

**Gateshead Council**

**Local Plan**

**Annual Monitoring Report 2015/16**



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## Executive Summary

### Introduction

This Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) presents an overview of development activity in Gateshead in 2015/16, focusing on the implementation of Gateshead's Local Plan policies, which comprises the saved policies of the Gateshead Unitary Development Plan (2007), and policies contained within the Gateshead and Newcastle Core Strategy and Urban Core Plan (adopted March 2015). The Council continues to prepare the Local Plan for Gateshead, and this AMR sets out progress to date, including an indicative timeframe for preparation of Local Development Documents.

### Gateshead Local Plan

Gateshead Council adopted Planning for the Future Core Strategy and Urban Core Plan for Gateshead and Newcastle upon Tyne (CSUCP) on 26th March 2015. The CSUCP establishes strategic priorities for development in Gateshead and Newcastle, and provides the more detailed policy framework supporting development in the Gateshead and Newcastle Urban Core. Following successful examination in spring / summer 2016, Gateshead Council adopted the Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule in November 2016, with the charge taking effect from 1 January 2017.

The Council is currently preparing additional Local Plan documents, including a Land Allocations and Development Management Policies Document titled Making Spaces for Growing Places, and an Area Action Plan for the Metrogreen area of change. Progress on document preparation is set out in the table below.

### Progress against 2013 Local Development Scheme timetable

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| Metrogreen Area Action Plan (AAP)  | Scheduled for consultation draft January 2015   | Options Report published for consultation Nov-Dec 2015  | Progress delayed from 2013 LDS timescale so that resources could focus on CSUCP. Consultation draft MGAAP now likely for early 2017 |
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| Statement of Community Involvement   | Adopted March 2013                              | Adopted January 2013                                    | Complete  |

## **Economic Prosperity**

- The estimated number of jobs accommodated in Gateshead increased from 96,000 in 2010 to 101,000 in 2014.
- The employment rate of Gateshead residents (the proportion of residents aged 16 to 64 in employment) increased from 67.5% in 2010/11 to 73.2% in 2015/16.
- Around 10,600 sqm of employment floorspace was completed in 2015/16. This is a significant increase compared to the quantity of completed floorspace in 2014/15, and represents a level of completion that more closely reflects the average rate of delivery over the past five years.
- Following the implementation of a number of redevelopment schemes across Gateshead's town, district and local centres since 2010, there has been relatively little retail development completed in 2015/16.
- The proportion of vacant retail units in Gateshead's town and district centres has increased from around 12% in 2010/11 to almost 16% in 2015/16.

## **Homes**

- In 2015/16 there were 415 gross dwelling completions. Relatively high numbers of demolitions in Gateshead has constrained the net provision of new homes, and 164 losses in the reporting year result in total net additions of 251 new homes.
- There were 98 affordable homes completed in 2015/16.
- 82% of new housing completions were located on previously developed sites. This continues strong rates of delivery on previously developed sites with 86% of additional dwellings being accommodated on previously developed sites since 2010.
- The Council's activities aimed at reducing the number of empty homes in Gateshead has contributed to reducing dwelling vacancy from 4.5% in 2010 to 3.4% in 2016

## **Transport and Accessibility**

- Data on public transport patronage (in Tyne and Wear, and within the Gateshead and Newcastle Urban Core), and traffic flows indicates little change since 2010. However, the number of recorded cycling trips in Gateshead has increased by almost 30% since 2010.
- The Council has continued to implement a range of sustainable transport schemes, including junction improvements incorporating bus priority measures at the northern end of Team Valley, completion of the Great North Cycleway through Gateshead Town Centre and continued delivery of the Durham Road Quality Transport Corridor.

## **People and Place**

- Gateshead has 0.96 hot food takeaways per 1,000 residents, a slight decrease from the previous reporting year.
- A District Energy Scheme operated by Gateshead Energy Company commenced construction in June 2015 in central Gateshead, with the Energy Centre located on Quarryfield Road. Once complete, the scheme will provide residential, public and commercial properties with low carbon heat and power.
- Working in partnership with the Environment Agency, the Council has commenced work on a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment to support the emerging Local Plan. Working in partnership with the Environment Agency, the Council has also taken forward work on a Team Valley Flood Alleviation Project.

- The number of Local Wildlife Sites (LWSs) in Gateshead has increased to 135 in 2015/16. In addition to the designation of 8 new LWSs, several existing LWSs had their boundaries extended, resulting in c.115ha of additional land being afforded increased protection.

### **Minerals and Waste**

- An application to consolidate activities and aftercare at Blaydon Quarry/Landfill site was approved in September 2015.
- Municipal waste (excluding construction and demolition waste) arising in 2015/16 amounted to 85,503 tonnes, an increase of around 1,100 tonnes, or around 1% compared to the 2014/15 total.
- 33.2% of household waste was recycled or composted, set against a target of 45%. This was a decrease of 2.7 percentage points on the proportion of waste recycled or composted in 2014/15, largely as a result of the introduction of green waste collection charges in 2015/16.

# 1. Introduction

This is the eleventh Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) to be produced by Gateshead Council under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004), and covers the period from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.

The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 set minimum requirements for monitoring reports, which must now provide:

- The title of Local Plans or Supplementary Planning Documents specified in the local authority's Local Development Scheme:
  - Information on the timetable, progress (including the date of adoption, where applicable), and any reasons for delay (where applicable) in relation to each of those documents;
- Identification of the policies in the Local Plan that are not being implemented and any steps the local authority intends to take to ensure that the policy is implemented;
- The number of net additional dwellings, or affordable dwellings, where a policy in a Local Plan specifies a number;
- Details of any Neighbourhood Development Order or Neighbourhood Development Plans
- Community Infrastructure Levy receipts, where applicable
- Details of any action taken under the Duty to Cooperate.

The 2012 local planning regulations make clear that up-to-date information collected for monitoring purposes should be made available as soon as possible. This AMR contains the most up-to-date information available to the Council for the 2015/16 monitoring period. Although the monitoring period covered by this AMR is the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016, it has been appropriate to identify progress that has taken place on some issues during mid/late 2016 to give a fuller picture of development activity.

