

# North of Tyne Devolution

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# What I'll cover

- Deal Content
- Governance Review
- Consultation
- Next Steps

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# Developing the deal

- Historic Context
- Respect decision of NECA in Sept 2016
- Discussions with Government since late 2016
- Maintained a positive relationship with all North East Local Authorities and the Local Enterprise Partnership
- Focus on delivering outcomes to support the North East Strategic Economic Plan

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# Deal Announcement

- Budget 22 November
- 24 November Launch in Newcastle

# Current Focus

- Statutory Process to create the NTCA
- Moving from deal words to delivery

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# Deal content - Governance

- Directly elected mayor – first elections May 2019 (5 year term followed by 4 years) - Interim mayor appointed until election in 2019
- Mayor chairs Leadership Board, alongside 2 representatives per LA - represents an embedded mayoral model
- NELEP representative on NT board; Mayor to sit on NELEP board
- Mayor to appoint Ambassador for Business (non voting)
- Transport governed through NT/NECA Joint Committee replicating current responsibilities and voting arrangements

# Deal content: Investment fund

- Investment fund £20m revenue pa over 30 years
- Full flexibility on grant/loan mix, multi-year programming etc; early drawdown before May 2019 election
- Expect to focus on growth opportunities in energy, digital, culture/visitor economy & life sciences, and support to residents to access job opportunities

# Deal content - Themes (1)

- Inclusive Growth
  - Education Improvement Challenge
  - Devolution of Adult Education Budget from 2019/20 - £23m pa
  - Institute of Technology business case development
  - Work with Govt to agree and adopt an Employment Support Framework agreement, to align NT and DWP/health programmes
  - Govt support for series of pilot projects to tackle barriers to employment
- Industrial Strategy

# Deal content: Themes (2)

- Housing
  - New powers to accelerate delivery of new homes and to support delivery on strategic sites led by new Housing and Land Board
  - Commitment to work towards Housing Growth Deal for North of Tyne over the coming months
- Digital connectivity and smart data
- Maximising impact of Great Exhibition of the North, including legacy
- NT Rural Productivity Plan & Rural Scale up Champion for England

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# Transport

- Protecting the current arrangements is central to the deal
- New Joint Transport Committee (NECA / NTCA members)
- Business as usual approach that sees the replication of the current arrangements within NECA which respects transport levies of Tyne & Wear, Northumberland and Durham
- Mayor will not have franchising powers

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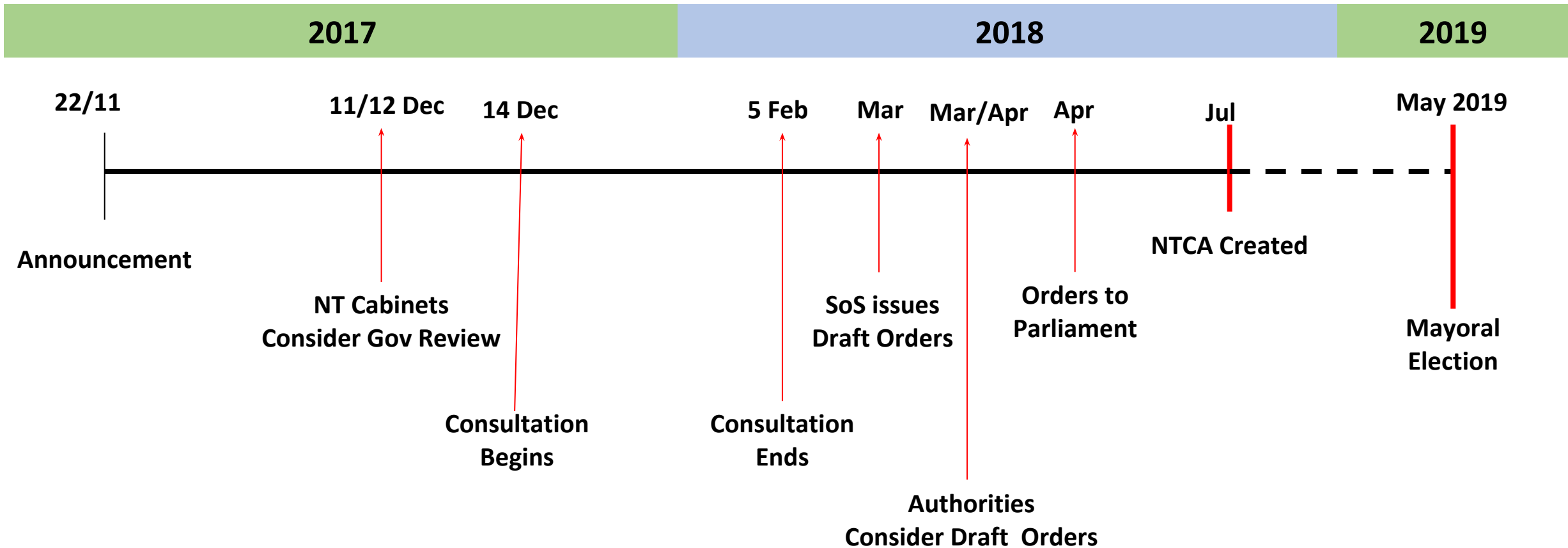
# Governance Review - Statute

- Standard statutory process associated with the creation of any Combined Authority which includes consultation with the public and key stakeholders
- Need to illustrate the economic benefits of a new Combined Authority to the Secretary of State - independent impact report produced to help illustrate this
- Process complicated by need to leave existing North East Combined Authority (which the current NECA Leadership Board has to approve) as part of the process

# Consultation – NECA area

- Statutory Scope with content and process approved by Cabinets
- Runs from 14 December to 5 February
  - Online consultation
  - Key stakeholders written to
  - Physical consultation information circulated
- Programme of open events to be held in January
- Business conference to be held in January

# Provisional Timetable



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