in the development of the final, detailed budget proposals for 2021/22 which will be presented to the NECA Leadership Board for approval in February 2021.

6. Potential Impact on Objectives

6.1 There are no impacts on objectives arising from this report.

7. Financial and Other Resources Implications

7.1 The financial and other resource implications are set out in detail in the individual reports contained as appendices.

8. Legal Implications

8.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

9. Key Risks

9.1 There are no risk management implications arising from this report.

10. Equality and Diversity

10.1 There are no equality and diversity implications arising from this report.

11. Crime and Disorder

11.1 There are no crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

12. Consultation/Engagement

12.1 The budget is subject to a period of consultation which includes this committee as well as other committees of NECA, constituent local authorities and officer groups.

13. Other Impact of the Proposals

13.1 There are no other impacts arising from this report which is for information.

14. Appendices

14.1 Appendix 1: NECA Leadership Board 3 November 2020 – 2021/22 Budget

15. Background Papers

15.1 None

16. Contact Officers

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17. Sign off

- 17.1
- Head of Paid Service: ✓
 - Monitoring Officer: ✓
 - Chief Finance Officer: ✓



Leadership Board

Appendix 1

Date: 3 November 2020
Subject: NECA Budget 2021/22
Report of: Chief Finance Officer

Executive Summary

This report sets out high level budget proposals for 2021/22 for the NECA Corporate Budget including fulfilment of its Accountable Body role for the North East Joint Transport Committee.

The report highlights that the initial budget estimates for 2021/22 are in line with the forecasts set out as part of the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) presented to the Leadership Board in February 2020.

It is anticipated that, as set out in February 2020, NECA Corporate contributions will increase to £25,000 per authority next year (currently £22,857 per authority). This is the first time that an increase has been requested since the establishment of NECA in 2014 and is required to meet staff costs which have been increasing over time through inflationary pay awards and incremental progression, and Service Level Agreements (SLAs) which are also largely driven by staff costs. The Service Level Agreements underpinning NECA and the Joint Transport Committee have all been subject to review by the relevant lead authorities during the last six months.

It is anticipated that contributions to the Joint Transport Committee (JTC) Accountable Body role can be maintained at the current level of £10,000 per authority in 2021/22, though there will be a need to review these contributions in 2022/23.

The budget proposals will be subject to further discussion and consultation and a report presented to the next meeting of the Leadership Board.

Recommendations

The Leadership Board is recommended to receive the report for information and comment.

1. Background Information

- 1.1 A report was presented to the Leadership Board in July setting out the proposed budget setting timetable for 2021/22.
- 1.2 This report sets out initial budget proposals for the NECA Corporate budget and the Joint Transport Committee (JTC) Accountable Body budget.

2. Proposals

NECA Corporate Costs

- 2.1 The NECA budget for corporate costs is required to support operational costs including staffing employed by NECA, Service Level Agreements (SLAs), independent members allowances and expenses and supplies and services costs.
- 2.2 The report to the Leadership Board on 4 February 2020 set a net NECA Corporate budget for 2020/21 of £192,780, which provided for NECA corporate capacity and to fulfil the JTC Accountable Body role. This is funded from contributions from NECA constituent authorities totalling £91,428 (£22,857 per authority), contributions from JTC constituent authorities totalling £70,000 (£10,000 per authority) and interest income on short term investments.
- 2.3 A forecast outturn for 2020/21 was presented to the Leadership Board in July 2020. The forecast for income includes additional investment income which is expected to be received due to higher cash and short-term investments balances being held at the beginning of the financial year. This allows a small contingency to be available in the NECA corporate budget to meet any costs that may not have been anticipated at the time of setting the budget.
- 2.4 The expenditure forecast includes grant funded activity. As previously reported to the Leadership Board, NECA allocated £95,000 of grant funding received from MHCLG to support the North East Brexit Work Programme, including Trade Facilitation and Free Zone work and a joint coordinating post with the North East LEP and the North of Tyne Combined Authority. £34,000 of the amount allocated was claimed by the LEP at the end of the financial. The remaining £61,000 is included in the updated forecasts for 2020/21 and is expected to be drawn down to support expenditure this year.
- 2.5 The budget agreed in February 2020 also set out initial proposals for years 2 and 3 of the Medium Term Financial Plan for NECA, which included a small increase in contributions to keep pace with increases in staff costs due to pay awards, and Service Level Agreements (which are also largely driven by staff costs).

- 2.6 For 2021/22, an initial budget of £201,520 is proposed, to be met from NECA corporate contributions totalling £100,000 (£25,000 per authority – representing an increase of £2,143 per authority) and JTC Accountable Body contributions totalling £70,000, plus interest income on short term investments. This is the first time that an increase has been requested for the NECA corporate contributions since the establishment of NECA in 2014.
- 2.7 Appendix 1 sets out the proposed budget for 2021/22 along with an initial estimate for 2022/23 and the updated forecast for 2020/21.

SLA Review

- 2.8 For 2020/21 all SLAs were documented and formalised however the values attached to existing and new providers of services were maintained at 2019/20 levels and which had remained unchanged for many years. It was agreed that an exercise would be undertaken to review the SLAs to more accurately reflect the support to NECA and the JTC.
- 2.9 An exercise has now been concluded with all local authorities providing services to NECA and the JTC to reflect the cost of these services for 2021/22. Costings have been based on officer time engaged in providing support with no provision for additional on-costs such as premises related costs.
- 2.9 The additional costs associated with the NECA corporate and JTC accountable body role will be accommodated from the planned increase in the NECA corporate contributions from the four constituent authorities (an increase from £22,857 per authority to £25,000 per authority). The contributions to the JTC are proposed to remain in line with the existing contribution levels (£10,000 per authority) in 2021/22. This position will be reviewed in 2022/23.