## Indicator framework

Gateshead Council adopted Planning for the Future Core Strategy and Urban Core Plan for Gateshead and Newcastle upon Tyne (CSUCP) on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015. Although the CSUCP was adopted within the 2014/15 reporting year, it would not have been practical or informative to assess the implementation of CSUCP policies within the 2014/15 AMR, as the policies only became part of the statutory development plan five days before the end of the monitoring period. This AMR is therefore the first to be published which reports on the implementation of CSUCP policies, and progress against targets established within the CSUCP.

It should be noted that a number of saved UDP policies, or parts of UDP policies, were superseded by the CSUCP upon its adoption, and those UDP policies have therefore been deleted in part or in whole (more information is available from the [Council's webpages](#)). Following adoption of the CSUCP, Gateshead's Local Plan policies therefore currently comprise the remaining saved UDP policies, and the policies of the CSUCP.

The CSUCP monitoring framework shares many key elements with the monitoring indicators that were used to assess the UDP, particularly those indicators used to monitor the Plan's strategic priorities. This AMR therefore retains a number of indicators that were used to monitor implementation of policies, and strategic priorities of the UDP. However, where relevant, this AMR makes reference to targets contained within the CSUCP. As

Gateshead's Local Plan currently comprises policies within the CSUCP and a number of saved UDP policies, the AMR includes indicators to monitor policies from the CSUCP and UDP.

To appropriately monitor progress against the joint targets established within a number of CSUCP policies, Gateshead's 2015/16 AMR has been prepared concurrently with the 2015/16 AMR of Newcastle City Council. Detailed reporting on CSUCP monitoring indicators are provided within Appendix 1. Appendix 1 also contains an explanation of progress in implementing development at sites in Gateshead allocated within the CSUCP (allocations made within Gateshead sub-area and site-specific policies). Reporting on indicators associated with monitoring other elements of Gateshead's Local Plan, including saved policies of the 2007 UDP, and SPDs, are provided within Appendix 2.

## 2. Gateshead Local Plan

The CSUCP establishes strategic priorities for development in Gateshead and Newcastle, including policies regarding economic growth / employment land, retail and town centres, provision of new housing, transport, health and wellbeing, place-making, climate change, flood risk, the natural environment, and minerals and waste. In addition to strategic, borough-wide policies, the CSUCP also provides the more detailed local policy framework supporting development in the Gateshead and Newcastle Urban Core. The CSUCP allocates a number of sites and locations in Gateshead for development, including Neighbourhood and Village housing allocation sites, the Metrogreen Area of Change, and Key Sites and Opportunity Sites within the Urban Core.

### Local Development Scheme implementation

In March 2013 Gateshead Council published a revised Local Development Scheme (LDS). The LDS identifies the documents which will be produced to form the Local Plan, providing indicative milestones for their preparation, and a summary of their scope.

Table 2.1 summarises progress in preparing documents against the milestones set out in the 2013 LDS. The full LDS is available from the [Council's website](#).

**Table 2.1 Indicative timescales for key elements of Gateshead's Local Plan**

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The date of the CSUCP's adoption had been delayed from the timescale indicated in the 2013 LDS, due to an adjournment in the examination hearings that was introduced to allow consideration of issues relating to the Newcastle Great Park strategic housing allocation.

In addition to the documents set out in table 2.1, a number of Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) have been prepared as part of the Local Plan, and further SPDs may be produced where appropriate. The Gateshead Placemaking Guide, and Household Alterations and Extensions SPDs were adopted in 2012. The Exemplar Neighbourhood SPD and the Coatsworth Road Conservation Area Management Strategy were adopted in 2013. A Hot Food Takeaway SPD was adopted in 2015, and a Planning Obligations SPD was adopted in February 2016. In November 2016 the Council adopted the Community Infrastructure Levy and charging schedule, which takes effect from 1 January 2017. Following consultation and re-publication of a revised SPD (between September and November 2016) the Council has now adopted the first review version of the SPD, which is aligned with the provisions set out in Gateshead's CIL, and in particular the 123 Infrastructure List.

The Council is currently preparing a number of additional SPDs to provide detailed guidance on specific issues where appropriate. The Council is preparing Conservation Area Management Strategies for the Bridges Conservation Area and the Walker & Regent Terrace Conservation Area. A Gateshead Residential Design Code SPD, and an Archaeology SPD are also being prepared.

### **Community Infrastructure Levy**

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a charge that Local Authorities in England and Wales can choose to levy on new developments in their area. The money raised can be used to fund infrastructure or services that the Council, local communities and neighbourhoods want, and is the Government's preferred mechanism for collecting contributions from developers to pay for offsite infrastructure needs brought about by their developments. In regard to viability the Local Authority must determine which types of development, at which locations can afford to pay it. It excludes the provision of affordable housing which will be negotiated under existing arrangements (via planning obligations).

In February 2016 Gateshead Council submitted a CIL Draft Charging Schedule and related evidence to the Planning Inspectorate for an examination in public. Following examination hearings in April 2016, the Council received the CIL Examiner's final report in August 2016. At its 10<sup>th</sup> November meeting, Gateshead Council formally adopted the CIL Charging Schedule and approved that it shall take effect from 1 January 2017.

### **Duty to Cooperate**

The Localism Act (2011) introduced a requirement that local authorities and other public bodies work together on cross-boundary issues, particularly those relating to strategic priorities for an area, including provision of land for housing, employment development, retail and other commercial development, community facilities, and infrastructure.

In short, the duty to cooperate requires:

- Councils and public bodies to engage constructively and actively on an ongoing basis to address matters of development that may have a significant impact on at least two planning areas.
- Joint working on strategic cross-boundary issues
- Consideration is given to meeting the development needs of an adjacent council which cannot wholly meet its own needs.

- At examination the Council can demonstrate that the ‘duty’ has been met.

Cross-boundary discussions have continued to take place between Gateshead and our neighbouring authorities to the south and east (Durham County Council, South Tyneside Council and Sunderland City Council). Through this activity, in addition to close working with Newcastle City Council in preparation of the Core Strategy and Urban Core Plan, and the wider region through regular meetings held by the North East Heads of Planning group, the Council continues to actively engage with local authorities in the North East.

