

County Council

24 February 2016

North East Combined Authority: Devolution Deal Update and Poll Result



Report of Cabinet Councillor Simon Henig, Leader

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To seek Council's views on the proposed Devolution Deal, with Council having the opportunity to consider the results of the Durham Poll; further information in relation to the potential formation of a mayoral combined authority and further financial information included in the final Local Government Settlement of 8 February 2016.

Background

- 2 On the 9 December 2015, Council considered a report on a proposal to carry out a poll of the electorate of County Durham on the proposed Devolution Deal. Council agreed to the funding of such a poll which closed on the 8 February 2016.
- 3 Officers are currently working on three significant areas:
 1. An analysis of the results of the poll;
 2. An analysis of the impact on the combined authority area and Durham included in the final Local Government Settlement of 8 February 2016;
 3. An analysis (which is as up to date as practicable) on the ongoing devolution negotiations currently taking place with the Department of Communities and Local Government.
- 4 A report covering these and other relevant issues will be presented to Council at the meeting so that Council may give its views on the proposed deal, ahead of the Cabinet Meeting on 16 March 2016.

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance - none specific in this report

Staffing - none specific in this report

Risk - none specific in this report

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty - none specific in this report

Accommodation - none specific in this report

Crime and Disorder - none specific in this report

Human Rights - none specific in this report

Consultation - none specific in this report

Procurement - none specific in this report

Disability Issues - none specific in this report

Legal Implications - none specific in this report