

CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC GROWTH OSC

REPORT TO CABINET

7 SEPTEMBER 2021

Northumberland Line

This report was presented to the Committee on 6 September 2021 by Rick O'Farrell, Interim Executive Director of Local Services and Regeneration, supported by Stuart McNaughton, Strategic Transport Manager.

The Committee welcomed the proposals as set out in the report, although there was a discussion regarding free parking at the station car parks. Members agreed that this proposal be supported particularly as it would deter users from parking on nearby residential streets and thereby negating the potential for congestion around stations that may ensue.

There was also discussion around the need to have integrated transport links to the new stations, including the creation of walking and cycling corridors; the impact on housing, although this would be considered as part of the local plan review; smart technology as part of the booking process, although it was acknowledged that this was unlikely to be available on day 1, and the need to exploit the new infrastructure for tourism.

The Committee therefore **RESOLVED** to advise the Cabinet that it supported the recommendations as set out in the report.

COUNCILLOR DAVID BAWN

CHAIRMAN