In early 2012 at the Heads of Planning meeting, senior managers responsible for planning functions across the seven local authorities of the North East Local Enterprise Partnership (County Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside and Sunderland) met and agreed that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) would be the best means of proceeding with the Duty to Cooperate. The MOU was agreed and signed in June 2014. Regular meetings are proceeding with the 7 local authorities to update the MOU. Gateshead Council has actively engaged and commented on adjoining local authorities’ emerging Local Plan documents where evidence suggests there may be cross-boundary implications relevant to Gateshead.

Engagement with infrastructure providers is ongoing throughout Local Plan preparation and implementation. The Council has, and will continue to use input from infrastructure providers in determining the viability of its plans. Input from infrastructure providers will also be used to update the Infrastructure Delivery Plan when appropriate.

### **Implementation of policies**

A number of saved UDP policies have been superseded, either wholly or in part, following adoption of the CSUCP. In addition, following the publication of the NPPF, the remaining saved policies of Gateshead’s UDP should be given due weight according to the degree of their consistency with the Framework. Gateshead’s Local Plan policies therefore currently comprise CSUCP policies and the remaining saved policies of the UDP. More detail on the remaining saved UDP policies, and the extent to which they can be applied, is available from the [Council’s website](#). Lists of saved and deleted UDP policies are also presented within Appendix 1 of the CSUCP.

### **Development Management and Enforcement Activity**

National Indicator 157 measures the percentage of planning applications dealt with in a timely manner, according to application type. Good performance against this measure, alongside performance on processing of householder applications as presented in table 2.2 indicates that the Council is performing well in providing an effective Development Management service. Another measure of the Local Planning Authority’s performance is the proportion of appeals against the Council’s planning decisions that are dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate. The Council’s records of decisions in planning appeals show that in 2015/16 71% of appeals were dismissed.

**Table 2.2 Processing of Planning Applications**

|  | <b>Performance<br/>2015/16</b> | <b>National<br/>target</b> |
|--|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
|--|--------------------------------|----------------------------|

|   |      |     |
|---|------|-----|
| <b>% Major applications decided within 13 weeks (NI157(a))</b>    | 100% | 60% |
| <b>% Minor applications decided within 8 weeks (NI157(b))</b>     | 82%  | 65% |
| <b>% All other applications decided within 8 weeks (NI157(c))</b> | 86%  | 80% |
| <b>% of householder applications decided within 8 weeks</b>       | 86%  | n/a |

In 2015/16 the Enforcement Team received 592 complaints, of which 404 were related to planning. This compares to 606 in 2014/2015, and represents a decrease of 30%. Planning Enforcement remains a primary focus of the Team and the decrease in case numbers is principally due to lower incoming demand. It also corresponds to a reduction in resources within the team during this period and the team taking responsibility for other areas of Enforcement including fly tipping, accumulations of waste, litter, graffiti and some elements of dog fouling. With regard to planning, there were 2 appeals against Enforcement Notices during 2015/16. The Council successfully defended each of the appeals, meaning that the Enforcement Team's 100% appeal record since 2009 remains intact. The Team also carried out a range of prosecutions for failure to comply with legal notices. In all cases that were pursued the Council were successful, including the recovery of our costs, meaning the 100% prosecution success record also remains intact. The team has issued a wide range of notices during 2015/16 including several temporary stop notices, also issuing a number of other Enforcement Notices, Breach of Condition Notices, Planning Contravention Notices and requisitions for information.

### **3. Economic Prosperity**

#### **Employment and skills**

Information on the total number of jobs accommodated in Gateshead (CSUCP indicator 4) indicates around 101,000 jobs are accommodated within Gateshead. This figure suggests jobs growth of around 5,000 additional jobs since 2010 (although it should be noted that the sample sizes used to collect data at the Local Authority level may result in some inaccuracies). Data on jobs accommodated within Gateshead consistently indicates that the Borough provides a relatively high number of jobs when considered against the size of its working age population. Gateshead's jobs density (the ratio of total jobs to resident population aged 16-64) in 2014 was 0.79, higher than the North East regional average of 0.70.

Indicators regarding employment and skills of Gateshead residents (CSUCP indicators 5 and 7) suggest improvement in both the proportion of working age residents in employment, and the proportion educated to NVQ level 3 or above, since the start of the Local Plan period. An upward trend in terms of employment in Gateshead is also consistent with data regarding an increased number of jobs accommodated in the Borough since 2010.

#### **Employment land**

The quantity of employment land identified in CSUCP indicator 9, at 61ha, is in quantitative terms, a sufficient supply of available employment land to support short to medium term economic growth. However, it should be noted that the quantity of employment land identified in CSUCP indicator 9 includes those sites allocated within the Local Plan (strategic and Urban Core sites allocated within the CSUCP, and the remaining allocations of the 2007 UDP), and sites with planning permission for employment uses.

The actual quantity of land available for B-class uses in Gateshead is likely to be higher than the figure identified in CSUCP indicator 9. Gateshead's 2012 Employment Land Review (ELR) provided an assessment of the Borough's employment land portfolio, and recommended the de-allocation of around 30ha of land currently located within Gateshead's employment areas (allocated within saved UDP policy JE1). After taking this recommendation into account, the 2012 ELR identified around 88ha of remaining employment land available for development within Gateshead. This compares against a requirement for a minimum of 70ha of employment land in Gateshead established within the CSUCP. In 2017 the Council intends to produce an updated assessment of employment land to support policies contained within the emerging Land Allocations and Development Management Policies Document, MSGP.

While there was relatively little employment floorspace completed in 2014/15, the completion of around 10,000 sqm of employment floorspace in 2015/16 is a level of development closer to the longer-term average in Gateshead, and may suggest increased confidence in commercial development in the Borough. There were also relatively few completed developments which resulted in the loss of employment land in Gateshead.

