



North East Combined Authority, Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Monday 10th July, 2017 at 10.00 am

Meeting to be held at Gateshead Council, Civic Centre, Regent Street, Gateshead NE8 1HH

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AGENDA

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1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Please remember to declare any personal interest where appropriate both verbally and by recording it on the relevant form (to be handed to the Democratic Services Officer). Please also remember to leave the meeting where any personal interest requires this.

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 28 March 2017** **1 - 8**

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7. **Date and Time of the Next Meeting**

Wednesday 13 September 2017 at 2.00pm

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To All Members

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North East Combined Authority, Overview and Scrutiny Committee

28 March 2017

(2.02 - 3.35 pm)

Meeting held Sunderland Civic Centre

Present:

Councillors: Crute, Dillon, A Lower, Meling, S Pearson and Wright

46 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors J Armstrong, J Eagle, B Flux, R Glindon, B Pidcock and D Snowdon.

The Chair confirmed that the meeting was not quorate and that any decisions taken would be ratified at the next meeting.

47 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

48 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 14 FEBRUARY 2017

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 February 2017 and those present agreed their accuracy.

RESOLVED: That the minutes would formally be approved at the next meeting of the Committee.

Matters arising

(minute 38 refers)

It was noted that the budget for the Committee would be confirmed in the new municipal year.

49 EMPLOYABILITY AND INCLUSION THEMATIC LEAD UPDATE

Submitted: A report of the Thematic Lead for Employability and Inclusion (previously circulated and copy attached to the Official Minutes).

Councillor Davey (Thematic Lead for Employability and Inclusion) introduced the report which provided Members with an update as to the latest progress being made in delivering the Employability and Inclusion and Skills themes of the Strategic Economic Plan for the North East, including; commencement of the Apprenticeship

Levy; development of the 'North East Ambition' career guidance toolkit for schools; a programme to provide support for long-term unemployed residents with health conditions; the Mental Health Trailblazer, and; Generation NE.

Councillor Davey also advised the Committee that the refresh of the Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) had been completed, and that there had been no changes as a result of the refresh to the work programme for Employability, Inclusion and Skills.

Comments, questions and points raised by members

- Whether it would be possible for someone to come to a future meeting to talk to the Committee about the success of the Youth Employment Initiative in Durham (Durham Works).

Councillor Crute confirmed that he would be happy to support arrangements for that session to take place.

- That there should be a wider review of all of the initiatives in the region aimed at breaking down barriers to education and employment, and that these should be looked at with consideration given as to how they could be brought together more effectively.
- Members noted that there could be implications for some programmes and initiatives if the NECA were to split into two separate areas.
- Members raised the following queries in relation to Enterprise Advisors:
 - In which areas and schools were Enterprise Advisors operating;
 - How those particular schools were selected;
 - Whether there were any plans to extend the scheme to other schools and areas, and;
 - How Enterprise Advisors were recruited.

In response, officers advised that the NELEP covers the same geography as the NECA, and that the schools targeted so far had been identified in partnership with Schools North East but that the intention was to roll out the scheme more widely. A lot of the recruitment of Enterprise Advisors was done through networking with officers seeking to match the skills of the Advisors with the needs of the schools identified for inclusion. Officers agreed to share with the Committee a list of the schools already involved in the scheme and of the Advisors they have been matched with.

It was noted that the NELEP was chosen to pilot the scheme and so was slightly ahead of other parts of the country, and that the North East was leading the way generally in terms of providing careers advice with a member of the NELEP team recently winning a national award in recognition of their work.

- Members noted the success of the Mental Health Trailblazer and queried whether the success of the scheme in County Durham following its early launch there was starting to be reflected in other areas.

Councillor Davey confirmed that the scheme was proving to be successful in all areas.

It was suggested that there should be greater publicity about the scheme, promoting it as a practical tool to help those with mental health issues to get and keep a job. Members agreed that this was a good idea and noted that there should be more publicity generally of the positive things that were happening within NECA.

- Whether an update could be given on the EU funding still to be released to the region, whether there had been any impact for the region in terms of money lost as a result of Government nationalising the programmes, and if so whether it could be claimed back.

Officers advised that as a result of the refresh the SEP now lined up with all EU initiatives, and that allocations could begin to be made. It was noted that some ERDF money is still available, but that nothing could be done until the Government opened a window for applications. It was agreed that officers would circulate to the Committee a briefing note on the current position re all EU funding including any impact from nationalisation of the programmes.

RESOLVED: - That

- i. The report be received for comment and for information.
- ii. The Committee to receive further information on the Durham Works Youth Employment Initiative at a future meeting.
- iii. Further information on Enterprise Advisors to be included on the work programme for the Committee.
- iv. Information about the promotion and publicity for positive news stories within NECA would be circulated.
- v. Officers to circulate to Committee a briefing note on current position regarding EU funding.

50 HEALTH AND WEALTH - CLOSING THE GAP IN THE NORTH EAST

Submitted: A report of the Interim Head of Paid Service (previously circulated and copy attached to the Official Minutes).

Helen Golightly (Interim Head of Paid Service) presented the report which provided Members with details of the feedback received from all statutory bodies to the consultation on the recommendations set out in “Health and Wealth: Closing the Gap in the North East” – the report of the North East Commission for Health and Social Care Integration – and of the high level next steps proposed.

Comments, questions and points raised by members

- That health inequalities were a massive issue for the region, and whether bringing together the Health and Wellbeing Boards from across the NECA area on a regular basis could be worth considering to help link up the work taking place. It was noted that it could be particularly useful as there was a disalignment between the geography of the Strategic Transformation Plans (STPs) and of the NECA.
- That the shift away from collective healthcare and towards individual responsibility was worrying.
- That while Greater Manchester had been awarded responsibility for health and social care there were still concerns about the funding that went with it. It was noted that the North East had been very successful in some areas, such as preventing smoking and reducing teenage pregnancy, but that to tackle such issues properly would require both time and adequate funding to be devolved to the region.
- That in order to make the proposals set out in the report work there would be some massive issues and long term challenges to overcome.
- Members expressed their disappointment that it had not been possible for either a member of the Commission or an officer with a greater knowledge of the area of work to attend to present the report and to respond to more detailed questions.
- It was highlighted that whilst the region had one of the fastest increases in life expectancy in recent years, there were still massive discrepancies between wards.
- It was suggested that the NHS had become increasingly dedicated to things other than keeping people well or making them better, and that it would be good if a review of governance could also help to rationalise what was provided by the health service.
- It was noted that the region had a clear inheritance in terms of the health impacts of industrialisation, particularly for older people.
- The Chair suggested that Committee Members may find a video by Dr Bob Gill of interest, and also highlighted some recent training that Sunderland members had undertaken on the Gunning Principles which had been proven to be particularly useful. It was suggested that it would be helpful for the NECA O&S Committee to undertake the same training, if the budget would allow. It was agreed that officers would circulate links to both the video by Dr Bob Gill and to the Gunning Principles to the Committee.

RESOLVED: - That

- i. The report be received for comment and for information.

- ii. In consultation with Members, health partners should be invited to a future meeting to discuss details of the proposals.

51 **POLICY REVIEW - TRANSPORT RELATED BARRIERS TO EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING**

Submitted: Report of the Monitoring Officer (previously circulated and copy attached to the Official Minutes).

Karen Brown (Scrutiny Officer) presented the report which considered the response from the Leadership Board to the conclusions of a policy review on transport related barriers to education, employment and training.

Karen advised members that the Leadership Board had welcomed and accepted the recommendations of the policy review and that the majority of the recommendations were to be built into the work programme.

Comments, questions and points raised by members

- In response to a query about whether there had been a recommendation on access to healthcare, officers advised that although it was referenced in the report there had not been a specific recommendation as health had not been part of the remit of the review.
- It was noted that the region's "Access Fund" bid, intended to help maintain the Go-Smarter programme, had been declined for funding, and Members expressed their disappointment in the outcome.

RESOLVED: That the report be received and actions to be taken noted.

52 **FORWARD PLAN AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME**

Submitted: Report of the Monitoring Officer (previously circulated and copy attached to the Official Minutes).

Karen Brown (Scrutiny Officer) presented the report which provided Members with an opportunity to consider the items on the Forward Plan for the current 28 day period and the revised and updated Scrutiny Annual Work Programme for 2016/17.

Karen advised the Committee that the report to Leadership Board on the Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2016, and the notes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 10 March, were also included.

Viv Geary (Monitoring Officer) gave a verbal update on the outcome of the Leadership Board discussion regarding the Order. She advised the Committee that the Leadership Board had been fully supportive of the concerns raised by Members, and that they had accepted all of the proposals but that they had agreed that their preference for charring arrangements would be to have an Independent Chair and

Vice Chair and that officers had begun the process of procuring those people for the new municipal year.

