

GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET MEETING

Tuesday, 31 October 2023

PRESENT: Councillor M Gannon (Chair)

Councillors: C Donovan, J Adams, M Brain, A Douglas,
L Green, G Haley, J McElroy, M McNestry and B Oliphant

Also in attendance: Councillors R Beadle, K Dodds and R
Mulen

C71 NORTH EAST DEVOLUTION

Consideration has been given to consenting to the making of the statutory order to abolish the existing combined authorities in the region (ie NECA and NTCA) and replace them with a single mayoral combined authority which encompasses the areas of the seven councils across the North East (ie Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside and Sunderland), which is to be known legally as the North East Mayoral Combined Authority ("NEMCA").

- RESOLVED -
- (i) That the Council's consent to the making of the order be agreed in principle.
 - (ii) That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, be authorised to issue the Council's formal consent to the Secretary of State when requested
 - (iii) That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, be authorised to finalise the terms of the side agreement regarding the support arrangements associated with these proposals
 - (iv) That the Chief Executive be authorised to take all other steps necessary to implement these proposals.

The above decisions have been made because the provision of the Council's consent to the making of the order will enable it to be laid before Parliament so that it can be made and thereby establish the mayoral combined authority for the region, which will in turn provide access to the benefits of devolution across the region.

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