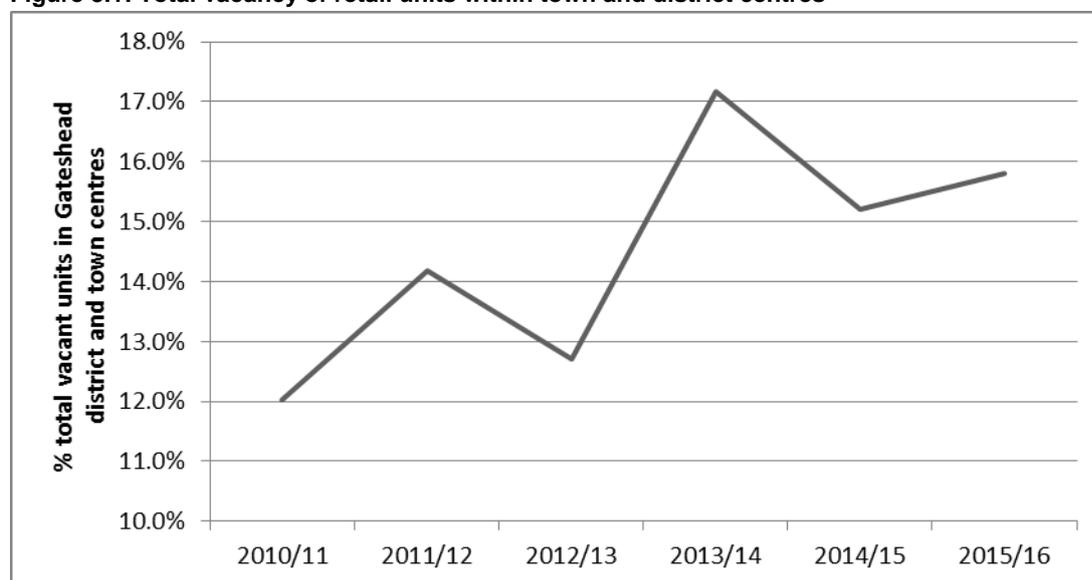
Proposals that would result in the change of use of land currently allocated for B-class uses are determined on their merits taking into account relevant policy considerations and the specific circumstances relating to each site.

### **Retail and centres**

Investment in and improvement of district and local centres remains a priority in the Borough, in an effort to ensure that community facilities remain viable, and offer an appropriate range of shops and services. Recent schemes include the redevelopment of Trinity Square in Gateshead centre, Blaydon Centre, and new or replacement food stores at Birtley, Felling, Coatsworth Road and Ravensworth Road centres. The health and boundaries of centres are kept under review through retail surveys and health checks, with any resulting changes to be included in the forthcoming Making Spaces for Growing Places Local Plan document.

Information on levels of vacancy in Gateshead’s main centres can be used as a snapshot of the health of centres. However, it should be noted that vacancy levels are only one indicator of the vitality of a centre. Figure 3.1 illustrates changes in vacancy levels in the Borough’s town and district centres (the number of units within town and district centres). Vacancy levels fluctuate year-on-year, but there appears to be a trend for increasing levels of vacancy since the beginning of the plan period. Data provided in CSUCP indicator 11 reveals considerable difference in the proportion of vacancy between Gateshead centres. Data also reveals that a relatively small number of centres account for a high proportion of the Borough’s total vacant units: the three centres with the highest vacancy rates account for around three quarters of the total vacant units within Gateshead’s town and district centres.

**Figure 3.1: Total vacancy of retail units within town and district centres**



### **Leisure, culture and tourism**

Data from NewcastleGateshead Initiative indicates an increase in tourism in Gateshead and Newcastle since the start of the plan period. Activities and events held at Gateshead’s cultural attractions, alongside developments which seek to promote tourism and attract visitors in Gateshead are likely to have contributed to this. The Council aims to support the growth of tourism in Gateshead through the active promotion of visitor attractions in

Gateshead, and the support in principle of proposals which will improve the quality and range of leisure and cultural attractions in Gateshead.

## 4. Homes

### Delivery of new homes

In 2015/16 there were 415 gross dwelling completions. Relatively high numbers of demolitions in Gateshead continue to constrain the net provision of new homes, and 164 losses in the reporting year resulted in total net additions of 251 new homes.

Although a relatively high number of demolitions in Gateshead (as part of the ongoing clearance and replacement of unviable housing within the Borough) has constrained the net number of additional dwellings provided, net completions in Gateshead since the start of the plan period are close to the CSUCP target (see Appendix 1). It is anticipated that rates of housing delivery will increase in forthcoming years as the village and neighbourhood growth area sites allocated within the CSUCP begin to contribute to the provision of housing in the Borough. The imminent completion of demolition programmes in most of Gateshead's larger regeneration areas is also likely to result in a marked reduction in the number of demolitions, with a concomitant increase in the number of net additions.

The Council is required to maintain a five-year advance supply of land for housebuilding, updated annually. A statement including the most recent calculation of supply is available on the [Council's website](#).

The CSUCP aims to utilise land efficiently through measures including the use of previously developed land. In 2015/16, 82% of new housing completions were located on previously developed sites. This continues strong rates of delivery on previously developed sites with 86% of additional dwellings being accommodated on previously developed sites since the start of the plan period.

A reduction in dwelling vacancy throughout the plan period (reducing empty homes to 3% of total stock by 2020) is assumed within the CSUCP, providing further focus on the efficient use of land. Data provided in CSUCP indicator 16, based on Council Tax records, reveals a reduction in the proportion of empty homes in Gateshead from 2010 onwards. The Council's activities aimed at reducing long-term vacant dwellings (homes empty for six months or more) have seen considerable success, reducing the number of long-term vacant homes by around 1,000 since 2010. The reduction in long-term vacant dwellings has made a significant contribution to reducing the overall dwelling vacancy rate to 3.4% at April 2016.

### Range and choice of housing

The CSUCP aims to improve the range and choice of new housing in Gateshead. Policy CS11 requires that 60% of new private housing across the plan area is suitable and attractive for families (i.e. provides three or more bedrooms). Analysis of completions data reveals that around 56% of dwellings completed in Gateshead since 2010 have provided three or more bedrooms. Completions on sites granted planning permission before the preparation and adoption of the CSUCP has largely contributed to this. Applying the requirements of policy CS11 to new housing proposals, in addition to the development of Gateshead's village and neighbourhood growth sites (sites which are anticipated to accommodate a high proportion of 'family' homes) is likely to increase the number of dwellings provided in Gateshead which have three or more bedrooms.