Comments, questions and points raised by members

- In response to a query, officers confirmed that both the Chair and Vice Chair would be Independent.
- Members expressed their disappointment that the Leadership Board had not listened to the Committee on the subject of the Chair given how well the committee had worked together, suggested that it would be a difficult role for someone to undertake without any political knowledge, and expressed concern that it could result in the agenda being driven solely by the Chair and not by the Committee.
- In response to a query about whether the Independent Chair and Vice Chair would be paid, and where the money would come from, officers advised that this had not yet been determined but that the Governance Committee already had an Independent Chair and Vice Chair, both of whom received nominal payments.
- Whether any of the constituent authorities had Independent Chairs for their scrutiny committees.

All members present confirmed that their own authority did not have an Independent Chair of Scrutiny.

- Who the Independent Chair and Vice Chair would be answerable to, whether the appointment would be for a fixed term, and if so how long, and whether there would be a limit on the term that the Chair could serve.

Officers advised that a report to the Annual Meeting of the NECA would address all of those issues, but that the current understanding was that it would be a term of 2-3 years.

- Whether the appointment of the Independent Chair and Vice Chair would be an open and transparent process, and how it could be determined that an application was 'non-political'.

Officers advised that the roles would be advertised, that the process would be open and transparent and that there were set criteria to determine whether or not an applicant could be considered to be non-political. It was agreed that officers would provide the Committee with further details of the Independent Chair and Vice Chair posts, including a copy of the advert for the roles.

- It was agreed that the Chair should write to the Chair of the Leadership Board to acknowledge their decision and to reflect the views of the Committee.

- Members noted that it was the last meeting for the current Chair, Vice Chair and the Monitoring Officer and Scrutiny Officer and expressed their recognition and thanks for their hard work.

In return the Chair thanked the Committee for their support, and also extended thanks to all of the officers who worked to support the Committee and to all those who had attended to present reports.

RESOLVED: That –

- i. The Scrutiny Committee accepted the Forward Plan and work programme report.
- ii. Officers to provide the Scrutiny Committee with further details of the Independent Chair and Vice Chair posts, an explanation of the selection process that would be undertaken, and a copy of the advert for the roles.

53 **DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

To be confirmed at the NECA Annual Meeting.

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Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: 10 July 2017

Subject: Terms of Reference for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee,
& Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Report of: Monitoring Officer

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with the proposed Terms of Reference for both the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Sub-Committee.

Recommendations

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to consider and agree the Terms of Reference.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

1. Background Information

- 1.1 The NECA Overview and Scrutiny Committee was established on the 29 April 2014, under the Order establishing the NECA.
- 1.2 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has the power to call-in decisions made but not yet implemented. The Committee will delegate this authority to a call-in Sub-Committee. The membership of both the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Sub-Committee committee will reflect, so far as reasonably practicable, the regional political balance.
- 1.3 The Terms of Reference for both Committees are attached as Appendix 1 and Appendix 2. They are created to enable the Committees to undertake the responsibilities as described in the Constitution and describe the function and the role of Committees.

2. Reasons for the Proposals

- 2.1 The report provides Members with an opportunity to consider and agree the Terms of Reference for both the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Sub-Committee.

3. Alternative Options Available

- 3.1 Members may:-
 - Amend the Terms of Reference; or
 - Request that officers draft further Terms of Reference and for these to be brought before Members for approval.

4. Next Steps and Timetable for Implementation

- 4.1 Following agreement, the Terms of Reference will have immediate effect and will provide Members of both the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and Sub-Committee with information regarding their purpose and scope.
- 4.2 The Sub-Committee Terms of Reference will also ensure that arrangements are in place should a referral be made to the Committee for a decision to be called-in.

5. Potential Impact on Objectives

- 5.1 The Terms of Reference for both Committees will contribute towards the development of a robust Overview and Scrutiny Committee, as well as providing appropriate challenges for the Sub-Committee to support the call-in of decisions made.

6. Financial and Other Resources Implications

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- 6.1 No financial or other resource implications are identified.

7. Legal Implications

- 7.1 NECA is required to appoint an Overview and Scrutiny Committee and to have arrangements in place that ensure that the Committee or Sub-Committee has power to review and scrutinise decisions made by the Leadership Board and its Officers and the other decision making bodies of NECA as well as Nexus. The proposed Terms of Reference (Appendix 1 & 2) ensures that the requirements of the legislation are met by enabling the effective review and scrutiny of decisions taken by the decision making bodies of NECA.

The Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 enables the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to appoint a Sub-Committee and to arrange for the discharge of any of its functions by that Sub-Committee.

8. Key Risks

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

9. Equality and Diversity

- 9.1 Not applicable.

10. Crime and Disorder

- 10.1 Not applicable.

11. Consultation/Engagement

- 11.1 Consultation has taken place with the Leaders/Elected Mayor, NECA's Head of Paid Service and the Chief Executives of the Constituent Authorities in relation to the necessary changes to the Overview and Scrutiny arrangements of NECA as a result of The Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2016 (the 2016 Order).

- 11.2 On 21 March 2017, the Leadership Board agreed to amendments being made to NECA's Constitution to reflect the requirements introduced by the 2016 Order, including the ability for decisions to be called-in by the Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee and for the Committee to appoint a Sub-Committee.

12. Other Impact of the Proposals

- 12.1 The proposals consider the wider impact and take into account the Principles of Decision Making as set out in the NECA Consultation. They allow Members to give consideration of the Terms of Reference for the Committee and Sub-Committee that has been outlined in Appendix 1 & Appendix 2.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

13. Appendices

13.1 Appendix 1 – Terms of Reference – Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Appendix 2 – Terms of Reference – Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee

14. Background Papers

14.1 NECA Constitution

15. Contact Officers

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16. Sign off

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

17. Glossary

NECA - North East Combined Authority

North East Combined Authority
Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Terms of Reference

1. Purpose

- 1.1 One of the main functions of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is the review and scrutiny of decisions made by the North East Leadership Board (NELB), the Transport North East Committee (TNEC), Transport North East (Tyne and Wear) Sub Committee (TWSC) and Nexus.
- 1.2 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee will also investigate matters of strategic importance to residents within the Combined Authority covered by the Constituent Authorities with a view to influencing decisions made in respect of all matters within the remit of the NECA.

2. Membership

- 2.1 A total of 14 Members and 2 non-voting Members who will act as a Chair and Vice-Chair.
- 2.2 The total will be made up of two Members from each constituent Local Authority, who are not Members of the Leadership Board or any other decision making committee of the North East Combined Authority.
- 2.3 Members to the committee, will be based, so far as reasonably practicable on the political balance that applies to the region as a whole at the time of appointment.

3. Key Objectives and Responsibilities

- 3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee key objectives and responsibilities are:
 - 1. To have a clear Annual Work Programme that is compiled to allow the Committee to have 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;

2. To consider items noted in the Forward Plan and determine whether scrutiny can add value in relation to the decisions being made;
3. Review and scrutinise the decisions made, or other action taken by the Leadership Board in connection with the discharge of their functions;
4. Review or scrutinise a decision made in connection with the discharge of any functions which are the responsibility of the Leadership Board which have not been implemented and recommend that the decision be reconsidered by the Leadership Board;
5. Review and scrutinise major and strategic decisions of the TNEC which are taken by the TNEC in connection with the discharge of its functions;
6. Make reports or recommendations to the Leadership Board and TNEC on the discharge of these functions;
7. Review and scrutinise the Leadership Board's initial and final proposals in respect of plans and strategies falling within the Budget and Policy Framework, in accordance with the Budget and Policy Framework Rules of Procedure (section 4.4 NECA Constitution);
8. Establish an Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee to exercise call-in powers;
9. Investigate matters of strategic importance to residents of the Constituent Authorities and make reports with evidence based recommendations to the Leadership Board or the TNEC as appropriate;
10. Facilitate the exchange of information about the work of the Leadership Board and the TNEC and to share information and outcomes from reviews;
11. The role of these arrangements in relation to the Delivery Agencies will include:-
 - a) Review and scrutiny of the Nexus delivery of transport services against the Local Transport Plan and to make recommendations for improvement and/or changes; and
 - b) Obtaining explanations from Nexus regarding its delivery of transport services.

North East Combined Authority
Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Terms of Reference

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee will contribute towards the further development of robust and effective scrutiny arrangements for the North East Combined Authority.

The Sub-Committee will meet within 14 days of a notification of call-in and consider whether to refer the decision back to the decision maker.

2. Membership

- 2.1 A total of 7 Members drawn from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee or Substitute Members excluding the Member(s) who have called a decision in. Membership will, as far as reasonably practicable, reflect the regional political balance, and will include a Member from each of the Constituent Authorities, plus the Independent Chair or Independent Vice-Chair.

3. Key Objectives and Responsibilities

- 3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee key objectives and responsibilities are:
1. To consider and determine whether to review or scrutinise any decisions made in connection with the discharge of functions by the Leadership Board, NECA's Committees or officers which are subject to a request for call-in;
 2. To direct that a decision taken by the Leadership Board, NECA Committees, or officer is not implemented while it is under review or scrutiny by the Sub-Committee;
 3. As a result of the review or scrutiny undertaken, to recommend that any decision of the Leadership Board, NECA Committee or officer be reconsidered;

4. In relation to any decision subject to review or scrutiny as a result of a request for call-in, to make reports or recommendations to the Leadership Board, NECA Committee or officer as appropriate with respect to the discharge of any of the functions of the Leadership Board, NECA's Committees or officers relating to or in connection with the decision subject to call-in.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: 10 July 2017

Subject: Forward Plan and Scrutiny Work Programme

Report of: Monitoring Officer

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an opportunity to consider the items on the Forward Plan for the current 28 day period and to endorse the Scrutiny Annual Work Programme for 2017/18.

