



## Leadership Board

21 November 2017

### Decisions - Notification

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

**Date of Publication:** 23 November 2017

A request for a call-in must be received by the Monitoring Officer by 5pm on 30 November 2017.

Item	Decision	Contact Officer
2. Appointment of Chair for the Purpose of the Meeting	<b>RESOLVED</b> – That Mayor N Redfearn be appointed as Chair for the purpose of the meeting.	Peter Judge <a href="mailto:peter.judge@northeastca.gov.uk">peter.judge@northeastca.gov.uk</a> 07342 069 371
4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 19 September 2017	The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 September 2017 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.	Victoria Miller <a href="mailto:victoria.miller@northeastca.gov.uk">victoria.miller@northeastca.gov.uk</a> 0191 211 5118

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5. The Appointment of the Independent Vice-Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee	<b>RESOLVED</b> – That Mr Simon Hart be appointed as the Independent Vice-Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for an initial term of 3 years.	Peter Judge <a href="mailto:peter.judge@northeastca.gov.uk">peter.judge@northeastca.gov.uk</a> 07342 069 371
Updates from Thematic Leads:		
6. (a) Economic Development and Regeneration	<b>RESOLVED</b> – That: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The report be noted; and</li> <li>ii. The Leadership Board agreed to the key messages to inform the UK Shared Prosperity Fund development as endorsed by the Economic Development and Regeneration Advisory Board.</li> </ul>	Sarah McMillan <a href="mailto:sarah.mcmillan@southtyneside.gov.uk">sarah.mcmillan@southtyneside.gov.uk</a> 0191 424 7948

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6. (b) Employability and Inclusion	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> – That:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. the report be noted; and</li> <li>ii. the Leadership Board noted the intention to respond to the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) with regard to both their action to vary the contract and the process of decision-making on locally delivered programmes to meet strategic priorities as referred to in section 1.13 of the report.</li> </ul>	<p>Michelle Rainbow  <a href="mailto:Michelle.rainbow@nel.ep.co.uk">Michelle.rainbow@nel.ep.co.uk</a>  0191 338 7439</p>
6. (c) Transport and Digital Connectivity	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> – That the report be noted.</p>	<p>Toby Hughes  <a href="mailto:tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk">tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk</a>  0191 203 3236</p> <p>Stephen Bellamy  <a href="mailto:stephen.bellamy@nexus.org.uk">stephen.bellamy@nexus.org.uk</a>  0191 203 3219</p>

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<p>7. Draft Budget 2018/19 and Transport Levies</p>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> – That:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The report be noted;</li> <li>ii. The budget approach of setting out a detailed revenue budget for 2018/19 as another transitional year, while the future role and responsibilities of NECA were clarified, be agreed. This would take into account the need to meet the statutory responsibilities of NECA that would continue in 2018/19 as well as the need to achieve savings to help constituent authorities deal with reductions in their transport funding as part of continuing Government austerity measures. Indicative transport budgets would be set out over a three year period, where it was possible to do so;</li> <li>iii. The following proposals for the basis of consultation about the NECA 2018/19 Revenue Budget be agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The Transport Budget for Tyne and Wear was indicatively proposed to be set at £61.800m which was a further reduction of £1.240m (1.97%) compared with the budget for 2017/18. The budget savings needed to deliver this were expected to be made in 2018/19 without any significant impact on transport services, through efficiencies and temporary use of Nexus reserves.</li> <li>b. The indicative Transport Budget and Levy for the Durham County Council area was expected to be £15.690m, which was a small net increase of £0.208m (1.3%). No significant reductions in services were envisaged for 2018/19.</li> <li>c. The indicative Transport Budget and Levy for the Northumberland County Council area was expected to be £6.199m, which was a small net decrease of £0.023m. No significant reductions in services were envisaged for 2018/19.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Paul Woods  <a href="mailto:Paul.woods@northeast.ca.gov.uk">Paul.woods@northeast.ca.gov.uk</a>  0744 693 6840</p>