In 2015/16 there were 98 affordable dwelling completions in Gateshead, comprising around one quarter of the gross completions in Gateshead recorded for the reporting year. Since the beginning of the plan period, there have been 697 new affordable homes provided in Gateshead.

## 5. Transport and Accessibility

### Transport

The North East Combined Authority Transport Manifesto highlights that the North East needs good transport that enables economic growth and sustains jobs and communities.

It continues to say that transport needs to work for everyone by being:

*Accessible:* It should run as near as possible to where people live and want to travel to, and where businesses are (or want to be) located. It should be usable by everyone.

*Affordable:* As far as possible, transport should be provided at a reasonable cost relative to the journey being undertaken.

*Reliable:* The transport network should be one that we can rely on to work, with buses and trains running on time and congestion at a minimum.

*Easy to use:* It should be easy to plan safe journeys, find out the best way to travel, pay for tickets and get all the essential information for your journey.

*Safe:* The transport network should be, and be seen to be, safe regarding both road safety and also crime and fear of crime on public transport. Vulnerable users should be given greater protection than they currently are.

*Sustainable:* The attractiveness of sustainable modes of transport should be improved. Transport should not have an adverse impact on the environment.

*Integrated:* The transport network should be connected so that people can switch easily between modes, and timings and methods of payment complement each other.

It should be recognised that indicators relating to sustainable transport are influenced by a range of factors. In some respects Local Plan objectives of supporting sustainable economic growth, and population growth through the provision of new jobs and homes within Gateshead are likely to be associated with an increase in traffic flows in the Borough. However, through the promotion of sustainable modes of transport, and the efficient use of land, the Council's transport and land-use planning activities seek to avoid, minimise, or mitigate these potentially negative impacts.

Transport data provided within CSUCP indicators 22 to 27 reveal a mix of worsening, and improving indicators relating to sustainable transport in Gateshead. Indicators of cycling trips show an increase in the number of trips by around 30% from 2010. However, data on the number of (Tyne and Wear) public transport journeys shows a decline in the number of passenger journeys since 2010. Data from traffic cordons indicates that there has been little change in the number of weekday traffic flows in Gateshead since 2010.

Since 2010 the Council have continued to implement a range of sustainable transport schemes, delivering the goals of the Local Plan. These have included junction

improvements incorporating bus priority measures at the northern end of Team Valley, completion of the Great North Cycleway through Gateshead Town Centre and continued delivery of the Durham Road Quality Transport Corridor. In addition, Highways England has delivered significant improvements to the A1, increasing capacity and reducing congestion on a key part of the local highway network.

## **6. People and Place**

### **Wellbeing and health**

The health and wellbeing of residents is influenced by a wide range of factors. Effective land use planning, through encouraging healthy lifestyles can have an important function, and the role of planning in establishing 'healthy' living environments is increasingly recognised.

Although a number of environmental factors (such as air quality) show an improving trend, overall, indicators relating to the health of Gateshead residents show little significant change since 2010. This is perhaps unsurprising given the relatively short timescales considered, and the challenges faced in improving the health and wellbeing of residents.

Effective planning can have a significant impact on health and wellbeing, and the NPPF acknowledges the link between planning and health. Accordingly, Gateshead's emerging Local Plan aims to positively influence the determinants of health. One of the means by which planning can positively influence obesity and excess weight levels is by encouraging healthy eating, through controlling the location of and access to unhealthy eating outlets, including hot food takeaways.

The Council adopted a Hot Food Takeaway SPD in June 2015. The SPD sets out the Council's priorities and objectives in relation to planning control of hot food takeaways. It elaborates upon existing and emerging policy in relation to health and wellbeing.

The adopted SPD has been used to determine a number of planning applications for new hot food takeaway premises. In 2015/16 two of the Council's decisions to refuse planning permission for hot food takeaways were taken to appeal by the applicants. All appeals were dismissed by the planning inspectorate, providing support for the Council's approach to controlling the location of, and access to unhealthy eating outlets.

### **Place-making**

Gateshead Council continues to place emphasis on the role of good design in new development. The Gateshead Placemaking SPD, and emerging residential design code SPD, along with the implementation of Local Plan policies regarding place-making and design. The Council also seeks to support applicants by providing design guidance through the development management process where appropriate, with the aim of establishing good design principles at the earliest stage.

The Council has had considerable success in establishing public art installations within, or through the support of new development in Gateshead. CSUCP indicator 34 identifies a selection of public art installations that have been provided with the support of new developments.

### **Climate change**

The installation of decentralised energy networks in Gateshead has considerable potential to reduce energy costs, and to reduce the CO2 emissions associated with energy generation. Accordingly, a District Energy Scheme operated by Gateshead Energy Company commenced construction in June 2015 in central Gateshead, with the Energy Centre located

on Quarryfield Road. Once complete, the scheme will provide residential, public and commercial properties with low carbon heat and power.

### **Flooding and water**

Policy CS17 of the Core Strategy sets out the local policy for flood risk and water management, including prioritising Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) given the multifunctional benefits and the requirement to follow the drainage hierarchy. From April 2015, the Council's Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) became a statutory consultee on surface water management for major development, and the use of SuDS became a material consideration for major development unless it is demonstrated to be inappropriate. The LLFA was consulted by the LPA on 247 occasions in 2015/2016.

In March 2016 the Council published the 'Interim Surface Water (SuDS) Guidelines for New Development', to assist developers with the new national and local planning policy requirements and to set out the information required in drainage assessments at each stage of the development management process. The Council's LLFA also consulted on the Draft Local Flood Risk Management Strategy over Summer 2016.

During 2015/2016, a number of major development planning applications were granted permission which will incorporate SuDS:

- Phase 2 Birtley Northside residential development (DC/15/00404/FUL), which will include a detention basin and stormwater planters;
- Crawcrook South residential development (DC/15/01004/FUL), which will include a detention basin, stepped infiltration swale and pond;
- Foodstore, Swalwell (DC/15/00923/FUL), which will include permeable paving; and
- Mill Road student accommodation (DC/15/00856/FUL), which will include a green roof.

Throughout 2015/2016, the LLFA and LPA engaged in substantial pre-application discussions with developers to ensure SuDS are integrated within development concepts.