Recommendations

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to consider the Forward Plan and to endorse the Work Programme for 2017/18.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

1. Background Information

- 1.1 The Forward Plan is a document which lists the decisions that the North East Combined Authority intend to take in the coming months. The Forward Plan 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.
- 1.2 Details of each decision are included on the Forward Plan 28 days before the report is considered and any decision is taken.

2. Role of Overview and Scrutiny

- 2.1 One of the main functions of this Committee is the review and scrutiny of decisions made by the North East Leadership Board (NELB), the Transport North East Committee (TNEC), Transport North East (Tyne and Wear) Sub-Committee (TWSC) and Nexus.
- 2.2 In considering items in the Forward Plan, the Scrutiny Committee should determine whether scrutiny can add value in relation to the decision being made.
- 2.3 The Forward Plan is attached marked as Appendix 1.

3. Annual Work Programme

- 3.1 The work programme has been compiled to allow the Scrutiny Committee to have 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.
- 3.2 The NECA 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) The Budget and Policy Framework
 - c) The Forward Plan
 - d) The three Thematic Leads
 - e) Evidence for any policy review work
- 3.3 The Annual Work Programme is attached as Appendix 2

4. Reasons for the Proposals

- 4.1 The report proposes to provide Members with an opportunity to consider the items on the Forward Plan for the current 28 day period and endorse the Annual Work

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Programme for 2017/18.

5. Alternative Options Available

- 5.1 Committee members are asked to input on any additional items as part of planning for the Work Programme for 2017/18. The preferred option is for members to consider the Forward Plan and endorse The Work Programme for 2017/18.

6. Next Steps and Timetable for Implementation

- 6.1 In considering the Forward Plan, Members are asked to consider those issues where the Scrutiny Committee could make a contribution and add value.
- 6.2 If the 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 way.
- 6.3 The work programme will be refreshed and updated at each meeting of the scrutiny committee throughout the year.

7. Potential Impact on Objectives

- 7.1 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, Nexus and NELEP as well as providing appropriate challenge to decisions taken.

8. Financial and Other Resources Implications

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

9. Legal Implications

- 9.1 There are no specific legal implications arising from these recommendations.

10. Key Risks

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

11. Equality and Diversity

- 11.1 Not applicable.

12. Crime and Disorder

- 12.1 Not applicable.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

13. Consultation/Engagement

- 13.1 Consultation has taken place with Officers and Scrutiny Members across the NECA in regards to the items for the Annual Work Programme as Appendix 2.

14. Other Impact of the Proposals

- 14.1 The proposals consider the wider impact and take into account the Principles of Decision Making as set out in the NECA Consultation. They allow Members consideration of the items on the Forward Plan and allow them the opportunity to have an overview of all performance, decision making and developments across NECA.

15. Appendices

- 15.1 Appendix 1 – Forward Plan
Appendix 2 – Annual Work Programme

16. Background Papers

- 16.1 None

17. Contact Officers

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18. Sign off

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

19. Glossary

NECA - North East Combined Authority

NELB - North East Leadership Board

NELEP - North East Local Enterprise Partnership



Forward Plan of Decisions

Published 26 June 2017 *

The Forward Plan for the North East Combined Authority (NECA) is prepared and published by the Monitoring Officer for the purpose of giving the 28 days' notice of decisions that are planned to be taken by the NECA, its committees or a Chief Officer, which impact on the key areas of the NECA, namely Transport, Economic Development, Regeneration, Skills and Inclusion.

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”.**

| Reference Number | Date of Decision | Decision Maker | Topic | Thematic area | Consultees /Consultation Process | Background Documents | Contact Officer |
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| A. North East Leadership Board (Leadership Board) | | | | | | | |
| LB 7 (a) | 18 July 2017 (Standing Item) | Leadership Board | Update reports on the following thematic lead areas: a) Economic Development and Regeneration; b) Employability and Inclusion; and c) Transport (and Digital Connectivity) | All | a) EDR: NECA Elected Members and officers; NELEP Members and officers b) To be confirmed c) To be confirmed | a) EDR: North East Strategic Economic Plan – More and Better Jobs b) Held by the Contact Officer c) Held by the Contact Officer | a) Sara Dunlop Business, Employment and Skills Manager 0191 424 6257 sara.dunlop@southtyneside.gov.uk b) Janice Rose Economic and Inclusion Policy Manager 01670 624747 Janice.rose@northumberland.gov.uk c) Tobyn Hughes Managing Director (Transport Operations) Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk |

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| | | | | | | | (0191) 2033246 |
| LB 7 (b) | 18 July 2017 | Leadership Board | <p>Transport for the North – Sub-National Transport Body Status</p> <p>This report will consider proposals in relation to Transport for the North becoming a Sub-National Transport Body, and for NECA to participate in it.</p> | Transport | None | <p>Details of Transport for the North and its Sub-Regional Transport Body status are available at</p> <p>http://www.transportforthenorth.com/about-transport-for-the-north/sub-national-transport-body/</p> | <p>Tobyn Hughes Managing Director (Transport Operations)</p> <p>Tobyn.hughes@nebus.org.uk</p> <p>(0191) 2033246</p> |
| LB 7 (c) | 18 July 2017 | Leadership Board | <p>Finance Update – 2016/17 Outturn and 2017/18 Update</p> <p>This will be a report for information providing an update on the outturn against the 2016/17 Revenue Budget and Capital Programme and an</p> | Corporate | The budget being reported was subject to a period of consultation during December 2016. | NECA Revenue Budget 2017/18, NECA Capital Programme 2017/18 | <p>Paul Woods Chief Finance Officer</p> <p>paul.woods@north-eastca.gov.uk</p> <p>07446936840</p> <p>Eleanor Goodman</p> |

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| | | | update on progress in 2017/18. | | | | Principal Accountant eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk 0191 277 7518 |
| LB 7 (d) | 18 July 2017 | Leadership Board | <p>Project Approvals - Local Growth Fund Projects</p> <p>Approval of release of Local Growth Fund grant, following appraisal and approval by the LEP of business cases for schemes already included in the LGF programme.</p> <p>It is likely that the following grants will be recommended to be released –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A19 North Bank Tyne (Swans) – Highway access - Stage 2 | Economic Development and Regeneration ; Transport | Local Enterprise Partnership | None | <p>Paul Woods</p> <p>Chief Finance Officer</p> <p>paul.woods@northeastca.gov.uk</p> <p>07446936840</p> |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Arches, highway project South Tyneside - Stage 2 • 5G Test Bed (if not agreed before the meeting) | | | | |
| LB 8 (a) NEW | 19 September 2017 (Standing Item) | Leadership Board | Update reports on the following thematic lead areas: a) Economic Development and Regeneration; b) Employability and Inclusion; and c) Transport (and Digital Connectivity) | All | a) EDR: NECA Elected Members and officers; NELEP Members and officers b) To be confirmed c) To be confirmed | a) EDR: North East Strategic Economic Plan – More and Better Jobs b) Held by the Contact Officer c) Held by the Contact Officer | a) Sara Dunlop Business, Employment and Skills Manager 0191 424 6257 sara.dunlop@southtyneside.gov.uk b) Janice Rose Economic and Inclusion Policy Manager 01670 624747 Janice.rose@northumberland.gov.uk c) Tobyn Hughes |

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| | | | | | | | Managing Director (Transport Operations) Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk (0191) 2033246 |
| LB 8 (b) NEW | 19 September 2017 (Standing Item) | Leadership Board | Project Approvals - Local Growth Fund Projects Approval of release of Local Growth Fund grant, following appraisal and approval by the LEP of business cases for schemes already included in the LGF programme. | Economic Development and Regeneration ; Transport | Local Enterprise Partnership | None | Paul Woods Chief Finance Officer paul.woods@north-eastca.gov.uk 07446936840 |
| LB 8 (c) Updated | 19 September 2017 | Leadership Board | Contractual and financial arrangements for the procurement of new rolling stock for the Tyne and Wear Metro Leadership Board is asked to approve the proposed contractual | Transport | The report has been prepared through Nexus' internal reporting arrangements and submitted to TNEC on 13 th July 2017. | None | Tobyn Hughes Managing Director (Transport Operations) Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk (0191) 2033246 |

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| | | | and financial arrangements for the procurement of new rolling stock for the Tyne and Wear Metro. | | | | |
| B. Transport North East Committee (TNEC) | | | | | | | |
| TN 3 (a) | 13 July 2017 | TNEC | <p>Air Quality issues in the NECA area</p> <p>For Information</p> <p>This report will inform members about the government's recently published Air Quality Action Plan and the response to the associated consultation that has been submitted by the NECA</p> | Transport | None | <p>Improving air quality: national plan for tackling nitrogen dioxide in our towns and cities – published online at</p> <p>https://consult.defra.gov.uk/airquality/air-quality-plan-for-tackling-nitrogen-dioxide/supporting_documents/Draft%20Revised%20AQ%20Plan.pdf</p> | <p>Tobyn Hughes Managing Director (Transport Operations)</p> <p>Tobyn.hughes@nebus.org.uk</p> <p>(0191) 2033246</p> |

