

# ***Report of the Cabinet***



**THE CABINET reports and recommends as follows:-**

**1. North East Combined Authority – Proposed Devolution Agreement and Elected Regional Mayor**

That they have given consideration to the attached report of the Interim Head of Paid Service on the current position in relation to the devolution proposals for the region, and recommending consultation with Council upon the proposal that the North East Combined Authority (NECA) becomes a Mayoral Combined Authority.

The Cabinet noted the devolution proposals for NECA contained in the Devolution Agreement (attached at Appendix 1), including the proposal for an Elected Mayor for the NECA area, and the consultation undertaken to date on the proposed Agreement.

Also attached is a supplemental report of the Interim Head of Paid Service which provides further information, sets out details of the responses received to the Sunderland consultation exercise and provides an outline of the regional consultation undertaken.

Accordingly the Cabinet invites the views of Council.

