

Record of Delegated Executive Decision(s)

1. Subject of decision

Northumbria Safer Roads Partnership

2. Name and Title of Decision Makers

John Sparkes, Director of Regeneration and Economic Development

3. Details of any Conflict of Interest and any Dispensation granted in respect of such Interest

Not applicable

4. Executive summary (To be taken from written report)

As the Highway Authority for the Borough, the Authority has a duty to promote road safety. It is recognised good practice to have a road safety partnership in place involving both the relevant local authorities, as local Highway Authorities, and the police force which covers the area.

Following discussions between the local authorities as local Highway Authorities in the Northumbria Police force area, Northumbria Police and the Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner, it is proposed that the Authority enter into a new Northumbria Road Safety Partnership (NRSP) with the other local authorities in Tyne and Wear, Northumberland County Council and Northumbria Police.

It is envisaged that this new Partnership Agreement will supersede the existing Northumbria Safer Roads Initiative (NSRI). Sitting alongside the Partnership Agreement is a Finance Agreement entered into by the Gateshead Council on behalf of the Authority and the other local authorities as the 'Lead Authority' and the Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner.

5. Alternative Options considered

Option 1

To approve the recommendations as set out in paragraph 1.2 of the report.

Option 2

Not to approve the recommendations as set out in paragraph 1.2 of the report.

Option 1 is the recommended option.

6. Decision(s)

The Director of Regeneration and Economic Development has

1. agreed to the Authority entering into the Northumbria Road Safety Partnership Agreement with the other Tyne and Wear local authorities, Northumberland County Council and Northumbria Police attached to the report at Appendix 1; and
2. agreed to the Borough Council of Gateshead entering into the Finance Agreement with Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner as the Lead Authority for the Northumbria Road Safety Partnership, attached to the report at Appendix 2.

7. Reasons for the Decision(s)

It is in accordance with recognised good practice to have a road safety partnership in place involving both the relevant local authorities and the Police, reflecting that both have legal responsibilities relating to road safety. This provides an improved opportunity to work together efficiently in relation to education, prevention and enforcement.

8. Date decision made

19 September 2024

To be completed by Democratic Services

9. Is this decision subject to call-in and if so expiry date of call-in period

5pm on 27 September 2024

10. Date of Publication

20 September 2024

11. Implementation Date (if decision not called in)

After 5pm on 27 September 2024