



## COUNCIL MEETING

26 January 2023

### LOCAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND – ELECTORAL REVIEW OF GATESHEAD COUNCIL, PART ONE (COUNCIL SIZE)

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**Sheena Ramsey, Chief Executive**

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#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to seek agreement for the Chief Executive to make such amendments as required to the draft submission to the Commission on Part One of its review of Gateshead Council (the Commission).
2. The proposed recommendation requested to be endorsed is that the Council's size remains unchanged at 66 Councillors, across 22 wards.
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.

#### RECOMMENDATION

4. It is recommended that Council:
  - (i) Approves the recommendation of the draft Submission in terms of Council size remaining the same at 66 Councillors, across 22 wards;
  - (ii) Notes the content of the Submission and the accompanying appendices and;
  - (iii) Agrees that the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Leader of the Council, may make any amendments to the draft Submission she deems appropriate prior to it being filed with the Commission on 17 February 2023.