3. Reasons for the Proposals

- 3.1 This report sets out the initial high-level budget proposals for 2021/22 for the NECA Corporate budget, including fulfilment of its Accountable Body role for the North East Joint Transport Committee.
- 3.2 The report identifies that, as set out in February 2020, NECA Corporate contributions need to increase to £25,000 per authority next year (currently £21,430 per authority). Contributions to the Joint Transport Committee (JTC) Accountable Body can be maintained at the current level of £10,000 per authority in 2021/22 and will be reviewed for 2022/23.

4. Alternative Options Available

- 4.1 The increase in the corporate contributions are required to reflect the outcome of the review of Service Level Agreements that underpin and support NECA and the JTC.
- 4.2 The report is presented for information with no decision required at this stage – the information set out will be included in the 2021/22 NECA budget setting report which has agreed in February 2022.
- 4.3 In considering the content of this report the Leadership Board may:
- (a) Note and accept the budget forecasts, which seek to set a balanced budget that accurately reflects the costs of providing the support to NECA and the JTC.
 - (b) Retain the existing budget provisions for corporate contributions and SLAs which do not reflect the resources currently committed by the local authorities providing the support to NECA.

5. Next Steps and Timetable for Implementation

- 5.1 The NECA Constitution requires that consultation on budget proposals be undertaken at least two months prior to the budget being agreed. The draft proposals will be subject to consultation with the Leadership Board, Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Audit and Standards Committee and officer groups. In its Accountable Body role for the JTC, Transport proposals will also be subject to consultation with the JTC Overview and Scrutiny Committee, JTC Audit Committee, the JTC Tyne and Wear Sub Committee and constituent councils. Comments raised as part of the consultation process will be taken into account in the preparation of the final reports.

6. Potential Impact on Objectives

- 6.1 The budget and medium-term financial strategy will be prepared to reflect the objectives of the Authority. Future reports will set out the revenue and capital budget proposals in more detail that will help deliver the objectives of the Authority.

7. Financial and Other Resources Implications

- 7.1 The financial and other resources implications are set out in the main body of the report.

8. Legal Implications

8.1 The budget must be approved unanimously in accordance with the requirements of the NECA Order and the NECA Constitution.

9. Key Risks

9.1 Appropriate risk management arrangements are put in place in each budget area by the delivery agencies responsible. Reserves are maintained to help manage financial risk to the authority.

10. Equality and Diversity

10.1 There are no equality and diversity implications arising from this report.

11. Crime and Disorder

11.1 There are no crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

12. Consultation/Engagement

12.1 The NECA Constitution requires that consultation on budget proposals be undertaken at least two months prior to the budget being agreed. The draft proposals will be subject to consultation with the Leadership Board, Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Audit and Standards Committee and officer groups. In its Accountable Body role for the JTC, Transport proposals will also be subject to consultation with the JTC Overview and Scrutiny Committee, JTC Audit Committee, the JTC Tyne and Wear Sub Committee and constituent councils. Comments raised as part of the consultation process will be taken into account in the preparation of the final reports.

13. Other Impact of the Proposals

13.1 There are no other impacts arising from these proposals.

. Appendices

14.1 Appendix 1 - NECA Corporate and JTC Accountable Body Budget Forecast 2020/21 and initial proposals 2021/22-2022/23

15. Background Papers

15.1 NECA Budget 2020/21 – Leadership Board 4 February 2020
<https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Leadership-Board-4-February-2020-Public-Agenda-Pack.pdf>

16. Contact Officers

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17. Sign Off

- 17.1
- Head of Paid Service: ✓
 - Monitoring Officer: ✓
 - Chief Finance Officer: ✓

Appendix 1 – NECA Corporate and JTC Accountable Body Budget Proposals 2020/21-2022/23

	2020/21 Forecast			2021/22 [Draft] Budget			2022/23 Initial Budget		
	NECA Corporate	JTC Accountable Body	Total	NECA Corporate	JTC Accountable Body	Total	NECA Corporate	JTC Accountable Body	Total
Expenditure									
Employees	19,040	39,960	59,000	19,710	40,470	60,180	20,105	41,265	61,370
Service Level Agreements	74,300	46,580	120,880	82,450	45,850	128,300	82,450	45,850	128,300
Independent Members Allowances	7,000	0	7,000	7,140	0	7,140	7,280	0	7,280
Supplies and Services	5,900	0	5,900	5,900	0	5,900	5,900	0	5,900
Other Grant-Funded Activity	60,900	0	60,900	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditure	167,140	86,540	253,680	115,200	86,320	201,520	115,735	87,115	202,850
Income									
NECA Corporate Contributions	(91,430)	0	(91,430)	(100,000)	0	(100,000)	(100,000)	0	(100,000)
JTC Accountable Body Contributions	0	(70,000)	(70,000)	0	(70,000)	(70,000)	0	(77,000)	(77,000)
Interest Income	(20,000)	(20,000)	(40,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(30,000)	(10,000)	(10,000)	(20,000)
Government Grants (received in previous years)	(60,900)	0	(60,900)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Income	(172,330)	(90,000)	(262,330)	(115,000)	(85,000)	(200,000)	(110,000)	(87,000)	(197,000)
Net (to)/from Corporate Reserve	(5,190)	(3,460)	(8,650)	200	1,320	1,520	5,735	115	5,850

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Agenda Item 5

Date: 17th December 2020

Subject: Impact of EU Exit on the North East (including Regional Funding)

Report of: George Mansbridge, Corporate Director of Regeneration & Environment, South Tyneside Council

Executive Summary

The purpose of this item is for the Committee to receive a presentation outlining the potential impact of the end of the EU transition period on 31st December 2020 upon the North East Combined Authority area, particularly in relation to the economy and funding. Please find the presentation attached in Appendix 1.

