



Leadership Board

19 September 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: 21 September 2017

A request for a call-in must be received by the Monitoring Officer by 5pm on 28 September.

Item	Decision / Information	Contact Officer
3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 18 July 2017	Approved as a correct record.	Victoria Miller victoria.miller@northeastca.gov.uk
4. Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 7 August 2017	Approved as a correct record.	Victoria Miller victoria.miller@northeastca.gov.uk
5 (a) Economic Development and Regeneration	The Leadership Board noted the report.	John Scott john.scott@southtyneside.gov.uk

5 (b) Employability and Inclusion	The Leadership Board noted the contents of the report.	Michelle Rainbow michelle.rainbow@nelep.co.uk
5 (c) Transport and Digital Connectivity	The Leadership Board RESOLVED to note the contents of the report and agree that the NECA should make representations to the Chancellor for the 2017 Autumn Budget regarding the need to provide funding for a new fleet of Metrocars.	Tobyn Hughes tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk
6. Statement of Accounts 2016/17	<p>The Leadership Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Considered the report of the External Auditor (Appendix 1); ii. Authorised the Chief Finance Officer to sign the Letter of Representation on behalf of the Authority; iii. Approved the final NECA Accounts for 2016/17 (Appendix 3), taking into account views from the Governance Committee; iv. Authorised the Chair of the Leadership Board and the Chief Finance Officer to sign the NECA and Group Accounts; v. Approved the Annual Governance Statement (Appendix 4); vi. Authorised the Chair of the Leadership Board and the Head of Paid Service to sign the Annual Governance Statement. 	Paul Woods paul.woods@northeastca.gov.uk
7. Budget Process and Timetable 2018/19	<p>The Leadership Board RESOLVED to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Agree the 2018/19 Budget Process and timetable; and 	Paul Woods paul.woods@northeastca.gov.uk

	<p>ii. Commence the consultation on the Initial Budget Proposals on their publication on 14 November 2017, noting that any subsequent amendments made by the Leadership Board on 21 November 2017 would be incorporated in the Initial Budget Proposals.</p>	
8. Update on proposed Auditor Appointment from 2018/19	The Leadership Board received the report for information and comment.	Paul Woods paul.woods@northeastca.gov.uk
9. Agreement for the provision of temporary accommodation across North East Combined Authority (NECA)	The Leadership Board received the report for information and acknowledged the work that was being undertaken by the seven local authorities within the NECA area to work together under the “Agreement for the provision of temporary accommodation” as set out in appendix 1 of the report.	George Mansbridge george.mansbridge@southtyneside.gov.uk
10. Project Approvals - Local Growth Fund and Enterprise Zone Infrastructure Approvals	<p>The Leadership Board RESOLVED to:</p> <p>i. Agree to programme entry for the North East Education Challenge and Ambition Programme and Local Growth Fund (LGF) budget allocation of £750,000 from within the LGF Round 3 Skills, Innovation and Business Growth mini programme budget, subject to business case approval by the North East Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Board, as set out in section 2.1.2;</p> <p>ii. Agree to a LGF budget award of £948,364 for the Innovation Project Development Fund from the LGF Round 3 skills mini programme allocation,</p>	Paul Woods paul.woods@northeastca.gov.uk

	<p>subject to the approval of the North East LEP Board, as set out in section 2.2;</p> <p>iii. Agree to a LGF budget award of £2,027,114 of for the Incubation Project Development Fund from the LGF Round 3 skills mini programme allocation, subject to the approval of the North East LEP Board, as set out in section 2.3.</p> <p>iv. Agree to an LGF Grant Funding Agreement of £7.0m for the South Shields Metro Maintenance, Renewals and Skills Centre, as set out in section 2.4;</p> <p>v. Note the progress made with the refresh of the Enterprise Zone financial model and the development of an overarching Enterprise Zone funding agreement between the seven constituent councils and NECA as the accountable body for the LEP, and the timetable for the consideration of further Infrastructure approvals by the LEP Board and NECA as set out in section 2.5 of this report; and</p> <p>vi. Authorise the Monitoring Officer to finalise and enter into any legal and grant funding documentation required to enable the approved schemes in this report to proceed.</p>	
11. Housing Infrastructure Fund	<p>The Leadership Board RESOLVED to:</p> <p>i. Note the contents of the report;</p>	<p>Helen Golightly Helen.Golightly@nelep.co.uk</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. Agree to progress the development of a NECA proposal for the Forward Funding Element of the Housing Infrastructure fund; and iii. Give delegated authority to the Head of Paid Service in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Leadership Board and the Chief Finance Officer to submit an Expression of Interest form to Government on the 28th September. 	
12. Exclusion of Press and Public	The Leadership Board RESOLVED to exclude press and public from the remainder of the meeting during the consideration of the Tyne Tunnels – Update report because exempt information was likely to be disclosed and the public interest test against the disclosure was satisfied (Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972).	
13. Tyne Tunnels - Update Report (confidential - Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972).	The Leadership Board approved recommendations as set out in the report.	Paul Woods paul.woods@northeastca.gov.uk
14. Date and Time of Next Meeting	Tuesday, 21 November 2017 at 2pm.	Victoria Miller victoria.miller@northeastca.gov.uk