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| TN 3 (b) | 13 July 2017 | TNEC | <p>Transport for the North – Sub-National Transport Body status</p> <p>For Information</p> <p>This report will inform members of the proposals in relation to Transport for the North becoming a Sub-National Transport Body, and for NECA to participate in it.</p> | Transport | None | <p>Details of Transport for the North and its Sub-Regional Transport Body status are available at</p> <p>http://www.transportforthenorth.com/about-transport-for-the-north/sub-national-transport-body/</p> | <p>Tobyn Hughes Managing Director (Transport Operations)</p> <p>Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk</p> <p>(0191) 2033246</p> |
| TN 3 (c) Updated | 13 July 2017 | TNEC | <p>Northern Powerhouse Rail – NECA position</p> <p>For information</p> <p>This report will discuss the Northern Powerhouse Rail programme as it relates to the NECA area</p> | Transport | Consultation about the Northern Powerhouse Rail programme has taken place with all NECA's constituent local authorities and with Nexus | <p>Details about the Northern Powerhouse Rail programme can be found on the Transport for the North website at</p> <p>http://www.transportforthenorth.com/</p> | <p>Tobyn Hughes Managing Director (Transport Operations)</p> <p>Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk</p> <p>(0191) 2033246</p> |

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| TN 3 (d) | 13 July 2017 | TNEC | Rail Update This report will provide an update on issues relating to the heavy rail network in the NECA area. | Transport | Consultation about the heavy rail network in the NECA area takes place through the North East Rail Management Unit | Each scheme will follow the individual Council's project consultation process | Tobyn Hughes Managing Director (Transport Operations) Tobyn.hughes@nebus.org.uk (0191) 2033246 |
| TN 3 (e) | 13 July 2017 (Standing Item) | TNEC | Transport Plan for the North East This report provides a regular update on progress in developing the NECA's Transport Plan and also seeks approval for the Plan to be taken to the 19 th September meeting of North East Leadership Board, to obtain the Board's approval for public consultation. | Transport | Wide public consultation will take place on the Transport Plan, in line with statutory guidance. | "Our Journey" – the NECA Transport Manifesto published at http://www.north-eastca.gov.uk/sites/default/files/file_attachments/NECA%20Transport%20Manifesto_1.pdf | Tobyn Hughes Managing Director (Transport Operations) Tobyn.hughes@nebus.org.uk (0191) 2033246 |

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| TN 3 (f) | 13 July 2017 (Standing Item) | TNEC | Capital Programme Monitoring Report This standing item provides the Transport North East Committee with a progress update in relation to delivery of the transport related capital programme. This is a requirement of the NECA constitution and is a function delegated to TNEC. | Corporate issue | Consultation on the capital programme with Treasurers and Chief Executives, and capital programme agreed in April 2016. | NECA Budget and Capital Programme | Eleanor Goodman Principal Accountant 0191 277 7518 eleanor.goodman@newcastle.gov.uk |
| TN 3 (g) | 13 July 2017 (Standing Item) | TNEC | Revenue Budget Monitoring Report This standing item provides the Transport North East Committee with a progress update in relation to how the transport related budgets for the delivery agencies are being managed. This is a requirement of the NECA constitution and | Corporate issue | Consultation on the budget with Treasurers and Chief Executives, and budget agreed by Leadership Board. | NECA Budget and Capital Programme | Eleanor Goodman Principal Accountant 0191 277 7518 eleanor.goodman@newcastle.gov.uk |

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| | | | is a function delegated to TNEC. | | | | |
| TN 3 (h) | 13 July 2017 | TNEC | <p>Update on Electric Vehicle infrastructure in the North East</p> <p>For Information</p> <p>This report will update on recommendations for electric vehicle charging infrastructure across the North East Combined Authority area and will advise on progress with these matters.</p> <p>The report will also provide an update on progress with the Go Ultra Low programme in the North East</p> | Transport | <p>Consultation on Electric Vehicle infrastructure has taken place with NECA Economic Directors</p> <p>Consultation on the GUL programme has taken place with all NECA constituent authorities, the University of Newcastle and other relevant stakeholders</p> | <p>‘NECA wins funding for the filling stations of the Future’ http://www.north-eastca.gov.uk/news/neca-wins-funding-filling-stations-future - January 2016</p> <p>Office for Low Emission Vehicles Go Ultra Low City Scheme Funding Opportunity-Transport North East Committee Report April 2015</p> | <p>Tobyn Hughes Managing Director (Transport Operations)</p> <p>Tobyn.hughes@ne-xus.org.uk</p> <p>(0191) 2033246</p> |
| TN 3 (i) | 13 July 2017 | TNEC | Legacy proposals for the Go Smarter programme | Transport | Consultation will take place with NECA Heads of | “Go Smarter update” provided to the 20 th April | Tobyn Hughes |

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| | | | <p>Following the report to the April meeting, this report will outline how key elements of the Go Smarter programme are to be maintained across the NECA area. It will also provide low, medium and high funding scenario options which NECA can use to formulate future funding bids in this area.</p> <p>Committee will be asked to approve the legacy programme which will be implemented by the Regional Transport Team within existing resources and note the options for future funding bids.</p> <p>Committee are also asked to agree to receive a future report</p> | | Transport and the NECA's Sustainable Transport Group. | <p>meeting of Transport North East Committee:</p> <p>http://www.north-eastca.gov.uk/sites/default/files/minutes_document/Transport%20North%20East%20Committee%202020%20April%202017%20agenda.pdf</p> | <p>Managing Director (Transport Operations)</p> <p>Tobyn.hughes@nebus.org.uk</p> <p>(0191) 2033246</p> |

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| | | | should a bidding opportunity arise. | | | | |
| TN 3 (j) | 13 July 2017 | TNEC | Bus Fares for Young People Workstream update | Transport | A task and finish group has been established, involving Members from TNEC and Overview and Scrutiny, Nexus, Northumberland and Durham officers and representatives from the 3 major bus operators in the region. | An independent consultancy study looking at young persons' ticketing is currently in development. | Tobyn Hughes Managing Director (Transport Operations) Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk (0191) 2033246 |
| TN 3 (k) | 13 July 2017 | TNEC | Contractual and financial arrangements for the procurement of new rolling stock for the Tyne and Wear Metro TNEC is asked to endorse the proposed | Transport | The report has been prepared through Nexus' internal reporting arrangements. | None. | Tobyn Hughes Managing Director (Transport Operations) Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk (0191) 2033246 |

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| | | | contractual and financial arrangements for the procurement of new rolling stock for the Tyne and Wear Metro | | | | |
| TN 3 (I) | 13 July 2017 | TNEC | <p>City Regions Transport Network</p> <p>For Decision</p> <p>A nominee is required from TNEC to attend future meetings of the City Regions Transport Network.</p> | Transport | The current City Regions Transport Special Interest Group has consulted with existing members and is proposing to re-establish itself as the City Regions Transport Network following that consultation. | None. | <p>Tobyn Hughes</p> <p>Managing Director (Transport Operations)</p> <p>Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk</p> <p>(0191) 2033246</p> |
| TN 4 (a) | 16 November 2017 (Standing Item) | TNEC | <p>Transport for the North</p> <p>This standing item is intended to provide a regular update on the programme to improve</p> | Transport | As required | The Northern Transport Strategy Spring 2016 report published at: | <p>Tobyn Hughes</p> <p>Managing Director (Transport Operations)</p> |

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| | | | the transport network in Northern England and thereby promote economic growth | | | http://www.transportforthenorth.com/pdfs/The-Northern-Transport-Strategy-Spring-2016-Report.PDF | Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk (0191) 2033246 |
| TN 4 (b) | 16 November 2017 (Standing Item) | TNEC | Transport Plan for the North East This standing item provides a regular update on progress in developing the NECA's Transport Plan | Transport | Wide public consultation will take place on the Transport Plan, in line with statutory guidance. | "Our Journey" – the NECA Transport Manifesto published at http://www.north-eastca.gov.uk/sites/default/files/file_attachments/NECA%20Transport%20Manifesto_1.pdf | Tobyn Hughes Managing Director (Transport Operations) Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk (0191) 2033246 |
| TN 4 (c) | 16 November 2017 (Standing Item) | TNEC | Capital Programme Monitoring Report This standing item provides the Transport North East Committee with a progress update in relation to delivery of | Corporate issue | Consultation on the capital programme with Treasurers and Chief Executives, and capital | NECA Budget and Capital Programme | Eleanor Goodman Principal Accountant 0191 277 7518 eleanor.goodman@newcastle.gov.uk |

