



## **COUNCIL MEETING**

**2 February 2017**

### **BATTERY STORAGE FOR DISTRICT ENERGY SCHEME**

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**Mike Barker, Acting Chief Executive**

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval to fund and install a further 2MW battery storage system for the Gateshead District Energy Scheme at Park Road Depot.
2. In July 2016, Cabinet approved the installation of a 1MW battery storage system. The Council is keen to further support current and future operation of the Gateshead District Energy Scheme and is in a position to exploit the current favourable market conditions while they remain viable.
3. It is proposed that an additional 2MW battery system be installed, at a cost of £1.65m, to the planned 1MW system already being installed within Park Road Depot. This will continue to generate additional income streams for the Council.
4. 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**

5. It is recommended that Council approves the addition of the £1.65m budget to the Council's capital programme.