



RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

The following is a record of the decisions taken at the meeting of **CABINET** held on **Wednesday 1 November 2023**. The decisions will come into force and may be implemented from **Monday 13 November 2023** unless the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee or its Committees object to any such decision and call it in.

North East Devolution

Key Decision No: CORP/R/23/07

Summary

The Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Executive which sought consent to the making of the statutory order to abolish the existing combined authorities in the region (i.e. NECA and NTCA) and replace them with a single mayoral combined authority which encompasses the areas of the seven councils, which is to be known legally as the North East Mayoral Combined Authority (NEMCA).

On 28 December 2022 HM Government announced a “minded to” devolution deal with the seven councils across the North East (i.e. Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside and Sunderland).

To implement the deal, it will be necessary to establish a new mayoral combined authority which covers the area of the seven councils and replaces the two existing combined authorities in the region, i.e. NECA (which includes the areas of Durham, Gateshead, South Tyneside and Sunderland) and NTCA (which includes the areas of Newcastle, North Tyneside and Northumberland).

The councils have consulted on these changes and the Secretary of State has prepared a draft of the statutory order which is required to implement these proposals. The report sought authority to provide the Council’s consent to the making of that statutory order.

Decision

The Cabinet:

- (a) considered the content of the report;
- (b) agreed in principle that the Council should consent to the making of the order;
- (c) authorised the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to issue the Council's formal consent when requested by the Secretary of State;
- (d) authorised the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to finalise the terms of the side agreement regarding the support arrangements associated with these proposals; and
- (e) authorised the Chief Executive to take all other steps necessary to implement these proposals.

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