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| | | | the transport related capital programme. This is a requirement of the NECA constitution and is a function delegated to TNEC. | | programme agreed in April 2016. | | |
| TN 4 (d) | 16 November 2017 (Standing Item) | TNEC | Revenue Budget Monitoring Report This standing item provides the Transport North East Committee with a progress update in relation to how the transport related budgets for the delivery agencies are being managed. This is a requirement of the NECA constitution and is a function delegated to TNEC. | Corporate issue | Consultation on the budget with Treasurers and Chief Executives, and budget agreed by Leadership Board. | NECA Budget and Capital Programme | Eleanor Goodman Principal Accountant 0191 277 7518 eleanor.goodman@newcastle.gov.uk |
| TN 4 (e) | 16 November 2017 | TNEC | Go Ultra Low update To update members on progress made with | Transport | Consultation has taken place with all NECA constituent | 'NECA wins funding for the filling stations of the Future' http://www.north | Tobyn Hughes Managing Director (Transport Operations) |

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| | | | the Go Ultra Low programme | | authorities, the University of Newcastle and other relevant stakeholders | eastca.gov.uk/news/neca-wins-funding-filling-stations-future - January 2016 Office for Low Emission Vehicles Go Ultra Low City Scheme Funding Opportunity-Transport North East Committee Report April 2015 | Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk (0191) 2033246 |
| C. Transport North East (Tyne and Wear) Sub-Committee (TW) | | | | | | | |
| TW 6 (a) | 13 July 2017 (Standing Item) | TWSC | Tyne Tunnel Update (confidential report) The report will provide an update for Members on the operation and management of the Tyne Tunnel | Transport | To be confirmed | Held by the Contact Officer | Alastair Swan Principal Engineer 0191 211 5931 alastair.swan@newcastle.gov.uk |

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| | | | The report will be exempt from the publication by virtue of paragraphs 3 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of The Local Government Act 1972 | | | | |
| TW 6 (b) | 13 July 2017 (Standing Item) | TWSC | <p>Monitoring Nexus' Performance and Metro Performance Update 2017/18</p> <p>The purpose of these reports is to advise TWSC of Nexus' corporate performance in respect of service and project delivery such that the Sub-Committee exercises the monitoring and oversight functions in respect of Nexus activities delegated to it from the NECA Leadership Board.</p> <p>The report also reports on the measures in</p> | Transport | The report has been prepared through Nexus' internal reporting arrangements. | Held by the Contact Officer | <p>Tobyn Hughes Managing Director (Transport Operations) 0191 203 3246 tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk</p> |

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| | | | place to improve Metro performance. | | | | |
| TW 6 (c) | 13 July 2017 (Standing Item) | TWSC | Update on NEXUS Corporate Risks 2017/18 The purpose of this report is to provide an update to TWSC of the strategic risks identified by Nexus for the year. | Transport | The report has been prepared through Nexus internal reporting arrangements. | Held by the Contact Officer | Tobyn Hughes Managing Director (Transport Operations) 0191 203 3246 tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk |
| TW 6 (d) | 13 July 2017 | TWSC | Metro Transition Update To provide an update on Metro Transition and to receive a close-out report from the Chairman of the Metro Transition Assurance Committee. | Transport | The report will be subject to the internal approvals process at Nexus. | None | Tobyn Hughes Managing Director (Transport Operations) Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk (0191) 2033246 |
| TW 6 (e) | 13 July 2017 | TWSC | Monitoring Nexus' Performance and Metro Performance Update 2016/17 | Transport | The report has been prepared through Nexus' internal reporting | None | Tobyn Hughes Managing Director (Transport Operations) |

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| | | | <p>The purpose of these reports is to advise TWSC of Nexus' corporate performance in respect of service and project delivery such that the Sub-Committee exercises the monitoring and oversight functions in respect of Nexus activities delegated to it from the NECA Leadership Board.</p> <p>The report also reports on the measures in place to improve Metro performance.</p> | | arrangements. | | Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk (0191) 2033246 |
| TW 6 (f) | 13 July 2017 | TWSC | <p>Review of ticket acceptance on buses when Metro is disrupted</p> <p>Members are asked to note the report</p> | Transport | The report has been approved through Nexus' internal reporting processes | None | Tobyn Hughes Managing Director (Transport Operations) Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk (0191) 2033246 |

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| TW 6 (g) | 13 July 2017 | TWSC | <p>Concessionary Travel Reimbursement for 2017/18 and 2018/19 (confidential report)</p> <p>For Information</p> <p>The Transport North East (Tyne and Wear) Sub-Committee is recommended to note the contents of this report.</p> | Transport | The report has been prepared in line with Nexus' internal reporting arrangements. | There are no background documents. | <p>Tobyn Hughes Managing Director (Transport Operations)</p> <p>Tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk</p> <p>(0191) 2033246</p> |
| D. Governance Committee | | | | | | | |
| G 3 (a) | 4 July 2017 (Standing Item) | Governance Committee | <p>Internal Audit Progress Report</p> <p>The purpose of this report is to provide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A summary of outcomes from the delivery of the 2016/17 internal audit plan • Information on the implementation of | Corporate issue | Head of Paid Service, Monitoring Officer and Chief Finance Officer | Final Internal Audit Reports & Internal Audit Plan | <p>Philip Slater Audit, Risk and Insurance Service Manager</p> <p>0191 2116511</p> <p>Philip.slater@newcastle.gov.uk</p> |

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| | | | audit recommendations • A draft 2017/18 internal audit plan. | | | | |
| G 3 (b) | 4 July 2017 | Governance Committee | Strategic Risks & Opportunities Register The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the strategic risk and opportunity register for the Combined Authority. | Corporate Issue | Head of Paid Service, Monitoring Officer and Chief Finance Officer | Risk Management Policy & Strategy | Philip Slater Audit, Risk and Insurance Service Manager 0191 2116511 Philip.slater@newcastle.gov.uk |
| G 3 (c) | 4 July 2017 | Governance Committee | Annual Governance Statement The purpose of this report is to bring the draft Annual Governance Statement to Members to consider its inclusion in the accounts. | Corporate Issue | Head of Paid Service, Monitoring Officer and Chief Finance Officer | Assurance Statements from – Partnerships, Monitoring Officer, Chief Finance Officer, Senior Information Risk Owner, Nexus | Philip Slater Audit, Risk and Insurance Service Manager 0191 2116511 Philip.slater@newcastle.gov.uk |
| G 3 (d) | 4 July 2017 | Governance Committee | External Audit Progress Update This report provides an update for information | Corporate Issue | Consultation with statutory officers and Governance | None. | Jim Dafter External Audit Senior Manager, |

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| | | | on the work of Mazars, the External Auditors to the Combined Authority. | | Committee chair. | | Mazars jim.dafter@mazars.co.uk Eleanor Goodman Principal Accountant 0191 277 7518 eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk |
| G 3 (e) | 4 July 2017 | Governance Committee | 2016/17 Outturn and Draft Financial Statements This report provides an update for information on outturn position for 2016/17 and the draft Key Financial Statements. | Corporate Issue | Consultation with statutory officers and Governance Committee chair. | Statement of Accounts 2016/17 – Draft, Subject to Audit | Eleanor Goodman Principal Accountant 0191 277 7518 eleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk |
| G 3 (f) | 4 July 2017 | Governance Committee | Governance Committee Self-Assessment Feedback The purpose of this report is to provide the | Corporate Issue | NECA Governance Committee Members | Completed Questionnaires | Philip Slater Audit, Risk and Insurance Service Manager |

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| | | | Governance Committee with the outcome of the exercise undertaken to evaluate its effectiveness. | | | | 0191 2116511 Philip.slater@newcastle.gov.uk |
| E. Governance Sub-Committee | | | | | | | |
| There are no meetings currently scheduled. | | | | | | | |
| F. Overview and Scrutiny Committee (O and S) | | | | | | | |
| OS 5 (a) | 10 July 2017 (Standing Item) | O and S | Forward Plan and Work Programme To receive the latest version of the Forward Plan and annual work programme | Corporate matter | The Chair of the Committee | Held by the Contact Officers | Nicola Laverick Policy and Scrutiny Office 07342069369 nicola.laverick@northeastca.gov.uk |
| OS 5 (b) | 10 July 2017 | O and S | Transport Plan Report provided to give Members of Overview and Scrutiny Committee details of | Transport | Wide public consultation will take place on the Transport Plan, in line | "Our Journey" – the NECA Transport Manifesto published at | Ian Coe Principal Transport Planner 191 211 6024 |

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| | | | Transport Plan progress and intended timeline for the Transport Plan consultation. | | with statutory guidance. | http://www.northeastca.gov.uk/sites/default/files/file_attachments/NECA%20Transport%20Manifesto_1.pdf | ian.coe@northeastca.gov.uk |
| OS 5 (c) | 10 July 2017 | O and S | Overview and Scrutiny Sub Committee – Terms of Reference Terms of Reference will be presented to members for consideration and will detail the role and responsibilities of the Overview and Scrutiny Sub Committee. | Corporate | Consultation in relation to the necessary changes to the overview and scrutiny arrangements of NECA as a result of The Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2016 (the 2016 Order) has taken place | The North East Combined Authority Constitution Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2017; | Vivienne Geary Monitoring Officer 0191 643 5339 viv.geary@northtyneside.gov.uk |