Recommendations

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to note the contents of this report and the accompanying presentation.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

1. Background Information

1.1 Report is attached in PowerPoint form.

2. Proposals

2.1 This report is for information.

3. Reasons for the Proposals

3.1 This report is for information.

4. Alternative Options Available

4.1 Not applicable.

5. Next Steps and Timetable for Implementation

5.1 Continue to monitor the impact of EU Exit upon our economy.

6. Potential Impact on Objectives

6.1 Links to the delivery of the North East Strategic Economic Plan, Local Transport Plan and evolving NECA Economic Plan.

7. Financial and Other Resources Implications

7.1 As the report sets out, there are likely to be financial implications for our economy and for NECA and the constituent authorities, the extent of which will become clearer after the 1st January 2021. The plans described above aim to mitigate and monitor the potential repercussions outlined.

8. Legal Implications

8.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

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9. Key Risks

- 9.1 The key risks and opportunities from the end of the EU Transition period are set out in the report.

10. Equality and Diversity

- 10.1 There are no implications arising from this report.

11. Crime and Disorder

- 11.1 There are no implications arising from this report.

12. Consultation/Engagement

- 12.1 This is not applicable.

13. Other Impact of the Proposals

- 13.1 This is not applicable.

14. Appendices

- 14.1 There are no appendices.

15. Background Papers

- 15.1 The following background documents are referenced in the presentation:
- SMMT £47bn cost to the automotive impact from tariffs 2020 - [here](#)
 - ONS Business Impact of CV19 Survey 2020 - [here](#)
 - UK Points-Based Immigration System introduction for employers 2020 - [here](#)
 - IPPR Report on Immigration System changes 2020 - [here](#)
 - Employers reporting worries about skills gaps 2019 - [here](#)
 - ONS Nationality data 2020 - [here](#)

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- Treasury Spending Review 2020 – [here](#)
- Office for Budget Responsibility Brexit Scenarios 2020 – [here](#)
- Bank of England Brexit - [here](#)
- North East Growth Hub UK Transition Toolkit – [here](#)

16. Contact Officers

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17. Sign off

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

18. Glossary

- 18.1 All of the abbreviations and acronyms in the slides are spelled out, with the exception of the following:
- SMMT (Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders)
 - ONS (Office for National Statistics)
 - IPPR (Institute for Public Policy Research)
 - LGF (Local Growth Funding)
 - OBR (Office for Budget Responsibility)
 - NECC (North East Chamber of Commerce)
 - FDI (foreign direct investment)

Impact of EU Exit on the North East (including regional funding)

George Mansbridge, Corporate Director of Regeneration & Environment, South Tyneside Council

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1. Economic impact

- **Main impact will be on trade so likely to be felt by exporters (60% of NE exports to EU), importers and complex supply chains**
- Manufacturing and automotive could see 10% tariffs (Nissan say UK operation 'unsustainable,' Prima Cheese concerns on tariffs)
- Non-tariff barriers will lead to rising costs, delays and bureaucracy
- **Impact will be felt regardless of deal (but more severe if no deal)**
- Could lead to rise in food costs as well as skills challenges
- Evidence of NE firms putting investment plans on ice and seeing reduced orders (ONS say 30% of exporters doing less than normal)
- Larger firms better prepared than SMEs given depleted cashflows
- Business investment taken hammering from CV19 and likely to be punctured further by EU Exit costs
- **Local Authority business support teams raising awareness amongst SMEs and signposting towards regional support and Gov advice**

2. Labour market impact

- **End of free movement with new points-based immigration system coming in 1st Jan**
- Aim to attract “scientists, academics and highly-skilled”, ending low-skilled or temporary worker routes
- Migrants need to meet 70 points; 20 for shortage occupation, 20 for salary above £25.6k; 10 for PhD (focus on Level 3)
- Impact differs by sector; IPPR say biggest on health and social care, hospitality, construction, transport and logistics
- 23% of NE employers are worried about skills gaps post Brexit
- Given small proportion of NECA residents from outside UK (28k / 2.4%), new rules may not directly impact
- **However, changes may impact upon businesses ability to fill skills gaps (particularly in NHS) or deter international students**
- **Yet, opportunity to reskill and upskill our residents to plug vacancies**

3. UK Shared Prosperity Fund

- **European Structural & Investment Funds (ESIF) end on 31st Dec**
- Programme and spend can continue until June 2023, but question marks over underspend
- ERDF and ESF have been vital funding sources for capital programmes, business support and skills and employment schemes (£437m 2013-2020)
- 2020 Spending Review said UKSPF would reach £1.5bn a year
- **UKSPF not available until 2022 (£220m to prepare in 21/22)**
- UKSPF will target “ex-industrial areas, deprived towns and rural and coastal communities”
- Questions over funding, match, eligibility, outputs, flexibility, timelines, geography and fit with other devolved funds (ie LGF)
- Spending Review also suggested highly centralised model
- **Further detail published in the Spring**

