

North East Combined Authority, Leadership Board

7 August 2017

(3.00 - 3.14 pm)

Meeting held Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Nissan Way, Sunderland, SR5 3QY

Present:

Councillor: Mayor N Redfearn (Chair)

Councillors: C Donovan, N Forbes, Mr A Hodgson, P Jackson, A Kerr

23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (MEMBERS)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Henig, M Gannon, I Malcolm and P Watson.

24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

25 TRANSPORT FOR THE NORTH (TFN) - INCORPORATION AS A SUB-NATIONAL TRANSPORT BODY

Submitted: Report of Thematic Lead for Transport and Digital Connectivity (previously circulated and copy attached to Official Minutes)

Members considered the report, which sought their consent to the making of regulations by the Secretary of State to allow Transport for the North (TfN) to become a Sub-national Transport Body (STB).

The report was introduced by the Thematic Lead for Transport and Digital Connectivity who drew Members' attention to the key points and emphasised that the main benefit of NECA being a part of TfN would be the increased influence that the STB could have with the Department for Transport and with the national delivery agencies of Network Rail and Highways England.

RESOLVED – That the Leadership Board consented to:

- (i) The making by the Secretary of State of Regulations under section 102E of the Local Transport Act 2008 to establish Transport for the North as a Sub-National Transport Body;

- (ii) The transfer of Rail North Limited to Transport for the North so that it can be subsumed within Transport for the North;
- (iii) The signing of a new Rail Franchise Management Agreement with Transport for the North replicating as far as possible the current Rail North Limited Members Agreement; and
- (iv) Continuation of the payment of the current funding for Rail North Limited to Transport for the North after its inauguration.

The Leadership Board further agreed that:

- (v) Delegated authority was given to the Head of Paid Service to fully consent to items (i) to (iv) on the Leadership Board's behalf, provided that she was satisfied, in consultation with the Chair of the Leadership Board and the Monitoring Officer, that the final draft Regulations serve only to give Transport for the North the statutory powers to carry out the functions set out in paragraph 1.3; and
- (vi) That the Thematic Lead for Transport be designated as NECA's main representative, and that Cllr Carl Marshall be designated as NECA's alternate representative, on Transport for the North.