



TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

Item No 6

MEETING: 11 SEPTEMBER 2023

SUBJECT: NORTH EAST DEVOLUTION – CONSULTATION

**REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE (CLERK TO
THE AUTHORITY)**

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 As you will be aware, the Leaders and Elected Mayor of the seven North East councils, have agreed in principle to a devolution deal, which the Government has confirmed it is 'minded to' approve.
- 1.2 The devolution deal would unlock £4.2 billion of investment, over 30 years, and see additional powers transferred from Whitehall to local people with better knowledge and experience of our communities.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 As part of the consultation process, in February 2023 a combined letter from the offices of the Leaders of Gateshead, Newcastle, South Tyneside, Sunderland, Northumberland and Durham Councils, along with the Mayor of North Tyneside was received, setting out their request as they were now consulting on the proposals.
- 2.2 The consultation provided an opportunity for residents and stakeholders to understand how the proposed devolution deal could be implemented in the region.
- 2.3 As a key stakeholder we were keen to share our views and provided a letter of support for the proposals.
- 2.4 The attached letter (appendix A), was received in August 2023 in response to the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority letter of support.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no financial implications in respect of this report.



4 EQUALITY AND FAIRNESS IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no equality and fairness implications in respect of this report.

5 HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no health and safety implications in respect of this report.

6 RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 The Authority is recommended to:

- a) Endorse the contents of this report
 - b) Receive further reports as appropriate.
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