4. Impact on NECA

- **Main short-term impacts will come via product delays, regulatory and funding stream changes and sense of uncertainty**
- Potential large impact across constituent Council services, including on business support, capital funding, procurement, adult social care and welfare support
- Longer-term economic impact likely to depress growth (according to OBR, Bank of England and Treasury)
- **Impact will effect NECA Economic Plan, investment plans and ambitions**
- Concerns around UKSPF ability to fund key projects or provide joined-up devolved funding to drive growth
- However, opportunities to bring manufacturing supply chains back to the UK, use a North East Free Zone to drive export-led growth and access flexible future funding (UKSPF)

5. Next Steps

- **Local Authorities ramping up business comms (signposting to North East Growth Hub, NECC and Gov advice)**
- Liaising with key employers, strategic assets and business groups
- Continue to work with partners on NE Freeports bid and need for devolved, flexible UKSPF
- Work with Invest NE on FDI and Internationalisation Strategy
- **Ensure NECA Economic Plan reflects new reality post EU Exit and CV19 given their twin impact on its key themes**

Opportunity 1: Decarbonise our growing economy	Opportunity 2: Accelerate our international trade and investment	Opportunity 3: Better skills and more quality jobs
Opportunity 4: Draw many more of our residents into the economic mainstream	Opportunity 5: A sustainable well-connected region	Opportunity 6: Shaping the Great North East

- **Continue to monitor impact of CV19 and EU Exit upon the NECA economy and resulting recovery measures**

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Agenda Item 6

Date: 17 December 2020

Subject: Covid-19 Regional Economic Recovery

Report of: Patrick Melia, Chief Executive (Sunderland City Council)

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to update the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the economic recovery work taking place across the NELEP and NECA areas. A presentation will be given on the analysis undertaken and the plans and structures put in place and implications for the NECA area

Recommendations

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to receive a presentation and take part in a discussion about Covid-19 economic recovery plans.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 Since the Committee last met, the region, country and many other countries around the world have been navigating the Covid-19 emergency.
- 1.2 The pandemic has brought about unprecedented measures by the Government to impose strict lockdown restrictions to control the spread of the virus.
- 1.3 The implications of lockdown have included the closure of all but essential businesses and services and there have been significant impacts on most aspects of the region's economy, and on residents' lives and livelihoods.

2. Proposals

- 2.1 As well as responding to the emergency, work has been taking place to establish structures and workstreams to support the region's economic recovery.
- 2.2 The presentation to be provided will update the Committee on the assessment and analysis undertaken of the challenges and opportunities for the NECA and wider NELEP area, the development of economic recovery plans and the structures put in place to deliver them.

3. Reasons for the Proposals

- 3.1 Covid-19 has created the biggest economic shock of our lifetimes and its impacts, both in the immediate and longer term, will be complex and significant. Existing economic challenges – being addressed through NECA and regional strategies including the NE Strategic Economic Plan – will be exacerbated, and plans and approaches will need to be adapted and refocused. The presentation will update the Committee on the economic recovery work undertaken to date, to support a discussion on the key challenges and opportunities for the NECA area.

4. Alternative Options Available

- 4.1 There are no alternative options associated with this report.

5. Next Steps and Timetable for Implementation

- 5.1 A further update will be provided to the Committee at subsequent meetings.

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6. Potential Impact on Objectives

6.1 The activities under the recovery plan will support NECA in its aims to promote economic growth, regeneration and wellbeing in the area.

7. Financial and Other Resources Implications

7.1 There are no financial or other resource implications associated with this report.

8. Legal Implications

8.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

9. Key Risks

9.1 There are no specific risk management issues arising from this report.

10. Equality and Diversity

10.1 There are no specific equality and diversity issues arising from this report.

11. Crime and Disorder

11.1 There are no specific crime and disorder issues arising from this report.

12. Consultation/Engagement

12.1 There are no specific consultation and engagement issues arising from this report.

13. Other Impact of the Proposals

13.1 There are no further impacts arising from the proposals.

14. Appendices

14.1 None.

15. Background Papers

15.1 None.

16. Contact Officers

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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17. Sign off

- 17.1
- Head of Paid Service: ✓
 - Monitoring Officer: ✓
 - Chief Finance Officer: ✓

18. Glossary

- 18.1 None.

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Agenda Item 7

Date: 17 December 2020

Subject: Forward Plan and Scrutiny Work Programme Update

Report of: Policy and Scrutiny Officer

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with an opportunity to consider the items on the Forward Plan for the current 28-day period and discuss items for the Work Programme for 2020 / 2021.

Recommendations

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

- i. Review the current Forward Plan and consider which items they may wish to examine in more detail;
- ii. Suggest any items for the Work Programme for 2020/2021 that Members would wish to explore in more detail, either at the Committee or via a 'deep dive' or working group;

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1. Background Information

- 1.1 The Forward Plan is a document which NECA is required to maintain under the Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2017. The Forward Plan is published on NECA's website and lists the decisions that the North East Combined Authority intends to take in the coming months and must include all decisions to be made in the next 28 days.
- 1.2 The Forward Plan template contains specific information relating to each decision, including the date the decision will be made, a brief explanation of the topic, the consultation to be undertaken, and contact details of the author. The Forward Plan template has recently been updated and includes further information including if the decision is a 'Key Decision' and if an item will be discussed in private.
- 1.3 Details of each decision are included on the Forward Plan 28 days before the report is considered and any decision is taken. This supports the transparency of decision making within the Combined Authority and allows members of the public to see the items that will be discussed. There are special procedures for circumstances where publication for the full 28 clear day period is impractical or where there is special urgency. Both of these procedures involve the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and would be reported to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its next meeting.