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| | | | | | with the Leaders / Elected Mayor, NECA's Head of Paid Service and the Chief Executives of the Constituent Authorities. | | |
| G. Economic Development and Regeneration Advisory Board (EDRAB) | | | | | | | |
| ED 4 (a) | 25 July 2017 (Standing Item) | EDRAB | Economic Development and Regeneration – Progress Update Members are requested to receive an update on, and provide views in relation to, progress within the key areas of the Economic Development and Regeneration theme. The update will include progress on the development of the | Economic Development and Regeneration | NECA Elected Members and officers; and NELEP Members and officers | North East Strategic Economic Plan - More and Better Jobs | Sara Dunlop Business, Employment and Skills Manager 0191 424 6257 sara.dunlop@southtyneside.gov.uk |

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| | | | regional Inward Investment function and Regional Investment Plan. | | | | |
| ED 4 (b) | 25 July 2017 | EDRAB | Delivering the Strategic Economic Plan – Progress Update | Economic Development and Regeneration | NECA Elected Members and officers; NELEP Members and officers | North East Strategic Economic Plan – More and Better Jobs | John Scott Corporate Lead - Business, Employment and Skills (0191) 424 6250 john.scott@southty neside.gov.uk |
| ED 4 (c) | 25 July 2017 | EDRAB | Forward Look – future EDRAB Activity The Advisory Board is requested to provide comment and suggestions on future EDRAB activity. | Economic Development and Regeneration | NECA Elected Members and officers; NELEP Members and officers | North East Strategic Economic Plan – More and Better Jobs | John Scott Corporate Lead - Business, Employment and Skills (0191) 424 6250 john.scott@southty neside.gov.uk |
| ED 4 (d) | 25 July 2017 | EDRAB | Government Policy Update The Advisory Board is requested to note and | Economic Development and Regeneration | NECA Elected Members and officers; NELEP Members and | North East Strategic Economic Plan – More and Better Jobs | John Scott Corporate Lead - Business, Employment and |

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| | | | provide views on a Government policy update. | | officers | | Skills (0191) 424 6250 john.scott@southty neside.gov.uk |
| ED 4 (e) | 25 July 2017 | EDRAB | Invest North East England Activities – Progress Update The Advisory Board is requested to note and provide views on progress of Invest North East England activity. | Economic Development and Regeneration | NECA Elected Members and officers; NELEP Members and officers | North East Strategic Economic Plan – More and Better Jobs | John Scott Corporate Lead - Business, Employment and Skills (0191) 424 6250 john.scott@southty neside.gov.uk |
| F. Officer Delegated Decisions | | | | | | | |

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| DD 66 Updated | 19 July 2017 | Head of Paid Service, in consultation with Monitoring Officer and Chief Finance Officer | Durham County Cricket Club – Variation to Terms of Loan Agreement (confidential decision) To agree variation of Terms to the Loan Agreement. | Economic Development and Regeneration | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •NECA Chief Officers •North East LEP Board, 25 May 2017 •Chair of Investment Panel and NELEP Executive Team, May 2017 | Original Application May 2013 Annexed report to the LEP Board on 25 th May including proposed revised repayment schedule | Matthew Ebbatson Programme Officer 0191 338 7432 Matthew.Ebbatson@nelep.co.uk |

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Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2017/18

| Date | Items | Lead Officer | Informal Briefings / Development Days |
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| Monday 10 th July 10.00 am Gateshead | Terms of Reference for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, & Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee | Viv Geary | |
| | Forward Plan and Annual Work Programme 2017/18 | Nicola Laverick | |
| | Transport Plan for the North East | Ian Coe | |
| Wednesday 13 th September 2.00 pm North Tyneside | 2018/19 NECA Budget process and timeline | Eleanor Goodman | |
| | North East Strategic Economic Plan | Helen Golightly | |
| | Forward Plan and Work Programme | Nicola Laverick | |
| Thursday 14 th December 10.00 am South Tyneside | NECA Budget Consultation 2018/19 | Paul Woods | |
| | Transport Thematic Lead Update | Councillor Nick Forbes, Lead Member | |
| | Monitoring Nexus Performance | Tobyn Hughes | |
| | Forward Plan and Work Programme | Nicola Laverick | |
| Thursday 15 th March 10.00 am Durham | Economic Development and Regeneration Thematic Update | Councillor Iain Malcolm, Lead Member | |
| | Employability and Inclusion Thematic Update | Councillor Peter Jackson, Lead Member | |
| | North East England Chamber of Commerce – supporting the delivery of key activities and commissioning work of DIT | Ross Smith & Julie Underwood, International Trade Director - NEECC | |
| | Forward Plan and Work Programme | Nicola Laverick | |
| In addition to the schedule items, the following items will be included in the work programme | | | |
| Date to be confirmed | National Audit Office Case Study report | | |
| Date to be confirmed | Final Report DCLG Inquiry Overview and Scrutiny | | |
| Date to be confirmed | Health and Wealth Report - to be confirmed by health partners | | |

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Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: 10 July 2017

Subject: Transport Plan for the North East

Report of: Lead Chief Executive for Transport

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Transport Plan.

Recommendations

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

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

1. Background Information

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the report to the December 2016 Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding the next steps for the Transport Plan.
- 1.2 As reported to previous meetings of this Committee, NECA has a statutory duty to produce a Transport Plan for the area. Among other functions this will replace the existing Local Transport Plan (LTP) documents for Durham, Tyne and Wear and Northumberland. The Plan will set out NECA's policies and priorities for all modes of transport for the next 20 years.

2. Proposals

- 2.1 Work has continued on the draft Transport Plan. Next steps are proposed to be as follows:
 - A Transport North East Committee Members' workshop on 11th July.
 - A report to Transport North East Committee on 13th July; the content will be similar to this report.
 - Briefings for Leaders and Elected Mayors, Chief Executives and Economic Directors between now and September.
 - A workshop for Members of this Committee on a date to be arranged.
 - The Transport Plan to be included in the transport thematic lead update report to 14th December Overview and Scrutiny Committee
 - Incorporation of comments from all the above into the draft Plan.
 - A full public consultation later is required. Normally the consultation period would be 12 weeks in line with Central Government best practice.
 - Incorporation of all the comments from the public consultation into a final version for Member approval and publication.
 - Produce and publish a consultation feedback report

3. Reasons for the Proposals

- 3.1 The reason for this proposal is to make progress with the Transport Plan and in particular begin the public consultation this calendar year.

4. Alternative Options Available

- 4.1 Not applicable.

5. Next Steps and Timetable for Implementation

- 5.1 The next steps and timescales are set out in 2.1 above.

6. Potential Impact on Objectives

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- 6.1 The Strategic Transport Plan for the North East, i.e. the Local Transport Plan, is a statutory requirement for the Combined Authority as well as being key to its policies and priorities including those identified in the Strategic Economic Plan.

7. Financial and Other Resources Implications

- 7.1 The budget for the Transport Manifesto and Plan is £140k of which £34k has already been spent, leaving £106k. Although the cost of producing the Transport Plan will need to reflect the substantial consultation exercise and extensive assessment and other work that is required for the production of a significant statutory document of this type, it is the intention to contain the cost of the production of the Transport Plan within the funds available.

There are existing staff within the Regional Transport Team of the Combined Authority working on the Transport Plan. The substantial consultation exercise may require additional Human Resources.

There are no additional ICT implications.

- 7.2 The Transport Budget for future years will take into account the Transport Manifesto and the Transport Plan and will be set in the context of the availability of local funding and the success of bids for external funding.

8. Legal Implications

- 8.1 NECA is under a duty to prepare a Local Transport Plan. The Transport Plan is required to develop policies for the promotion and encouragement of safe, integrated, efficient and economic transport to, from and within NECA's area and NECA must carry out its functions to implement these policies. The Transport Plan will be subject to a period of statutory consultation and also will be adopted in accordance with the "Budget and Policy Framework Rules of Procedure" set out in the NECA Constitution.

9. Key Risks

- 9.1 Failure to proceed with the Transport Plan would firstly be contrary to NECA's statutory duty and secondly could undermine the credibility of this region, compared to other Combined Authorities, when dealing with central government, including with any funding applications.

10. Equality and Diversity

- 10.1 Many of the measures likely to be advocated by the Transport Plan would, if implemented, assist the Combined Authority in promoting greater equalities and diversity in the region's transport system. The Statutory Assessments which are required to be undertaken for the Transport Plan will include an Equality Impact Assessment.

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11. Crime and Disorder

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

12. Consultation/Engagement

- 12.1 There was a public consultation on the predecessor document, the Transport Manifesto, in 2016, the results of which will be incorporated into the Transport Plan. There will be a full public consultation on the Transport Plan in 2017/18.

13. Other Impact of the Proposals

- 13.1 Many of the measures likely to be advocated by the Transport Plan would, if implemented, assist the Combined Authority in achieving economic growth and a more sustainable transport system for the region.

