



Update on Preparation of a New Local Plan

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The report aims to notify Members of progress on the Gateshead Plan, and to summarise the outcomes from the 'Start of the Conversation' consultation.
2. Gateshead's current Local Plan is in three parts. The first and second parts are the Core Strategy and Urban Core Plan, which were adopted in March 2015 and prepared jointly with Newcastle. The third part is Making Space for Growing Places, which was adopted in February 2021. Although the current Local Plan does not expire until 2030, we need to review our Local Plan every 5 years and the Council needs to ensure that it has a planning framework which is up to date, reflects the ambitions of the borough and is based on a robust evidence base.
3. Gateshead Council and Newcastle City Council are proposing to work together to prepare a joint Local Plan.
4. The NewcastleGateshead Plan will provide a strategic planning framework to meet our joint ambitions for sustainable economic growth and will help the Council address our priorities to tackle poverty and improve health outcomes, address the cost-of-living crisis and work towards achieving the target of Net Zero carbon emissions and becoming an economically inclusive borough.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council:

- i. Approve the preparation of a joint Local Plan working with Newcastle City Council supported by joint governance and the development of a Memorandum of Understanding for joint working arrangements.