Role of Overview and Scrutiny

- 1.4 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee examine any decisions of the North East Combined Authority – be that by the principal decision-making body or a committee or officer holding delegated authority. This Scrutiny occurs in public and ensures democratic and public accountability.
- 1.5 One of the main functions of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is the review and scrutiny of 'Key Decisions' made by the NECA Leadership Board and Officers of the Combined Authority. The relevant regulations set out a test for what should be considered a Key Decision – being those which are most significant in financial or other terms. This is explained in the Decision-Making Protocol adopted by the Committee on the 15 March 2018. At the inaugural meeting of the NECA Leadership Board on the 13 November, following the governance changes, it was agreed that the Decision Making Protocol would remain in place:

<https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/NECA-Decision-Making-Protocol.pdf>

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- 1.6 It is NECA’s practice to include formal decisions on the Forward Plan to maximise the opportunity for review and scrutiny. In considering items in the Forward Plan, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee should determine which areas scrutiny can add most value to in relation to the decisions being made.
- 1.7 The Forward Plan at the date this paper was issued is attached marked as Appendix 1. The up to date forward plan is always published at <https://www.northeastca.gov.uk/committee-meetings/forward-plan>.

Update on Requests for Special Urgency / General Exception

- 1.8 In accordance with the Decision Making Protocol, it was agreed by Members that the request of any Short Notice Procedure that involved the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee would be reported at the next Committee. The table below shows the number of requests made since the last meeting was held:

Type of Short Notice Procedure	Number of Requests since previous Committee
Requests for Special Urgency	0
Request for General Exception	0

- 1.9 The table above reflects that there have been no requests for general exception and no requests for special urgency since the last Committee.

Annual Work Programme - Update

- 1.10 The most recent version of the work programme has been compiled to allow the Overview and Scrutiny Committee the opportunity to consider items that they have requested.
- 1.11 The work programme is also designed to give an overview of all performance, decision-taking and developments within the NECA, as well as being focused and flexible to allow for new issues and recognising the capacity of the scrutiny committee to respond in a timely way to emerging developments throughout the year. The Plan allows the Committee to take a longer-term view than the Forward Plan, adding a longer term perspective to the Committee’s work. Advantages of a longer-term perspective is the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of matters and to allow for more constructive engagement and scrutiny.

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1.12 Members are also invited to comment and give consideration to any additional items they would wish to consider on their Work Programme or those decisions where they can add value.

1.13 A joint informal briefing with the North of Tyne Overview and Scrutiny committee was held on 13 November examining the region's economic response to recovery from the COVID 19 Pandemic and its associated governance.

1.14 The OSC meet informally with representatives from the North East Local Enterprise Partnership (NE LEP) to discuss the effects of COVID 19, and associated restrictions, on businesses across the region and in particular those in high streets. The committee agreed to continue to keep a watch on the issue.

1.15 The proposed work programme included in appendix 2. It should be noted that the work programme covers items that will be discussed at the meetings. It does not preclude 'deeper dives' providing more focused scrutiny of particular topics by a sub-group of the committee outside of these meeting dates. These topics can be raised with the Chair and Scrutiny Officer at any time.

2. Proposals

2.1 Committee Members are invited to review the Forward Plan for the current 28-day period – giving consideration to any items they may wish to examine in more detail – and to suggest any items for addition to the Annual Work Programme for 2020/21.

3. Reasons for the Proposals

3.1 To provide an opportunity for Committee members to input on any additional items as part of continued planning for the Work Programme for 2020/21.

4. Alternative Options Available

4.1 Option 1 – The Overview and Scrutiny Committee may review Forward Plan and suggest additional items for the Work Programme.

Option 2 – The Overview and Scrutiny Committee may choose not to review the Forward Plan or consider any additional items for the Work Programme.

Option 1 is the recommended option.

5. Next Steps and Timetable for Implementation

5.1 In considering the Forward Plan, Members are asked to consider those issues where the Scrutiny Committee could make a contribution and add value.

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5.2 If the Overview and Scrutiny Committee determines to review or scrutinise a decision notified in the Forward Plan, a meeting of the Committee will be arranged to allow scrutiny members to carry out their role in a timely manner.

5.3 The work programme will be refreshed and updated at each meeting of the Committee throughout the year.

6. Potential Impact on Objectives

6.1 Development of a work programme and review and scrutiny of decisions in the Forward Plan will contribute towards the development and implementation of the policy framework of the NECA, the Joint Transport Committee and the North East LEP as well as providing appropriate challenge to decisions making.

7. Financial and Other Resources Implications

7.1 No financial or other resource implications are identified at this stage.

8. Legal Implications

8.1 There are no specific legal implications arising from these recommendations.

9. Key Risks

9.1 There are no key risks associated with the recommendations made in this report.

10. Equality and Diversity

10.1 There are no specific equality and diversity implications arising from this report.

11. Crime and Disorder

11.1 There are no crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

12. Consultation/Engagement

12.1 On-going consultation takes place with Officers and Scrutiny Members across the NECA in regard to the items for the Annual Work Programme as Appendix 2.