14. Appendices

- 14.1 Appendix 1: The Transport Manifesto published December 2016 (pdf version)

15. Background Papers

- 15.1 The Transport Manifesto is available at
<http://www.northeastca.gov.uk/local-transport-plan>
This page gives links to the Transport Manifesto in pdf, Easy Read and Accessible formats

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17. Sign off

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

Our Journey

A 20 year Transport Manifesto for the North East Combined Authority

“To provide affordable, attractive, reliable, safe, healthy transport choices for businesses, residents and visitors while enhancing the environment.”

Final version – December 2016



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Introduction

In February 2016, we held a public consultation on our Transport Manifesto. This is the final version of the document, and incorporates the feedback you gave us during that consultation. In all, 1,736 responses were received to the consultation.

We began the draft document by asking:

How often have you judged a place you visit by how easy it is to get around? It's time we looked at our own region in the same light.

The time you take and the quality of the journey will probably rank highly. Just as important is knowing the price and how to pay, and finding information instantly. Even on familiar routes we want to be

told everything is running smoothly, or how to avoid delays.

So how do you feel about getting around the North East? Your answer may depend greatly on where you live and where you need to go. But when people struggle to get around, when businesses cannot recruit flexibly or lack strong links to global markets, our economy falters. So we need to ensure the North East receives its fair share of opportunities and funding.

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We expect our local travel to be convenient, with good quality direct links with major town centres and major business parks, whether by bus, Metro or train. And we expect good links to airports and main line stations for longer distance travel.

We expect to find public transport information at the tip of a finger, through smart applications, with simple, good value fares wherever we roam.

Cyclists and pedestrians expect safe, direct routes with clear wayfinding, traffic signals and bike storage that recognise our needs. When we get in the car we expect updates on the road ahead. Transport is a means to an end. We should normally be able to go where we need without thinking hard how to get there.

And we know that we have to travel in a way which shows we care for the natural environment. Our transport choices should be the least damaging to the environment and the most sustainable.

To help achieve all this we will create a single identity for travel in the region - Transport North East. This will be a source for real time information, journey planning and ticket sales, no matter how you travel from door to destination. It will, for example, update you on traffic problems, direct you to a park-and-ride facility and advise you when the next train is due, using smart communication. Transport North East will be a symbol of our region's joined-up and integrated approach to travel.

To realise our ambition we need to take on new responsibilities and secure new funding. We want our transport system to be developed by the people who live and work here, as an asset to promote our vibrant local culture and economy. This will require radical changes and new powers and resources devolved to the region.

For the first time in many decades the region is coming together, as Transport North East, to set a vision. But it is not up to politicians to decide on our transport priorities; the vision of the region has to be one we all contribute to. This document will guide our way for the next two decades, and now it is your turn to let us know what you want.

Councillor Nick Forbes

Transport Lead,
North East Combined Authority



A single approach to transport

The seven councils in the North East of England (Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle, Northumberland, North Tyneside, South Tyneside and Sunderland) are in a partnership enshrined in law: the North East Combined Authority.

We want to help our economy to grow and to make the North East an excellent place to live and work.

Our transport networks cross council boundaries in a diverse region, so only by working together will we meet people's needs and ambitions, wherever they live.







“The transport network should be one that we can rely on to work.”

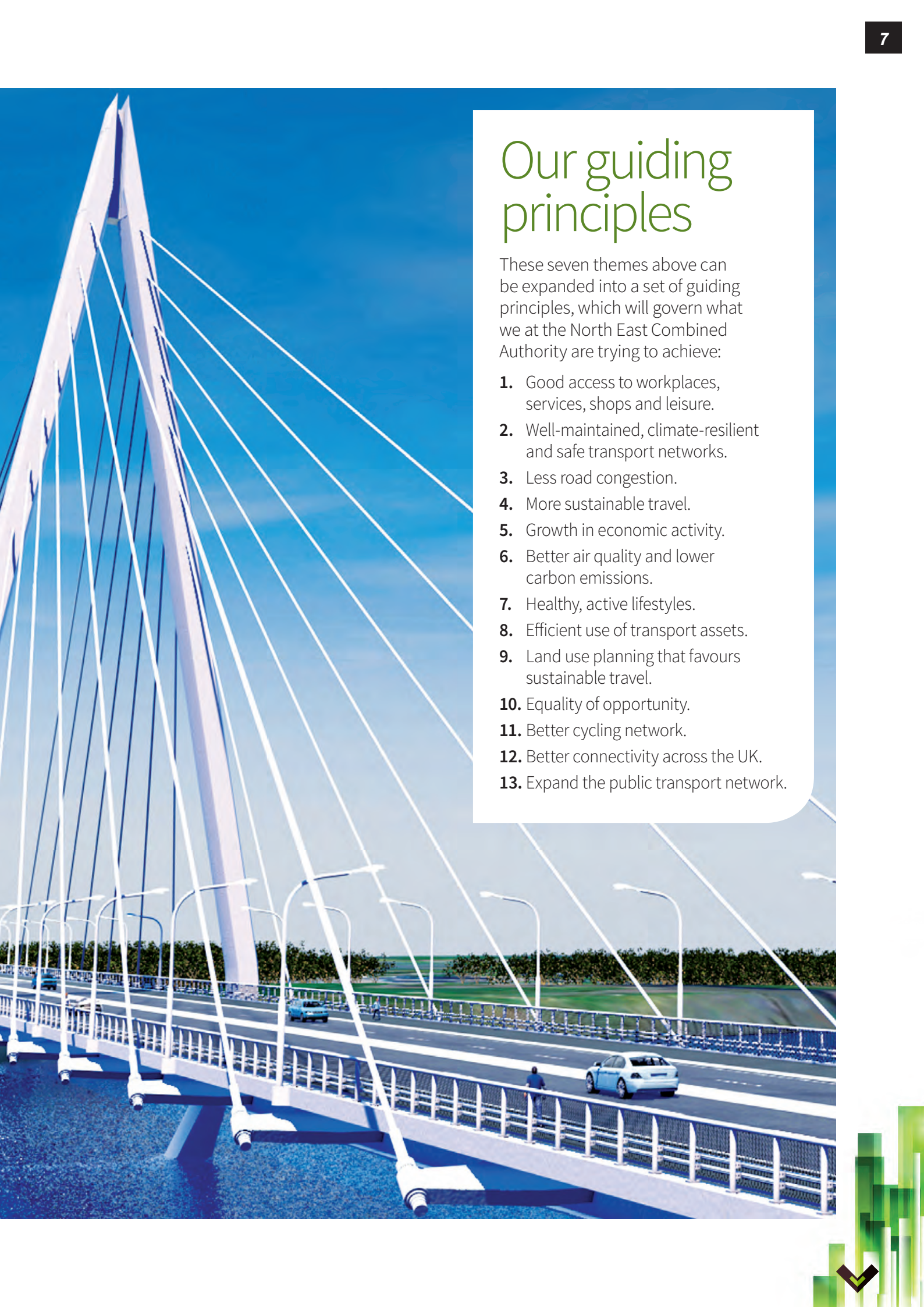
Vision

The North East needs good transport that enables economic growth and sustains jobs and communities.

We want to make sense of transport so that for people who live, work and visit here it is easy to use, reliable, affordable and accessible. Transport must also work for businesses that are located here, or are looking at moving to the North East. We want a transport system that reflects the character of our area: hard-working, efficient, accessible, and friendly.

Transport needs to work for everyone by being:

- 1. Accessible:** it should run as near as possible to where people live and want to travel to, and where businesses are (or want to be) located. It should be usable by everyone.
- 2. Affordable :** as far as possible, transport should be provided at a reasonable cost relative to the journey being undertaken.
- 3. Reliable:** the transport network should be one that we can rely on to work, with buses and trains running on time and congestion at a minimum.
- 4. Easy to use:** it should be easy to plan safe journeys, find out the best way to travel, pay for tickets and get all the essential information for your journey.
- 5. Safe:** the transport network should be, and be seen to be, safe regarding both road safety and also crime and fear of crime on public transport. Vulnerable users should be given greater protection than they currently are.
- 6. Sustainable:** the attractiveness of sustainable modes of transport should be improved. Transport should not have an adverse impact on the environment.
- 7. Integrated:** the transport network should be connected so that people can switch easily between modes, and timings and methods of payment complement each other.



Our guiding principles

These seven themes above can be expanded into a set of guiding principles, which will govern what we at the North East Combined Authority are trying to achieve:

1. Good access to workplaces, services, shops and leisure.
2. Well-maintained, climate-resilient and safe transport networks.
3. Less road congestion.
4. More sustainable travel.
5. Growth in economic activity.
6. Better air quality and lower carbon emissions.
7. Healthy, active lifestyles.
8. Efficient use of transport assets.
9. Land use planning that favours sustainable travel.
10. Equality of opportunity.
11. Better cycling network.
12. Better connectivity across the UK.
13. Expand the public transport network.



What is 'Sustainable' Travel?

Sustainable means taking transport decisions now that will reduce carbon emissions from transport, minimise local air pollution and won't create problems for the future.

