

**COUNCIL**

**19 JUNE 2013**

**APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES – NEWCASTLE AIRPORT LOCAL AUTHORITY HOLDING COMPANY LIMITED and the NORTH EAST LOCAL TRANSPORT BODY**

**Report of the Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services**

**1.0 Introduction**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider appointments to Newcastle Airport Local Authority Holding Company Limited and the North East Local Transport Body.

**2.0 Newcastle Airport Local Authority Holding Company Limited**

2.1 Under the updated and streamlined governance arrangements for Newcastle International Airport each LA7 Local Authority shall appoint their respective Leader of the Council or Elected Mayor (as applicable) to be its nominated Director to the Local Authority Holding Company. In addition, each Director shall be entitled to appoint an alternate. Previously, each LA7 Local Authority appointed two Directors, and could remove any such Director from office and appoint another person or persons in their place.

The Council is accordingly asked to confirm the appointment of the Leader of the Council to Newcastle Airport Local Authority Holding Company Limited and note the appointment of the Deputy Leader as his alternate.

**3.0 The North East Local Transport Body**

3.1 The Department of Transport intends to devolve funding for Local Major Transport Schemes to Local Transport Bodies from 2015. The Local Transport Body relevant to Sunderland will have a boundary covering the administrative area of the North East Local Enterprise Partnership, comprising the metropolitan area of Tyne and Wear together with Durham and Northumberland counties. The Local Transport Body will be known as the North East Local Transport Body (“NELTB”) and will be an informal partnership. The full members of NELTB are Durham County Council, Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council, Newcastle City Council, North Tyneside Council, Northumberland County Council, South Tyneside Council, Sunderland City Council and the Tyne and Wear Integrated Transport Authority.

Subject to the Department for Transport (DfT) approving the new Body's Assurance Framework, it is proposed that the first meeting of the Body will be in July 2013.

The Cabinet at its meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2013, gave approval for Sunderland City Council to be a member of the North East Local Transport Body. The Councils will be represented by their respective Leaders or Elected Mayors and each member is asked to nominate a deputy.

The Council is accordingly asked to confirm the appointment of the Leader of the Council to the North East Local Transport Body and nominate a deputy.

#### **4.0 Recommendations**

4.1 The Council is accordingly recommended to:

- (i) confirm the appointment of the Leader of the Council to Newcastle Airport Local Authority Holding Company Limited and note the appointment of the Deputy Leader as his alternate; and
- (ii) confirm the appointment of the Leader of the Council to the North East Local Transport Body and nominate a deputy.