13. Other Impact of the Proposals

13.1 The proposals consider the wider impact and take into account the Principles of Decision Making as set out in the NECA Constitution. They allow Members consideration of the items on the Forward Plan and allow them the opportunity to

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have an overview of all performance, decision making and developments across NECA.

14. Appendices

- 14.1 Appendix 1 – Forward Plan
- Appendix 2 – Annual Work Programme Update

15. Background Papers

- 15.1 None.

16. Contact Officers

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17. Sign off

- 17.1
 - ✓ Head of Paid Service
 - ✓ Monitoring Officer
 - ✓ Chief Finance Officer

18. Glossary

- 18.1 NECA - North East Combined Authority
North East LEP - North East Local Enterprise Partnership



Forward Plan of Decisions

Appendix 1

7 December 2020*

The Forward Plan for the North East Combined Authority (NECA) is prepared and published by the Monitoring Officer for the purpose of;

- A. Giving 28 days' notice of key decisions that are planned to be taken by the NECA, its Boards, Committees or Chief Officers
- B. Complete transparency about decisions – the Plan also includes an overview of non-key decisions to be taken by the Combined Authority or its Chief Officers

Included within the Forward Plan are decisions that are to be made by:

- [NECA Committees](#)
- [North East Joint Transport Committees](#)
- [Officers under delegation \(Delegated Decisions\)](#)

Unless otherwise indicated, if you require any further information or wish to make representations about any of the matters contained in the Forward Plan please contact the appropriate officer as detailed against each entry at least 7 days before the meeting.

***The most recent entries are referred to as “NEW”. Updated entries are referred to as “Updated”. Items withdrawn since the last publication are referred to as “Withdrawn” and following that will be removed altogether.**

Further information about the Forward Plan and NECA Decision Making can be found in ‘The Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2017’ and the NECA Overview and Scrutiny Committee’s Decision Making Protocol which can be found at <http://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/NECA-Decision-Making-Protocol.pdf>

NECA Committees

Reference Number and Thematic Area	Decision expected to be made on or within 60 days of	Decision Type: Key or Non-Key	Decision Maker	Details of Decision to be taken	Additional Documents for consideration	Contact Officer	Decision to be made in Public or Private (and relevant category of exemption)
Leadership Board							
LB 4 (a) Economic Development and Digital (Standing Item)	15 December 2020	Non-key	Leadership Board	Economic Development and Digital Thematic Update To note and provide any comments on the update report on the Economic Development and Digital Thematic Lead Portfolio.		Beverley Poulter Lead Officer Beverley.poulter@sunderland.gov.uk	Public
LB 4 (b) Chairman's Portfolio (Standing Item)	15 December 2020	Non-key	Leadership Board	Thematic Lead Portfolio Update Report from the Chair To provide an update on the Chair's Thematic Lead Portfolio – for information and comment.		George Mansbridge George.mansbridge@southtyneside.gov.uk 0191 424 7969	Public
LB 4 (c) Finance and Skills and Employment (Standing Item)	15 December 2020	Non-key	Leadership Board	Finance and Skills and Employment Thematic Lead Portfolio Update Report To provide an update on the Finance and Skills and Employment Thematic Lead Portfolio.		Graham Wood Graham.Wood@durham.gov.uk	Public
LB 4 (d)	15 December 2020	Non-key	Leadership Board	Designation of Statutory Officers		Nicola Robason Deputy Monitoring Officer	Public

Reference Number and Thematic Area	Decision expected to be made on or within 60 days of	Decision Type: Key or Non-Key	Decision Maker	Details of Decision to be taken	Additional Documents for consideration	Contact Officer	Decision to be made in Public or Private (and relevant category of exemption)
Corporate Issue				To consider and approve changes relating to the Statutory Officers of NECA.		Nicola.robason@southtyneside.gov.uk 0191 424 7186	
LB 4 (e) Corporate Issue	15 December 2020	Non-key	Leadership Board	<p>Membership of the Leadership Board, Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair and Designation of Thematic Leads</p> <p>To consider and approve changes relating to the Membership, Chair and Vice-Chair and Thematic Leads of the NECA Leadership Board.</p>		Nicola Robason Deputy Monitoring Officer Nicola.robason@southtyneside.gov.uk 0191 424 7186	Public
Audit and Standards Sub-Committee							
There are no meetings currently scheduled.							
Audit and Standards Committee							
AS 4 (a) Corporate Issue	8 December 2020	Non-key	Audit and Standards Committee	<p>North East Combined Authority Internal Audit Progress Report 2020/21</p> <p>To consider and comment on the Internal Audit Progress Report for the North East Combined Authority.</p>		Tracy Davis Senior Manager – Assurance, Sunderland City Council tracy.davis@sunderland.gov.uk	Public

