



## **Leadership Board**

Tuesday 17th May 2016 at 2.00 pm

Meeting held at County Hall, Durham, DH1 5UQ

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# North East Combined Authority

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**DATE:** 17 May 2016

**SUBJECT:** North East Combined Authority – The Devolution Agreement Supplementary Report 1

**REPORT OF:** Head of Paid Service

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Since the Proposed Agreement was signed in October 2015 there have been continuing discussions with Government on detailed implementation of a devolution deal. Following the 24<sup>th</sup> March Leadership Board report which identified a number of outstanding issues with the Proposed Agreement, the Head of Paid Service has sought further clarification or commitment from Government. This report sets out the information received from Government.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

The Leadership Board is recommended to:

- (1) Note the content of the report, the outstanding issues identified by the Leadership Board relating to the proposed Devolution Agreement in March and the responses by Government and subsequent progress made.
- (2) Endorse the proposed Devolution Agreement and agree to the establishment of the North East Combined Authority as a Mayoral Combined Authority.
- (3) Delegate authority to the Head of Paid Service in consultation with the Chair of the North East Combined Authority, the Monitoring Officer and Chief Finance Officer to consent to the Order creating the Mayoral Combined Authority to enable the formal establishment of the Mayoral Combined Authority to proceed.
- (4) Delegate authority to the Head of Paid Service in consultation with the Monitoring Officer and Chief Finance Officer to complete the Governance Review and the preparation of a governance Scheme for consideration at the next meeting of the Leadership Board.
- (5) Confirm that the initial term of office for the Mayor of the North East Combined Authority will be for a period of 3 years from 4 May 2017 with subsequent terms of office being for 4 years in accordance with the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (as amended).

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- (6) Agree the proposals as set out in paragraph 25 of the report in respect of highways maintenance and incentive funding
- (7) Note all Constituent Authorities and the Mayoral Combined Authority will be required to consent to the second order for the devolution of powers and responsibilities in accordance with the Devolution Agreement of the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2015 to proceed.