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	<p>d. The £250k contribution towards the North East LEP, which was required to match fund government grant, was proposed to be continued in 2018/19.</p> <p>e. NECA would need to maintain sufficient capacity to meet its statutory requirements. It was proposed that the level of corporate contributions from the constituent authorities was maintained at £300k.</p> <p>f. The contribution to the Invest North East England team was subject to discussion with constituent councils and the North East LEP. The current council contributions of £140k were proposed to be maintained for 2018/19, as part of an overall budget of at least £461k.</p> <p>g. The North East LEP budget was being prepared to reflect its responsibilities and the estimated available resources for 2018/19. A draft budget had been prepared and more detailed information would be included in the January Leadership Board report.</p> <p>h. NECA would need to set out a balanced budget for 2018/19, maintaining a sufficient but minimal level of reserves to managed risk and would set out a treasury management strategy for borrowing and lending which would comply with the Prudential Code.</p> <p>iv. The following be agreed in relation to the tolls on the Tyne Tunnels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The increase in tolls for class 3 vehicles from £3.30 to £3.40 to take effect during February 2018, as set out in sections 2.1.17 to 2.1.20, with tolls for class 2 vehicles (cars) being maintained at £1.70 be agreed;</li> <li>b. The continuation of the 10% discount for permit holders as set out in section 2.1.20 be approved;</li> <li>c. The Monitoring Officer be authorised to publish the relevant notices and submit the necessary documentation to the Secretary of State, as prescribed in the River Tyne (Tunnels) (Modification) Order 2011.</li> </ul> <p>v. This report, which had already been circulated to start a two month budget consultation period, be updated to reflect any changes agreed at this meeting and be re-circulated as part of the budget consultation.</p>	

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8. Treasury Management 2017/18 Mid-Year Review	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> – That:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. the investment criteria and limits set out in section 2.10 be noted; and</li> <li>ii. the updated 2017/18 prudential indicators set out in section 2.11 be noted.</li> </ul>	<p>Paul Woods  <a href="mailto:Paul.woods@northeast.ca.gov.uk">Paul.woods@northeast.ca.gov.uk</a>  0744 693 6840</p>
9. Enterprise Zone Implementation Update	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> – That:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Agreement be given to entering into the overarching Enterprise Zone Pooled Business Rate Income Agreement in the form approved by the Monitoring Officer, having consulted the Chief Finance Officer and the Head of Paid Service. The Agreement would be with its seven constituent authorities, and NECA would enter into the agreement in its capacity as the accountable body for the North East LEP. The agreement would not be entered into without the prior approval of the North East LEP Board; and</li> <li>ii. Agreement be given to arranging the use of NECA’s internal funds or external borrowing where it was necessary to repay the LEP’s North East Investment Fund (NEIF) or the Local Growth Fund (LGF) in respect of Round 1 funding agreements set out in section 8.1 of the report, where it was requested to do so by the constituent authority and where it had the legal power to do so.</li> </ul>	<p>Paul Woods  <a href="mailto:Paul.woods@northeast.ca.gov.uk">Paul.woods@northeast.ca.gov.uk</a>  0744 693 6840</p>
10. Project Approvals – International Advanced Manufacturing Park (IAMP) and Gateshead Quays	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> – That agreement be given to consideration later at the meeting of a replacement and, by reasons set out in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, now confidential report titled “Project Approvals – International Advanced Manufacturing Park (IAMP)” on the grounds of urgency due to the timetabled involved, following the exclusion of press and public.</p>	<p>Paul Woods  <a href="mailto:Paul.woods@northeast.ca.gov.uk">Paul.woods@northeast.ca.gov.uk</a>  0744 693 6840</p>

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11. Date and Time of Next Meeting	Tuesday, 16 January 2018 at 2pm.	
12. Exclusion of Press and Public	<b>RESOLVED</b> – That by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 press and public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting during the consideration of agenda items 13 (Confidential Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 19 September 2017) and 14 (Project Approvals – International Advanced Manufacturing Park (IAMP)) because exempt information was likely to be disclosed and the public test against the disclosure was satisfied.	Peter Judge <a href="mailto:peter.judge@northeastca.gov.uk">peter.judge@northeastca.gov.uk</a> 07342 069 371
13. Confidential Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 19 September 2017	The confidential minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 September 2017 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.	Victoria Miller <a href="mailto:Victoria.miller@northeastca.gov.uk">Victoria.miller@northeastca.gov.uk</a> 0191 211 51118
14. Project Approvals - International Advanced Manufacturing Park (IAMP)	<b>RESOLVED</b> – That:  i. the consideration of this item be deferred until 12 December 2017; and  ii. an extraordinary meeting be held on 12 December 2017 to consider the item.	Paul Woods <a href="mailto:Paul.woods@northeastca.gov.uk">Paul.woods@northeastca.gov.uk</a> 0744 693 6840