Reference Number and Thematic Area	Decision expected to be made on or within 60 days of	Decision Type: Key or Non-Key	Decision Maker	Details of Decision to be taken	Additional Documents for consideration	Contact Officer	Decision to be made in Public or Private (and relevant category of exemption)
AS 4 (b) Corporate Issue	8 December 2020	Non-key	Audit and Standards Committee	North East Combined Authority Strategic Risk Register To consider and comment on the updated Strategic Risk Register for the North East Combined Authority.		Tracy Davis Senior Manager – Assurance, Sunderland City Council tracy.davis@sunderland.gov.uk	Public
AS 4 (c) Corporate Issue	8 December 2020	Non-key	Audit and Standards Committee	NECA Budget Proposals 2021/22 To consider and comment on the NECA Budget Proposals for 2021/22.	03/11/2020 Leadership Board Report - Leadership-Board-3-November-2020-Public-Agenda-Pack.pdf 27/11/2020 JTC Capital Report – to follow 27/11/2020 JTC Revenue Report – to follow	Paul Darby Deputy Chief Finance Officer paul.darby@durham.gov.uk Patsy O'Reagan NECA Principal Accountant patsy.oreagan@northeastca.gov.uk	Public
AS 4 (d) Corporate Issue	8 December 2020	Non-key	Audit and Standards Committee	Conclusion of Outstanding Matters – Audit Completion Report Follow Up The committee is recommended to note the report.	NECA Statement of Accounts 2019/20 https://northeastca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/NECA-Statement-of-Accounts-2019-20-Audited-FINAL.pdf	Holly Madin Assistant Manager Mazars LLP 07881283718 Holly.Madin@mazars.co.uk	Public
Overview and Scrutiny Committee							

Reference Number and Thematic Area	Decision expected to be made on or within 60 days of	Decision Type: Key or Non-Key	Decision Maker	Details of Decision to be taken	Additional Documents for consideration	Contact Officer	Decision to be made in Public or Private (and relevant category of exemption)
OS 3 (a) Corporate Issue	17 December 2020	Non-key	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	NECA Budget Proposals 2021/22 To consider and comment on the NECA Budget Proposals for 2021/22.	03/11/2020 Leadership Board Report - Leadership-Board-3-November-2020-Public-Agenda-Pack.pdf 27/11/2020 JTC Capital Report – to follow 27/11/2020 JTC Revenue Report – to follow	Paul Darby Deputy Chief Finance Officer paul.darby@durham.gov.uk Patsy O'Reagan NECA Principal Accountant patsy.oreagan@northeastca.gov.uk	Public
OS 3 (b) Economic Development and Digital	17 December 2020	Non-key	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Impact of the EU Exit on the North East (including Regional Funding) To receive a presentation and note the report.		Rory Sherwood-Parkin Senior Economic Policy Manager South Tyneside Council rory.sherwood-parkin@southtyneside.gov.uk	Public
OS 3 (c) Corporate Issue	17 December 2020	Non-key	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Covid-19 Regional Economic Recovery A presentation will provide a summary of the regions approach to the economic strategy for the NELEP and NECA area.		Gavin Armstrong NECA Policy and Scrutiny Officer 0782 565 8575 Gavin.armstrong@northeastca.gov.uk	Public
OS 3 (d) Corporate Issue	17 December 2020	Non-key	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	NECA Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme		Gavin Armstrong NECA Policy and Scrutiny Officer 0782 565 8575	Public

Reference Number and Thematic Area	Decision expected to be made on or within 60 days of	Decision Type: Key or Non-Key	Decision Maker	Details of Decision to be taken	Additional Documents for consideration	Contact Officer	Decision to be made in Public or Private (and relevant category of exemption)
				To receive updates on items and the latest version of the annual work programme.		Gavin.armstrong@northeastca.gov.uk	
Economic Development and Digital Advisory Board (EDDAB)							
The meeting scheduled to be held 24 November 2020 has been cancelled. The next meeting is now scheduled to be held 23 February 2021.							

North East Joint Transport Committees

Reference Number	Decision expected to be made on or within 60 days of	Decision Type: Key or Non-Key	Decision Maker	Details of Decision to be taken	Additional Documents for consideration	Contact Officer	Decision to be made in Public or Private (and relevant category of exemption)
North East Joint Transport Committee (JTC)							
Next scheduled meeting to take place on 19 January 2021							
Tyne and Wear Sub-Committee (TWSC)							
Next meeting scheduled to take place on 14 January 2021							
North East Joint Transport Committee Audit Committee (JTC Audit Committee)							
JTC Audit 3 (a)	9 December 2020	Non-key	JTC Audit	Joint Transport Committee Internal Audit Progress Report 2020/21 To consider and comments on the Internal Audit Progress Report for the Joint Transport Committee.	None	Tracy Davis Tracy.davis@sunderland.gov.uk	Public
JTC Audit 3 (b)	9 December 2020	Non-key	JTC Audit	Joint Transport Committee Strategic Risk Register To consider and comment on the updated Strategic Risk Register for the Joint Transport Committee	None	Tracy Davis Tracy.davis@sunderland.gov.uk	Public
JTC Audit 3 (c)	9 December 2020	Non-key	JTC Audit	Tyne Pedestrian and Cycle Tunnels Update This report is for information	None	Tobyn Hughes Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk	Public
JTC Audit 3 (d)	9 December 2020	Non-key	JTC Audit	Tyne Pedestrian and Cycle Tunnels Confidential Update This report is for information	None	Tobyn Hughes Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk	Private by virtue of paragraph 5 of Part 1 of the Local Government Act 1972