We believe that sustainable travel is a good thing in its own right. Moving around the local area, participating in the local economy and interacting with other people all contribute to a healthy lifestyle for individuals and to a better society.

Sustainable is also about creating an economic environment that helps businesses to thrive and generates enough jobs for everyone in the North East who needs one.

Walking, cycling, public transport and taxis are all forms of sustainable travel that will grow the local economy and contribute to a healthy and active local culture. They also minimise pollution from greenhouse gas emissions and poisonous particulates in the air we breathe.

Because of this our first preference is for people to travel sustainably to, from and around the North East. Therefore the majority of our activities in transport will be focused on developing our sustainable transport networks.

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Transport drives competitiveness

Successful business needs transport that is geared to its needs for:

1. Safe, reliable on-time delivery of goods.
2. Employees to be able to get to and from work quickly, easily and affordably.
3. Good connections locally, regionally, nationally and internationally to enable businesses to link up with each other to achieve growth.



What is Transport North East? What will it do?

- The North East Combined Authority is the first Transport Authority established in the country with coverage of such substantial urban and rural populations.
- Transport North East will be the new identity for transport functions for the Combined Authority.
- It will design and build transport networks around common standards, and oversee transport operations that deliver connectivity to communities, businesses, and visitors.
- It will also promote the healthiest and greenest ways to move around, and so encourage walking, cycling and the use of public transport wherever possible.
- This means the public should notice no change in standards simply because they have travelled across a council boundary within the North East.

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the Combined Authority.**



Our vision, from your doorstep
to the other side of the world...



**Create safe, attractive,
obstruction-free
pedestrian routes.**

Walking: healthy and sustainable local travel

- Create safe, attractive, obstruction-free pedestrian routes including better signage and signals for crossings.
- Improve walking links within and between communities in both rural and urban areas.
- Promote walking to school and work, to tackle inactivity and over-reliance on the car.
- Ensure new developments and roads have walking designed in.
- Continue to reduce pedestrian casualty rates by improving road safety for pedestrians.
- Take account of the needs of disabled pedestrians.



Cycling: quick, healthy and safe

- Build a network of attractive, good quality, safe, strategic urban and rural cycle routes, integrated with transport hubs, workplaces, shopping, leisure and education sites.
- Improve existing streets and junctions to support cycling, including reallocating road space.
- Establish cycle-friendly standards for neighbourhoods, towns and city centres, based on comprehensive parking, clear signage and good maintenance.
- Continue to promote cycling as a positive, sustainable way of improving health and well-being for adults and children alike.
- Continue to reduce cycling casualty rates by improving road safety for cyclists.

“Improve existing streets and junctions to support cycling.”





Bus services: underpinning local public transport



- Simple, good value and integrated fares backed by smart payment technology.
- Good network coverage reflecting local needs including in rural areas.
- Easy to use timetable, real-time departure and on-board information.
- Meeting all travellers' accessibility needs.
- Improved levels of punctuality and reliability.
- Priority on highways wherever needed.
- Low-carbon vehicles wherever possible.
- Good access for everyone, including disabled people.
- Measures to tackle crime and fear of crime so it is not a deterrent, particularly late at night.

Integrate taxis into the wider public transport network.



Taxis (Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Vehicles): flexible public transport

- Integrate taxis into the wider public transport network with better interchange and information.
- Ensure high standards of licensing and provision.
- Encourage greater use of low emission technologies in taxi fleets.



Local rail and Metro: driving economic growth

- Simple, good value and integrated fares backed by smart payment technology.
- Replace outdated Pacer trains and deliver an essential new fleet for the Tyne and Wear Metro.
- Create a regional express network, with high quality, faster trains and more routes electrified.
- Open new local stations on current lines, re-open key disused lines, consider more Park and Ride stations, upgrade freight-only sections to passenger use and build new routes.
- Devolve greater control to the region, so local rail and Metro can be managed together to deliver a higher standard for stations, information and customer service.
- Work with rail industry partners to address overcrowding and improve cycle access on trains.



- Address reliability and punctuality issues.
- Improve access for everyone, including disabled people.
- Tackle crime and fear of crime so it is not a deterrent, particularly late at night.

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National rail services: joining our economy with others

Reduce journey times and increase the number of trains to core cities.

- Invest, and work with Network Rail, to grow capacity, resilience and reliability of services including for our main line to London and Scotland.
- Improve long-distance connections from market towns in the region.
- Reduce journey times and increase the number of trains to core cities including Leeds, Manchester, Edinburgh and Birmingham.
- Make sure the North East is part of the High Speed Rail network.





“Expand the existing ‘Pop’ branded smartcard for all local transport.”

Making journeys easy: smart travel and information

- Expand the existing ‘Pop’ branded smartcard for all local transport, as well as integrated uses like park-and-ride, cycle storage and Tyne Tunnel tolls.
- Offer affordable fares, particularly to support skills and training, especially for young people.
- Provide real time information for all local transport at stations, selected stops and to mobile devices.
- Develop a network of variable message signs on roads.
- Make full use of the Urban Traffic Management Centre to deliver information to road users.
- Make sure public transport services, timetables, information, fares and tickets are integrated.





“Ensure our ports can support new developments and innovation.”



Ports: Gateways to a world of trade

- Improve road and rail links from the region's ports to the rest of the UK.
- Support the growth in cruise traffic to boost tourism and investigate the potential for new North Sea ferry routes.
- Ensure our ports can support new developments and innovation, such as growth in the offshore wind industry.
- Explore better use of our main rivers as transport arteries.
- Further improve integration between the Shields Ferry and other forms of transport.





Flying the flag for the region: the future for air travel

- Make our airports the preferred choice for people in the North East and surrounding areas.
- Build on the success of direct flights from Newcastle to Dubai by supporting new routes to China and the Far East.
- Increase capacity on Newcastle airport's existing runway, extend terminal facilities and support growth.
- Improve public transport links.

Promote an efficient, safe and sustainable freight sector.



Moving freight

- Promote an efficient, safe and sustainable freight sector as a major employer and driver for growth.
- Support the North East Freight Partnership to raise standards and provide accurate routeing and mapping.
- Develop a Strategic Rail Freight Interchange as part of moves to encourage a shift from road transport while growing overall business.
- Work with all partners to move freight away from road transport wherever possible.





“Expand rapid vehicle charging points through the region.”

Innovation

- Develop and expand the successful Urban Traffic Management and Control Centre to promote public transport and reduce congestion.
- Expand rapid vehicle charging points through the region with a common standard across communities, integrated with Highways England’s strategic network.
- Encourage the spread of Car Club sites, especially for Electric Vehicles (EVs).
- Promote ultra-low emission buses, taxis and freight vehicles, while supporting the development of alternative fuels and power sources.
- Promote North East universities and businesses as global leaders in research and technology for sustainable urban development.



“Support existing proposals to improve roads.”

Roads fit for purpose

- Invest to alleviate congestion and collision hot spots.
- Create well-maintained road space that is safe for all, with good access to key employment and development sites.
- Support existing proposals to improve roads including M1 extension to Gateshead, A1 dualling in Northumberland, Western Bypass enhancements and A19 junction upgrades.
- Consider further proposals if they are consistent with carbon reduction.
- Work with Highways England on A66 and A69 investment to improve cross-Pennine traffic.
- Offer car users better information on journey times, delays, parking and public transport alternatives.
- Reallocate road space to more sustainable forms of transport.
- Improve road safety, particularly for cyclists and pedestrians.
- Address congestion issues.





Powered Two Wheelers (motorcycles, scooters and mopeds)

- Recognise the benefits of PTWs to users and the environment.
- Facilitate PTWs as a choice of travel within a safe and sustainable transport network.
- Consider the needs of PTW users.
- Ensure good access to secure on and off-road parking for PTWs.



Joining it all together

- Ensuring that our transport system promotes economic growth.
- Working with health colleagues to ensure people can get to health facilities.
- Promote healthy transport choices including walking and cycling.
- Making sure that new developments and regeneration plans are ‘transport friendly’ and promote walking, cycling, public transport and car sharing.
- Improving interchange between different forms of transport.
- Working together to unify our existing different policies on:
 - Taxi licensing.
 - Bus and ‘no car’ lanes – including the times they apply and what vehicles are allowed in them.
 - Planning applications – where these impinge on neighbouring areas.

Ensuring that our transport system promotes economic growth.



Devolution

As we said at the start, the North East Combined Authority needs to take on new responsibilities and secure new funding, to allow our transport system to be developed by the people who live and work here:

- A local transport budget for many years to come, covering all relevant local highways and sustainable travel funding.
- A potential long-term funding programme for Metro investment including fleet replacement, possible expansion of the Metro network and integration with local rail services.
- Responsibility for the new Northern and Transpennine rail franchises from April 2016, in partnership with other Authorities across the North and the Department for Transport.
- A fully multi-modal smart ticketing and transport information network across the North East and beyond.
- Powers to take forward our plans for bus services.
- Work with national agencies (Highways England, Network Rail, HS2) on a joint agreement specifying improvements for the national road and rail network across the North East.
- A locally-devolved Highways Fund, committed over a multi-year period.



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