Throughout 2015/16 the Council has continued to work in partnership with the Environment Agency to prepare a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment which will support the emerging Local Plan. Working in partnership with the Environment Agency, the Council has also progressed a Team Valley Flood Alleviation Project, aimed at reducing flood risk primarily at the Team Valley Trading Estate.

### **Green infrastructure and the natural environment**

Despite ongoing challenges to its resources, the Council continues to support the protection and enhancement of the natural environment, including through the planning process.

The number of Local Wildlife Sites (LWSs) in the borough has increased from 127 in 2014/15 to 135 in 2015/16, resulting in c.115ha of additional land being afforded increased protection. In addition to the designation of 8 new LWSs, several existing LWSs had their boundaries extended.

In 2015/16 there was no loss of area affecting either Sites of Special Scientific Interest or LWSs as a result of built development. The Council is currently undertaking a review of its

Wildlife Corridors network as part of its evidence base work to support the emerging Local Plan.

A small number of Council owned natural greenspaces, including Team Colliery, Friars Goose and Wardley Manor have been brought into positive ecological management since 2014/15. The Council continues to explore opportunities for partnership working to provide improved outcomes for the natural environment, including the potential transfer of additional sites to Durham Wildlife Trust.

## **7. Minerals and Waste**

### **Minerals**

In response to the requirements of the NPPF, the North East authorities have collaborated to produce a Local Aggregate Assessment (LAA) (June 2016). The report identifies that the requirement from Tyne and Wear for the period 2015-2030 is approximately 4.3 million tonnes of sand and gravel and 5.3 million tonnes of crushed rock. This is based on average sales over the previous 10 years, together with an uplift to take into account planned housing growth in the area. The LAA states that while it is identified that at the end of 2014 Tyne and Wear does not have a sufficient landbank of reserves of crushed rock or sand and gravel, the issue of the planning permission at Eppleton Quarry (in Sunderland) in 2015 will provide reasonable prospects for maintaining land-won supply from Tyne and Wear to 2030. However, the LAA states that consideration should be given to identifying and releasing additional areas where environmentally acceptable to maintain an appropriate landbank and supply capacity in the long-term, to avoid overreliance on the supply from one site.

The North East Regional Aggregates Working Party also undertakes an annual survey of aggregate production (an Annual Aggregates Monitoring Report). The latest survey was published in March 2016 to cover the period of 2014. Although this does not correspond with the reporting period covered by the 2015/16 AMR, it has been provided within CSUCP and UDP indicators as the latest available information. As a result of commercial confidentiality issues, some of the data collected for Tyne and Wear is combined with the Tees Valley sub-region within the report and some of the figures are estimates.

At 31 December 2014, North East England had 18 million tonnes of permitted sand and gravel reserves and 219 million tonnes of permitted crushed rock reserves. This equated to a landbank of 14 years for sand and gravel and a landbank of 40.6 years for crushed rock based on the provision set out in the most up-to-date Local Aggregate Assessment or adopted Local Plans. This is above the landbank indicators of seven years for sand and gravel and ten years for crushed rock that are set out in the NPPF.

### **Waste**

In the context of progressing Gateshead's Local Plan, and in accordance with national policy, an assessment of the capacity gap between existing waste management facilities and current and future waste arisings was carried out jointly with other authorities in the region (2012). The report focuses on data relating to the commercial and industrial waste sector, but also looks closely at other waste streams, including municipal, hazardous, agricultural, radioactive and organic waste. The overall conclusion for Gateshead is that there is sufficient capacity overall to 2030, whilst there is likely to be a shortfall in permitted landfill capacity towards the end of the plan period. There is also a shortfall in anaerobic digestion capacity, for which there is surplus capacity in neighbouring County Durham. A waste management capacity update report was published in 2016 which concluded that subject to monitoring, and assuming recycling, composting and recovery rates continue to increase, the continuing permitting of capacity for all streams across the region supports the original reports conclusions.

In relation to the management of municipal waste, Gateshead has joined forces with South Tyneside and Sunderland Councils (South Tyne and Wear Waste Management Partnership) to jointly procure a solution for the treatment and disposal of residual municipal waste. The partnership has secured a contract for its residual municipal waste to be treated at a new energy from waste facility in Teesside, which started receiving waste early in 2014. This will be supported by Gateshead's household waste and recycling centres at Blaydon and Campground in Springwell (Sunderland).

The Partnership has set challenging objectives in a Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (2007-2012), regarding the disposal/treatment of waste, to meet landfill diversion, recycling and composting targets. The project also included an assessment of potential waste sites in the area.

## Appendix 1 CSUCP Indicators

### Population

#### 1. Estimate of total population

Source: ONS annual mid-year population estimates (*latest data published: June 2016*)

Joint Gateshead and Newcastle target: Combined Gateshead and Newcastle population of more than 500,000 by 2030

|      | Gateshead | Newcastle | Combined |
|------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| 2010 | 198,700   | 276,700   | 475,400  |
| 2011 | 200,300   | 279,100   | 479,400  |
| 2012 | 200,200   | 282,400   | 482,600  |
| 2013 | 200,000   | 286,800   | 486,800  |
| 2014 | 200,500   | 289,800   | 490,300  |
| 2015 | 201,000   | 292,900   | 493,900  |

Although ONS seek to improve the accuracy of demographic data, the inherent difficulties in determining an accurate population estimate at the local authority level means that caution should be used when considering short-term population trends, particularly as the period of time since the last Census grows longer. For the period 2010 to 2015, ONS' mid-year population estimates suggest population growth in Gateshead has been slightly lower than the level of growth set out in the CSUCP. For Newcastle, ONS data suggests total population growth has been higher than was anticipated in the CSUCP. Because of relatively high levels of population growth in Newcastle, the combined population of Gateshead and Newcastle at 2015 is higher than was anticipated in evidence prepared for the CSUCP, and appears on course to reach the target set for this indicator.

