

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH TYNESIDE

REFERENDUM ON GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 4 OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (CONDUCT OF REFERENDUMS) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012

1. At a meeting held on 21 January 2016, the Council of the Borough of North Tyneside (the Authority) **RESOLVED** in accordance with the provisions of Section 9M of the Local Government Act 2000 to hold a Referendum asking the voters in Borough of North Tyneside whether they wish to change the governance arrangements of the Authority.
2. The Referendum will ask whether the Authority's existing form of governance of an Elected Mayor and Cabinet executive should cease and that the Authority should operate under a Committee system of governance instead (the "Alternative Governance Arrangements"). The main features of the Alternative Governance Arrangements are:
 - a. the majority of the decisions of the Authority will be made in politically balanced Committees (and sub-committees) drawn from the 60 Councillors of the Authority;
 - b. certain functions of the Authority will be reserved to the Full Council Meeting in accordance with the Local Authorities (Committee System) (England) Regulations 2012; and
 - c. the Leader of the Council will be a Councillor elected by the Full Council Meeting.
3. The Authority has drawn up a document describing the Alternative Governance Arrangements (the Alternative Governance Arrangements (Description and Requirements for Implementation)) (the "Document") under Section 9MA of the Local Government Act 2000. The Document may be inspected in person at the Authority's Offices at Quadrant, The Silverlink North, North Tyneside, Tyne and Wear, NE27 0BY from Monday to Thursday 8.30 am until 5.00pm and on Fridays 8.30am until 4.30pm or on the Authority's Website: www.northtyneside.gov.uk . Copies are also available free of charge from the Authority's Offices at and during the hours stated above.
4. The poll for the Referendum will be held on Thursday 5 May 2016 between the hours of 7.00am and 10.00pm and will be taken together with the poll for the election of the Councillors for the Authority and the poll for the election of the Police and Crime Commissioner for the Northumbria Police Area.

5. The question to be asked at the poll for the Referendum will be:

“How would you like North Tyneside Council to be run?”

By a Mayor who is elected by voters. This is how the Council is run now.

Or

By one or more Committees made up of elected Councillors. This would be a change from how the Council is run now.”

6. The Referendum will be conducted using the procedures similar to those for the conduct of a local council election.

7. The Referendum expenses limit for campaign organisers conducting a campaign promoting a particular outcome to the question to be asked at the Referendum is based upon 152,812 electors and will be £11,378.

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10 February 2016.