

GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET MEETING

Tuesday, 22 March 2016

PRESENT: Councillor M Henry

Councillors: M Gannon, C Donovan, A Douglas, M Foy,
G Haley, J McElroy, M McNestry and L Twist

C206 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor L Green.

C207 NORTH EAST COMBINED AUTHORITY - PROPOSED DEVOLUTION AGREEMENT AND ELECTED REGIONAL MAYOR

Consideration has been given to the views of the Council in relation to the proposed Devolution Agreement and to an update on the outstanding issues that require clarification and commitment from the Government.

- RESOLVED -
- (i) That it be noted that Councillor Hindle's substantive point made at the Council meeting on 25 February "that the deal was about devolving central government funding to the local area and that this would allow local priorities to be better reflected in spending decisions" should have been included in appendix 3 to the report after the reference to his comments relating to Councillor Eagle's remarks about a referendum.
 - (ii) That Gateshead Council supports genuine devolution for the North East of England. Gateshead Council believes that the current offer to the North East Combined Authority (the "Proposed Agreement") does not represent genuine devolution, poses a threat to local democracy and proposes governance that lacks accountability. Gateshead Council does not consent to being part of a Mayoral Combined Authority. Gateshead Council will continue to work with neighbouring local authorities to our mutual benefit and seek to deliver the best possible public services to the people of Gateshead and the North East of England.

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