



## COUNCIL MEETING

23 May 2024

### GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

#### NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Caffrey will move the following motion:

The new North East Mayoral Combined Authority (NEMCA) will be responsible for the aspirations and life chances of over one million women and girls living in County Durham, Sunderland, South Tyneside, Gateshead, North Tyneside, Northumberland, and Newcastle.

It can be tempting for policy makers to think that women and men use public services in the same way, but this is often not the case. Considering the specific needs of women and girls from the beginning results in better policy making that works for everyone, as highlighted by our Director of Public Health in her 2023 annual report.

The newly elected Mayor of the NECMA, Kim McGuinness, has pledged to: “give voice to the one million women and girls in our region, prioritise breaking down the barriers to work and women’s safety, and to work as hard to smash the gender pay gap as to smash the North-South divide”.

NECMA Authority will do this by ensuring the needs of these one million women and girls are at the forefront of thinking when planning and delivering services.

#### **Gateshead Council pledges to do the following:**

- We will listen to women and girls from all communities, and act on what they tell us, to understand what they need and the barriers they face.
- We will explicitly consider the specific impact on women and girls of every policy/strategy we develop, seeking to maximize positive and mitigate negative impacts.
- We will take practical steps to improve the lives of women and girls in Gateshead.
- We will put in place systems and structures to ensure equality for women and girls.
- We will work to ensure women and girls can access safe transport, can access housing, good quality jobs, training, health services and adult education.
- Detailed proposals on how this will be progressed in Gateshead will be developed and brought to the September Council Meeting.

Proposed by: Councillor L Caffrey

Seconded by: Councillor A Douglas

Supported by: Councillor M Hall  
Councillor B Oliphant