#### 2. Population by broad age group

Definition: Number of residents aged 0-15, 16-64 and 65 and over, in absolute terms and as a proportion of the total population

Source: ONS mid-year population estimates (*latest data published: June 2016*)

Gateshead target: Maintain or increase the number of residents aged 16-64

|      | Total pop. | Residents aged 0-15 |            | Residents aged 16-64 |            | Residents aged >64 |            |
|------|------------|---------------------|------------|----------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|
|      |            | Number              | Proportion | Number               | Proportion | Number             | Proportion |
| 2010 | 198,700    | 35,000              | 17.6%      | 128,800              | 64.8%      | 34,900             | 17.6%      |
| 2011 | 200,300    | 35,500              | 17.7%      | 129,400              | 64.6%      | 35,400             | 17.7%      |
| 2012 | 200,200    | 35,400              | 17.7%      | 128,300              | 64.1%      | 36,400             | 18.2%      |
| 2013 | 200,000    | 35,100              | 17.5%      | 127,700              | 63.8%      | 37,200             | 18.6%      |
| 2014 | 200,500    | 35,300              | 17.6%      | 127,400              | 63.5%      | 37,800             | 18.9%      |
| 2015 | 201,000    | 35,200              | 17.5%      | 127,500              | 63.4%      | 38,300             | 19.1%      |

Note: values may not sum due to rounding

## Employment

### 3. Business survival rate

Definition: Annual VAT registrations minus de-registrations / 10,000 population

Source: ONS Business Demography (*latest data published: November 2015*)

Gateshead target: Improve the business survival rate

|      | Total population | Business births | Business deaths | Survival rate |
|------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 2010 | 198,700          | 485             | 610             | -6.29         |
| 2011 | 200,300          | 560             | 530             | 1.50          |
| 2012 | 200,200          | 575             | 590             | -0.75         |
| 2013 | 200,000          | 700             | 520             | 9.00          |
| 2014 | 200,500          | 745             | 595             | 7.48          |

### 4. Total number of jobs

Definition: Total jobs includes employees, self-employed, government supported trainees and HM Forces

Source: ONS Jobs Density (*latest data: 2014*)

Gateshead target: Increase number of jobs accommodated within the local authority area

|      | Total jobs |
|------|------------|
| 2010 | 96,000     |
| 2011 | 101,000    |
| 2012 | 97,000     |
| 2013 | 96,000     |
| 2014 | 101,000    |

### 5. Proportion of working-age residents in employment

Definition: Proportion of residents aged 16-64 in employment

Source: ONS Annual Population Survey (*latest data published: March 2016*)

Gateshead target: Increase employment of Gateshead residents

|                 | Employment rate - aged 16-64 |
|-----------------|------------------------------|
| Apr 10 – Mar 11 | 67.5%                        |
| Apr 11 – Mar 12 | 64.9%                        |
| Apr 12 – Mar 13 | 66.6%                        |
| Apr 13 – Mar 14 | 69.0%                        |
| Apr 14 – Mar 15 | 72.2%                        |
| Apr 15 – Mar 16 | 73.2%                        |

A general upward trend in the proportion of Gateshead residents in employment indicates improved access to employment since 2010.

### 6. Targeted recruitment and training agreements

Definition: Number of targeted recruitment and training agreements linked to development schemes, by type.

Source: Gateshead Council

Gateshead target: Increase number of targeted recruitment and training agreements

Since 2010 the Council has secured contributions from four developments which agreed to contribute towards targeted recruitment and/or training schemes in Gateshead: Mixed use development of Trinity Square (DC/10/00712/FUL); Residential development at BAE Systems, Birtley (DC/11/00546/OUT); Development of a foodstore at Sunderland Road (DC/14/00346/FUL). DC/12/00785/FUL, and; Erection of a new emergency care centre at Queen Elizabeth Hospital (DC/12/00785/FUL).

## 7. Proportion of working age residents qualified to at least NVQ level 3 equivalent

Source: ONS Annual Population Survey (*latest data published: March 2016*)

Gateshead target: Increase skills of Gateshead residents

|            | Gateshead residents qualified to NVQ level 3 and above |                           |
|------------|--|---------------------------|
|            | Number   | % of residents aged 16-64 |
| Jan-Dec 10 | 55,100   | 42.4%                     |
| Jan-Dec 11 | 61,400   | 47.6%                     |
| Jan-Dec 12 | 64,000   | 50.2%                     |
| Jan-Dec 13 | 67,200   | 52.9%                     |
| Jan-Dec 14 | 66,200   | 52.0%                     |
| Jan-Dec 15 | 67,300   | 53.3%                     |

A general upward trend in the proportion of Gateshead's working age residents qualified to at least NVQ level 3 indicates an improvement in the skills of Gateshead residents since 2010.

## Employment land and premises

### 8. Employment floorspace

Definition: Amount of employment floorspace approved, completed and lost by size, location (allocated employment land), type, and greenfield / brownfield

Source: Gateshead Council and Newcastle City Council

Joint Gateshead and Newcastle target (implemented progressively throughout the plan period):

- Identify and allocate 150ha of net developable employment land
- Provide a minimum of 512,000sqm office floorspace

|                              |   | Site Area (ha) | Floorspace (sqm) | Use class |
|------------------------------|---|----------------|------------------|-----------|
| 2015/16 planning permissions | DC/14/01234/FUL; New steel framed workshop; Portobello, Birtley             | 0.5            | 375              | B2        |
|                              | DC/15/01169/FUL; Extension to industrial unit; Princesway, Team Valley      | 0.24           | 665              | B1c       |
|                              | DC/15/00597/FUL; Extension to office premises; Princesway, Team Valley      | 0.22           | 380              | B1a/B1b   |
|                              | DC/15/00669/FUL; Construction of workshop/office; Stoneygate Lane, Felling  | 0.14           | 700              | B1c       |
|                              | DC/15/01105/FUL; Extension to factory workshop; Durham Road, Birtley        | 0.4            | 166              | B1c       |
|                              | DC/15/00860/FUL; Erection of replacement warehouse; William Street, Felling | 0.5            | 178              | B1c       |
|                              | DC/15/00248/FUL; Replacement of warehouse; Deptford Road, East Gateshead    | 0.88           | 797              | B8        |
|                              | DC/15/00910/FUL; Extension to offices; Hunter Hall, Shields Road, Felling   | 0.25           | 223              | B1a       |
|                              | <b>Gateshead total</b>  | <b>3.13</b>    | <b>3,484</b>     |           |
| <b>Newcastle total</b>       |   |                |                  |           |

