



COUNCIL MEETING

24 September 2015

**EXTENSION OF THE DISTRICT ENERGY SCHEME TO
GATESHEAD STADIUM AREA AND NEST ROAD, FELLING**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval of an increase in the existing allocation for the District Energy Scheme within the Council's capital programme to fund the extension of the private wire network to the Gateshead Stadium area and Nest Road, Felling.
2. Feasibility studies on the Town Centre District Energy Scheme extension are ongoing, but initial findings indicate that the extension is technically and commercially viable.
3. The Cabinet has considered the facts and issues arising from the report including alternative options and took all relevant advice before formulating their recommendation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

4. It is recommended that Council approves the addition of £2.0m to the capital programme, to fund up to a 2.6km extension to the private wire network.