

## **Cabinet**

7 November 2023

(2.00 - 2.09 pm)

Meeting held: Committee Room, Civic Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 8QH. This meeting was also streamed live on YouTube.

## **Minutes**

### **Present:**

Chair: Mayor J Driscoll

Councillors S Graham, N Kemp, K Kilgour and G Sanderson, Dame Mayor N Redfearn and Mr M Thompson

### **39 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C Johnson, Councillor R Wearmouth and Ms L Winskell.

### **40 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **41 NORTH EAST DEVOLUTION**

Submitted: A report of the Monitoring Officer (previously circulated and copy attached to Official Minutes).

The Cabinet considered the report which sought consent to the making of the statutory order which was required to implement the devolution deal proposals.

The Mayor provided context for the purpose of the extraordinary meeting and reflected on the process undertaken to get to this significant step for the North East. J Softly, the Monitoring Officer, was invited to introduce the report.

The Cabinet reflected on the collaborative approach taken by all those involved and the scale of opportunity, investment and ambition the devolution deal offered, thanking the officer core for the role they have played.

Thanks were also placed on record to all partners that NTCA had worked with, including businesses, voluntary organisations, North East LEP, universities and other educational institutions.

**RESOLVED** – That:

- i. the report be noted;
- ii. agreement be given in principle that the Mayor and Cabinet consent to the making of the statutory order under the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 to deliver the following proposals:
  - a) the abolition of the two existing combined authorities, namely the North of Tyne Combined Authority (NTCA) and the North East Combined Authority (NECA); and
  - b) the creation of a new mayoral combined authority which covers the area of all seven councils, which will be called the North East Mayoral Combined Authority (NEMCA);
- iii. the NTCA Chief Executive be authorised, in consultation with the Mayor, to issue consent on behalf of the Mayor and NTCA to the Secretary of State when requested;
- iv. the NTCA Chief Executive be authorised, in consultation with the Mayor, to finalise the terms of the side agreement regarding the support arrangements associated with the proposals; and
- v. the NTCA Chief Executive be authorised to take all other steps necessary to implement the proposals.