

TITLE OF REPORT: **Appointments to the North East Combined Authority**

REPORT OF: **Sheena Ramsey, Chief Executive**

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of the report is to seek Council's approval for Gateshead Council's appointments to the new North East Mayoral Combined Authority, once established.

Background

2. The North East Mayoral Combined Authority (Establishment and Functions) Order 2024, laid in Parliament in February 2024, provides for the creation of the North East Mayoral Combined Authority on 7th May 2024. The first meeting of the Combined Authority's Cabinet is also expected to take place on that date, which precedes this Council's Annual Meeting, due to be held on 17 May 2024. Therefore, approval is sought at today's meeting for the Council's appointments to the new authority.
3. Under the terms of the Order, each Constituent Council must appoint one of its members to be a member of the Combined Authority, together with two substitute members, either of whom may act in the absence of the appointed member. Other appointments to the committees of the new Combined Authority (e.g. Overview & Scrutiny and Audit & Standards) will be recommended at the Annual Council meeting.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council:

- i. subject to the North East Mayoral Combined Authority (Establishment and Functions) Order 2024 coming into force, approves the following appointments to the North East Mayoral Combined Authority:

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| Constituent Council Member | - Cllr Martin Gannon |
| Substitute Constituent Council Member | - Cllr Catherine Donovan |
| Substitute Constituent Council Member | - Cllr John Adams |