



COUNCIL MEETING

21 NOVEMBER 2024

GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MOTION – GATESHEAD QUAYS CAR PARK

Councillor D Welsh will move the following motion:

Council Notes:

- The construction of Gateshead Quays Car Park in 2022/23 in anticipation of the opening of the Sage Conference Centre, Arena and Hotels.
- That the Car Park cost £23m of public money from the Council's Capital programme and LEP's Getting Building Going Fund
- The continuing closure of the Gateshead Quays Car Park

Council Believes:

- That the Car Park should not be an under-utilised asset
- That officers should investigate options for opening the Car Park including a permit scheme for local employees at a less than commercial rate, an advertising campaign to attract commuters to Newcastle and improved signposting
- That diverting cars from crossing the Tyne Bridge during its improvement works may reduce journey times, congestion and thereby positively impact air quality

Council Resolves:

- To ask Engineering Services to conduct a feasibility study and to report to Cabinet on options for opening the Gateshead Quays Car Park.
- To ask Corporate Resources OSC to consider lessons that might be learned from the failure to realise benefits from this investment so far.

Proposed by: Councillor D Welsh

Seconded by: Councillor R Beadle

Supported by: Councillor A Wintcher
Councillor P Elliot
Councillor A Ord
Councillor J Wallace