Reference Number	Decision expected to be made on or within 60 days of	Decision Type: Key or Non-Key	Decision Maker	Details of Decision to be taken	Additional Documents for consideration	Contact Officer	Decision to be made in Public or Private (and relevant category of exemption)
JTC Audit 3 (e)	9 December 2020	Non-key	JTC Audit	Evaluating the outcomes of recent active travel schemes The report will provide an update on walking and cycling schemes across the region	None	Tobyn Hughes Tobyn.hughes@nebus.org.uk	Public
JTC Audit 3 (f)	9 December 2020	Non-key	JTC Audit	Transport Revenue Budget Proposals 2021/22 – Budget Consultation This report is for information	None	Eleanor Goodman Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk	Public
North East Joint Transport Committee Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JTC Overview and Scrutiny Committee)							
JTC OSC 4 (a) STANDING ITEM	17 December 2020	Non-key	JTC OSC	Joint Transport Committee Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme To receive the latest version of the annual work programme	None	Gavin Armstrong Gavin.armstrong@northeastca.gov.uk	Public
JTC OSC 4 (b)	17 December 2020	Non-key	JTC OSC	Metro Performance To provide members with an update on Metro performance	None	Martin Kearney Martin.kearney@nebus.org.uk	Public
JTC OSC 4 (c)	17 December 2020	Non-key	JTC OSC	Transport Revenue Budget Proposals 2021/22 – Budget Consultation This report is for information	None	Eleanor Goodman, Eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk	Public
JTC OSC 4 (e)	17 December 2020	Non-key	JTC OSC	Transport Plan This report will provide an update on the Transport Plan.	None	Rachelle Forsyth-Ward Rachelle.forsythward@transportnortheast.gov.uk	Public

Officer Delegated Decisions

Reference Number and Thematic Area	Decision expected to be made on or within 60 days of	Decision Type: Key or Non-Key	Decision Maker	Details of Decision to be taken	Additional Documents for consideration	Contact Officer	Decision to be made in Public or Private (and relevant category of exemption)
DD 111 Economic Development and Regeneration UPDATED	30 June 2019	Non-Key	Monitoring Officer	Incubator Support Fund: Woods II Incubator To agree to the financial and legal matters associated with any North East LEP decision to award a grant from the Incubator Support Fund application relating to the Woods II Incubator project.	Confidential LEP Technical Officer Group report Confidential LEP Investment Board report Confidential project business case and supporting documents Confidential project appraisal report	Ben McLaughlin Programme Support Officer 0191 3387446 ben.mclaughlin@nellep.co.uk	Private – the report will contain “exempt” information which falls within paragraph 3 of part 1 of schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972)
DD114 Economic Development and Regeneration NEW	9 September 2019	Non- Key	Monitoring Officer	Innovation Project Development Fund Centre for UK/Chinese Digital Business Development feasibility project To agree to the financial and legal matters associated with any North East LEP decision to award a grant from the Innovation Project Development Fund application relating to the Centre for UK/Chinese Digital Business Development feasibility project.	Confidential project business case and supporting documents Confidential project appraisal report	Ben McLaughlin Programme Support Officer 0191 3387446 ben.mclaughlin@nellep.co.uk	Private – the report will contain “exempt” information which falls within paragraph 3 of part 1 of schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972)

Reference Number and Thematic Area	Decision expected to be made on or within 60 days of	Decision Type: Key or Non-Key	Decision Maker	Details of Decision to be taken	Additional Documents for consideration	Contact Officer	Decision to be made in Public or Private (and relevant category of exemption)
Economic Development and Regeneration NEW	20 August 2019	Non- Key		<p>EZ Development Fund: Newcastle Airport Business Park Site A feasibility (Phase 1)</p> <p>To agree to the financial and legal matters associated with any North East LEP decision to award a grant from the EZ Development Fund (LGF) relating to the Newcastle Airport Business Park Site A feasibility (Phase 1) project.</p>	<p>Confidential project business case and supporting documents</p> <p>Confidential project appraisal report</p>	<p>Ben McLaughlin Programme Support Officer 0191 5615446 ben.mclaughlin@nelop.co.uk</p>	<p>Private – the report will contain “exempt” information which falls within paragraph 3 of part 1 of schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972)</p>

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Appendix Two

Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2020/2021 October 2020 – June 2021

Standing Items for each Committee Meeting:

- Declaration of Interest
- Minutes of Previous Meeting
- NECA Forward Plan and Work Programme Report

Source of work programme and items of importance:

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee obtains work programme items from the following sources:

- a) Items submitted by Members of the Committee (and including items referred by other members of the Combined Authority);
- b) Suggestions NECA Chief Officers; Martin Swales – Head of Paid Service, Nicola Robason – Deputy Monitoring Officer and John Hewitt – Chief Finance Officer / Paul Darby – Deputy Finance Officer
- c) The Budget and Policy Framework; Transport Plan and Strategic Economic Plan
- d) The Forward Plan;
- e) The Thematic Leads;
- f) Evidence for any policy review work of relevance to NECA

Items for future consideration (2020-2021)

Meeting Date	Subject
17 December 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID 19 recovery update • Budget update report • Consider NECA budget proposals as part of consultation process • Impact of Brexit on the North East (incl. regional funding and Shared Prosperity Fund)
25 March 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID 19 recovery update and focused area TBC (eg job creation) • Digital Connectivity • Budget update report

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NELEP – Local Industrial Strategy • NELEP - Strategic Economic Plan Yearly update/ LEP performance • Contract commissioning – assurance that significant NECA projects have appropriate contractual and project management controls to minimise risk of project overruns and delays
Date TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barriers to employment -Mental health provision impacting employment and accessibility. • Environmental Plan and the impact on the region • Devolution – Potential Impacts on NECA

It should be noted that the work programme above covers items that will be discussed at the meetings. It does not preclude ‘deeper dives’ providing more focused scrutiny of particular topics by a sub-group of the committee outside of these meeting dates.