



COUNCIL MEETING

20 July 2017

GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor P Foy will move the following motion:

Gateshead Council is concerned at the decision by Northumbria Police to alter Gateshead Police Station opening hours to the public from a 24/7 service to 8.00 am to 8.00 pm seven days a week.

Northumbria Police has an excellent record of putting localism and neighbourhood policing to the forefront of their activities. However, we do not believe that these principles are reflected in these plans.

Residents in Gateshead rightly expect to be able to contact the police in times of personal difficulty. Residents attending police stations, at whatever time of day, have the right to expect that they will receive a professional service. This is particularly the case where members of the public are fleeing domestic violence, hate crime and human-trafficking

The council recognises the enormous pressure on Northumbria Police that damaging cuts imposed by central government have had since 2010.

However, we call upon the Chief Executive to write to both Northumbria Police and the PCC to ask that the current proposals be suspended whilst a comprehensive consultation is conducted to examine all potential alternative options.

Proposed by: Councillor P Foy

Seconded by: Councillor M Gannon

Supported by: Councillor J McElroy
Councillor C Donovan