

## Record of Delegated Non Executive Decisions by Officers

### 1.0 Subject of decision

Authorisation of Regional Trading Standards Enforcement Team – ‘Scambusters’

This decision has been delegated to one or more officer(s) under:

- (a) A specific express authorization - Report to Cabinet 14 December 2015 –see Appendix 1
- (b) a general authorisation to take such decisions **and**, the effect of the decision is to:
- (i) grant a permission or licence;
  - (ii) affect the rights of an individual; or
  - (iii) award a contract or incur expenditure which, in either case, materially affects the Authority’s financial position.

### 2.0 Name and Title of Decision Maker

Phil Scott : Head of Environment, Housing and Leisure

### 3.0 Details of any Conflict of Interest and any Dispensation granted in respect of such Interest

None

### 4.0 Executive Summary

This report seeks the Head of Environment, Housing and Leisure to authorise the entering into a Protocol with Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council (RCBC) so that officers from that Authority are placed at the disposal of North Tyneside Council. The Protocol sets out the working arrangements under which the Authority and the Regional Trading Standards Enforcement Team will operate.

The Protocol will also provide a mechanism for delegated authority to be given to the officers of RCBC to enable them to operate as Trading Standards Officers for and on behalf of the Authority for the duration of a cross border investigation in which the Regional Trading Standards Enforcement Team is involved.

This initiative has previously been considered and noted by Cabinet on 14 December 2015.

## 5. Alternative options considered

### Option 1

To enter into a Protocol/Arrangement with Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council (RCBC) and for the Head of Environment, Housing and Leisure thereafter to give delegated authority to its officers to act on behalf of the Authority.

### Option 2

Not to enter into a Protocol/Arrangement with Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council (RCBC).

## 6. Decision(s)

To enter into a Protocol/Arrangement with Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council (RCBC) and for the Head of Environment, Housing and Leisure thereafter to give delegated authority to its officers to act on behalf of the Authority.

## 7. Reasons for the Decision(s)

The proposal seeks to add to the Authority's existing resources by enabling the Trading Standards function within this Authority to have access to members of a team of suitably skilled officers based within the Regional Enforcement Team to assist with the enforcement of fraudulent and malicious trading practices within the Authority's boundaries but which a cross-border impact on other Authorities.

The enforcement resource of the officers from the Regional Enforcement Team will enhance further the Authority's capacity and provides a resource it would not otherwise have ready and available access to.

## 8. Date Decision Made

28 February 2019

## 9. Decision Maker

Approved



Date: 28/02/2019

In consultation with



Date: 27/02/2019

*To be completed by Democratic Services*

**10. Date of Publication**

**28.02.2019**

This pro forma must be completed and forwarded, together with the accompanying report, to Dave Brown and Paul Wheeler in Law and Governance within 2 working days of the decision having been taken