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Questions relating to North Tyneside Councils Directorship of the Association of North East Councils Ltd (ANEC Ltd)

The ANEC association was closed in March 2016 due to the creation of the North East Combined Authority (NECA). North Tyneside left NECA and is now a member of the North of Tyne Combined Authority (NTCA).

(1) What is the purpose of the retained directorship in the Association of North East Councils Ltd (Company number 05014821)?

The company is still in existence and the North East Procurement Organisation (NEPO) operates through this company. It undertakes high-value procurement in major strategic areas of spend in conjunction with North East local authorities and a range of associate members through the provision of a collaborative procurement service. NEPO actively supports local authorities to spend locally by breaking contracts into lots and undertaking supply chain work where appropriate. NEPO also provide opportunities for smaller, locally-based suppliers to win public sector business, be part of wider supply chains and develop a more competitive regional supply base. In addition to NEPO, the North East Cultural Partnership (NECP) are also part of ANEC. The role of NECP is to support the delivery of the case for culture by building on the strengths of the North East's diverse communities and brokering opportunities for further investment in arts and heritage right across the region. The objectives of NECP are as follows:-

- To act as a voice for the culture and heritage sector in the North East of England.
- To promote the sector and the region both in the UK and internationally.
- To deliver on the aims of the Case for Culture and support the wider aims and aspirations of the North East.
- To be a champion and ambassador for the region's people and places.

(2) What funding / levy does North Tyneside Council contribute to ANEC Limited on a yearly basis?

There is an annual NEPO membership fee plus a £6,000 per year contribution to NECP which as stated above are part of ANEC.