

Dear Colleague,

We are pleased to let you know that the process of implementing our plans for devolution for North of Tyne has moved into its next phase.

In November, Newcastle, North Tyneside and Northumberland councils agreed with Government a 'minded to approve' devolution deal for the North of Tyne.

The deal offers unprecedented new powers and funding to the area, including a £600 million investment fund. This investment and new powers are expected to generate £1.1 billion for the local economy, create 10,000 new jobs and leverage £2.1 billion in private sector investment.

The Cabinets of Newcastle, North Tyneside and Northumberland councils met at the beginning of the week and agreed to start the process of implementing a devolution deal for the North of Tyne.

In order for our three councils to accept and implement the deal they must:

- come out of the current North East Combined Authority (NECA), which comprises Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside and Sunderland
- create a new mayoral combined authority for the North of Tyne area
- create a joint transport committee to oversee public transport arrangements across the whole of the North East

Our three councils have published a scheme that sets out our proposals for changing the way the seven North East councils work together on economic development, regeneration and transport matters, and for devolving new powers to the North of Tyne. Those plans include creating a new combined authority for the North of Tyne, led by an elected mayor, to manage a range of devolved powers that will help to improve the quality and availability of housing, support infrastructure and help increase the number of residents moving into work in the area.

### **Have your say**

Views are now being sought on the proposals in the Scheme and how the new arrangements will work.

The consultation will open on Thursday 14 December and close on Monday 5 February 2018. Views can be given online at <https://northoftynedevelopment.com/consultation/>; in writing or at a series of events in

January. Details of the consultation events will be announced in the New Year and you will receive more information about them in due course.

This consultation is the next step in our devolution journey and an important stage in getting devolved powers and funding to the North of Tyne. It is vital local people and organisations get involved, have their say and think about how we can all contribute to creating a better tomorrow for all our communities.

We want as many views as possible represented in this consultation so would be grateful for your participation and valuable contribution to this important process.



**Cllr. Nick Forbes**  
Leader, Newcastle City Council



**Cllr. Peter Jackson**  
Leader, Northumberland CC



**Norma Redfearn**  
Elected Mayor of North Tyneside

Yours Sincerely