

GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET MEETING

Thursday, 21 July 2016

PRESENT: Councillor M Gannon

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

C61 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor L Green.

C62 NORTH EAST COMBINED AUTHORITY - DEVOLUTION AND GOVERNANCE UPDATE

Consideration has been given to an update in relation to the proposed Devolution Agreement and to outline the current position of negotiations between Government and the North East Combined Authority (NECA) and the implications for Gateshead of being a non-consenting authority.

- RESOLVED -
- (i) That the report be noted.
 - (ii) That the decision of NECA on 19 July not to progress consultation on the proposed governance structure until assurances have been received from Government particularly in regard to funding arising from the Brexit referendum decision be endorsed.
 - (iii) That a Cabinet meeting be arranged to consider a further report before the Order establishing the Mayoral Combined Authority for the North East is laid before Parliament.

The above decisions have been made for the following reasons:

- (A) To give proper regard to the Council's current status as a non-consenting authority and to whether that is in the best interests of the Borough and its citizens.
- (B) To enable the Council to consider its position going forward in light of any assurances received by NECA from Government.

C63 JANE ROBINSON - CHIEF EXECUTIVE

RESOLVED - That Cabinet's thanks and appreciation for Jane Robinson's dedicated service to the Council be placed on record.

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