

North Tyneside Council Report to Council Date: 21 January 2016

ITEM 4
Title: Major modernisation
works on Metro in North
Tyneside in 2016

Portfolio(s): Housing and Transport

Cabinet Member(s): Cllr J Harrison

Report from Service Area: Environment, Housing and Leisure

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Wards affected: All

PART 1

1.1 Executive Summary:

Major modernisation work will take place on the Metro system in North Tyneside in 2016, as part of the ongoing 11-year programme of works being delivered by Nexus on behalf of the North East Combined Authority (NECA) to modernise the Tyne and Wear Metro infrastructure.

A presentation will be provided at the meeting to give detail of the proposed works.

1.2 Recommendation(s):

It is recommended that Council notes the information contained in this report and the presentation at the meeting.

1.3 Forward Plan:

Notice of this report first appeared on the Forward Plan that was published on 14 December 2015.

1.4 Council Plan and Policy Framework

This report is relevant to the following priority set out in Our North Tyneside, the Council Plan 2014 to 2018:

Priority 1. C – Our People will be supported to live healthier and longer lives

Action: We will improve accessibility in the borough and support accessibility by walking and cycling

1.5 Information

1.5.1 Metro modernisation programme

An 11-year programme of works is taking place to modernise the Tyne and Wear Metro infrastructure, including refurbished track, signalling and stations.

The Metro modernisation programme, delivered by Nexus on behalf of the NECA, commenced in 2010/11 and is to run until 2020/21. The programme is funded primarily from a specific capital grant from the Department for Transport, with a limited local contribution from the Integrated Transport element of the NECA's Local Transport Plan funding. This Metro modernisation work forms part of the NECA transport capital programme approved on an annual basis by the North East Leadership Board.

1.5.2 Work in North Tyneside in 2016

The northern loop of Metro through North Tyneside is now Nexus' highest priority for renewal: the rail and track bed were installed some time ago and the asset is now in relatively poor condition.

In 2016, major works are to take place on the section of line between Benton and Tynemouth. This is anticipated to include more than 7km of full track renewal and the installation of more than 2km of track drainage.

While this will ultimately result in smoother and more reliable journeys, carrying out these major works is expected to necessitate both some weekend closures and some longer-term line closures, with replacement bus services provided.

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1.6 Decision options:

There are no decision options contained in this report as this report is for information purposes only.

1.7 Reasons for recommended option:

There is no recommended option because the report is for information only.

1.8 Appendices:

Appendix 1 Map of Tyne and Wear Metro system

Appendix 2 'All Change': Metro modernisation programme infographic (September 2015)

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1.10 Background information:

The following background papers/information have been used in the compilation of this report and are available at the office of the author:

- (1) Nexus website – Metro modernisation
www.nexus.org.uk/metro/modernisation
- (2) Report to Transport North East (Tyne and Wear) Sub-Committee of 24 November 2015 (Item 5 – Monitoring Nexus’s Performance: 1 April to 12 September 2015)
www.northeastca.gov.uk/committee-meetings/transport-north-east-background-information-papers/tyne-wear-sub-committee
- (3) Report to North East Leadership Board meeting of 20 January 2015 (Supplemental Agenda item 7 – Capital Programme 2015/16)
www.northeastca.gov.uk/committee-meetings/north-east-leadership-board-background-information-papers

PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING

2.1 Finance and other resources

This report provides information on works which form part of the Metro modernisation capital programme being delivered by Nexus on behalf of the NECA. There are no financial issues arising directly for North Tyneside Council from this report.

2.2 Legal

There are no legal issues directly arising from this report.

Nexus is the Passenger Transport Executive of NECA and has a statutory responsibility to secure the provision of such public passenger transport services as NECA considers appropriate within Tyne and Wear. Nexus is accountable to NECA and its performance is monitored by NECA.

2.3 Consultation/community engagement

2.3.1 Internal Consultation

Nexus have provided briefings for the Elected Mayor and Cabinet Member for Housing and Transport and for senior officers of the Authority.

2.3.2 External Consultation/Engagement

Nexus will undertake an appropriate communications programme in advance of the start of the works.

2.4 Human rights

There are no human rights issues directly arising from this report.

2.5 Equalities and diversity

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

2.6 Risk management

There are no risk management issues directly arising from this report.

2.7 Crime and disorder

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

2.8 Environment and sustainability

There are no environment and sustainability issues directly arising from this report.

PART 3 - SIGN OFF

- Deputy Chief Executive x
- Head(s) of Service x
- Mayor/Cabinet Member(s) x
- Chief Finance Officer x
- Monitoring Officer x
- Head of Corporate Strategy x

Appendix 1 Map of Tyne and Wear Metro system

