



TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

Item No 5

MEETING: 13 March 2023

SUBJECT: NORTH EAST DEVOLUTION PROPOSALS CONSULTATION

**JOINT REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER/CHIEF EXECUTIVE (THE CLERK
TO THE AUTHORITY) AND THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO THE AUTHORITY**

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Council 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 proposals are currently out for public consultation across the region with a closing date of 23 March for any responses. On the 20 February 2023 the Service receive a letter on behalf of the seven councils involved in the devolution proposals inviting them to review the proposals and if minded to do so, offer a letter of support (Appendix 1).

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The background to this paper is contained within the attached letter at Appendix 1.

3 CONSIDERATIONS AND DISCUSSION

- 3.1 The purpose of this paper is to bring the consultation to the attention of the Fire Authority and seek direction on whether the Fire Authority wish to offer a letter in support of the proposals or in some capacity make any other comments to the consultation.
- 3.2 Given the politically restricted nature of the post of the Chief Fire Officer, it is proposed that any feedback or letter of support for the devolution proposals may more appropriately come from the Fire Authority.



4 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 There are no identified risks associated with what is being sought from this paper.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

6 EQUALITY AND FAIRNESS IMPLICATIONS

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

7 HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

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

8 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 The Authority is recommended to:
- a) Consider the contents of this paper and associated consultation letter.
 - b) Advise whether they wish a letter of support to be drafted on their behalf or make any other comments to the consultation.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

The under mentioned Background Papers refer to the subject matter of the above report:
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