|                            |   |      |                              |                              |
|----------------------------|---|------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>2015/16 completions</b> | DC/11/00300/OUT; Erection of industrial units; Portobello Road, Birtley                                 | 2.7  | 7,340                        | B1(b), B1(c), B2, B8         |
|                            | DC/13/00337/FUL; Erection of industrial units, with associated car parking; Team Valley                 | 0.26 | 1,022                        | B2, B8                       |
|                            | <b>Greenfield completions sub-total</b>   | 2.96 | 8,362                        |                              |
|                            | DC/14/01042/FUL; Demolition of 6 industrial units, and replacement with 9 industrial units; Team Valley | 0.62 | 2,036(gross)<br>820(net)     | B1(b), B1(c), B2, B8         |
|                            | DC/15/01186/FUL; Erection of industrial unit; South Shore Road  | 0.02 | 208                          | B2                           |
|                            | <b>PDL completions sub-total</b>  | 0.64 | 2,244(gross),<br>1,028(net)  |                              |
|                            | <b>Gateshead completions total</b>  | 3.6  | 10,606(gross),<br>9,390(net) |                              |
|                            | <b>Newcastle completions total</b>  |      |                              |                              |
| <b>2015/16 losses</b>      | DC/14/00704/FUL; Drive-thru restaurant; Abbotsford Road, Heworth  | 0.23 | n/a                          | A3 / A5                      |
|                            | DC/15/00546/COU; Change of use from B2 to waste storage, Addison Industrial Estate                      | 0.27 | n/a                          | Sui Generis (waste transfer) |
|                            | <b>Gateshead total losses</b>   | 0.5  | n/a                          |                              |
|                            | <b>Newcastle total losses</b>   |      |                              |                              |

|                  |         | Completed floorspace (sqm) |       |       |          |        |       | Total  |
|------------------|---------|----------------------------|-------|-------|----------|--------|-------|--------|
|                  |         | B1(a)                      | B1(b) | B1(c) | B1 total | B2     | B8    |        |
| <b>Gateshead</b> | 2010/11 | 11,541                     | 120   | 198   | 11,859   | 1,146  | 3,618 | 16,596 |
|                  | 2011/12 | 7,264                      |       |       | 7,264    | 1,812  |       | 9,076  |
|                  | 2012/13 | 5,096                      |       |       | 5,096    |        | 3,642 | 8,738  |
|                  | 2013/14 | 3,579                      |       |       | 3,579    | 1,129  | 1,627 | 6,335  |
|                  | 2014/15 |                            |       |       |          | 330    |       | 330    |
|                  | 2015/16 |                            | 1,162 | 1,162 | 2,323    | 2,913  | 4,661 | 9,897  |
| <b>Newcastle</b> | 2010/12 | 8,647                      | 2,367 |       | 11,014   | 22,619 | 2,078 | 35,711 |
|                  | 2012/13 | 15,016                     |       |       | 15,016   | 7,842  | 1,350 | 24,208 |
|                  | 2013/14 | 3,499                      | 1,522 |       | 5,021    | 6,500  | 631   | 12,152 |
|                  | 2014/15 | 19,190                     |       |       | 19,190   | 1,827  | 1,648 | 22,665 |
|                  | 2015/16 |                            |       |       |          |        |       |        |

## 9. Employment land supply

Definition: Amount of employment land available by type and location

Source: Gateshead Council and Newcastle City Council

Joint Gateshead and Newcastle target: Maintain an adequate employment land portfolio up to 2030

| Location                 | Reference / allocation | Area (ha) |
|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| Addison                  | JE1.1                  | 0.5       |
| Blaydon/Derwenthaugh     | JE1.2                  | 0.6       |
| Team Valley              | JE1.5                  | 8.9       |
| East Gateshead           | JE1.6                  | 0.9       |
| Felling                  | JE1.7                  | 5.2       |
| Follingsby               | JE1.8                  | 7.6       |
| Portobello, Birtley      | JE1.9                  | 1.0       |
| Durham Road, Birtley     | JE1.10                 | 0.4       |
| High Spen                | JE3.1                  | 1.3       |
| Whinfield                | JE3.3                  | 0.5       |
| South of Follingsby Lane | KEA2                   | 22.0      |

|                        |      |             |
|------------------------|------|-------------|
| Bill Quay Riverside    | MU22 | 0.7         |
| Derwentwater Road      | MU4  | 0.7         |
| Urban Core*            |      | 11.0        |
| <b>Gateshead Total</b> |      | <b>61.1</b> |
| <b>Newcastle Total</b> |      |             |

\*Urban Core sites allocated within CSUCP policies QB3.1, QB3.5 are located within the East Gateshead Primary Employment Area (JE1.6)

|   | Land (ha)   |            |             |             |
|---|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
|   | B1          | B2         | B8          | B1/B2/B8    |
| <b>Allocated sites</b>                                      | 10.7        |            | 22          | 25.2        |
| <b>Sites with Planning permission (non-allocated sites)</b> | 1.7         | 0.5        | 1.1         |             |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>12.4</b> | <b>0.5</b> | <b>23.1</b> | <b>25.2</b> |
| <b>Newcastle Total</b>                                      |             |            |             |             |

Following adoption of the CSUCP, Gateshead has a total of 61.1ha of employment land within allocated sites, and/or benefitting from a planning permission allowing employment uses. A number of sites included within this calculation were allocated within the 2007 UDP. Gateshead's 2012 Employment Land Review (ELR) provided an assessment of the Borough's employment land portfolio, and identified around 88ha of employment land available for development within Gateshead. In 2017 the Council intends to produce an updated assessment of employment land to support policies contained within the emerging Land Allocations and Development Management Policies Document, MSGP.

## Retail

### 10. Retail developments

Definition: Approvals, completions and losses of retail developments, by location (in/edge/out of centre, and rural) and gross internal floorspace

Source: Gateshead Council

Gateshead target: Focus retail development in centres, in accordance with retail hierarchy

The majority of planning applications for retail developments in Gateshead relate to relatively small-scale change of use proposals or extensions. These schemes are quite numerous, but do not on their own merit discussion within the AMR. The combined effect of these small-scale schemes is, in effect represented within the Council's health check assessments of centres within Gateshead (in terms of vacancy and retail floorspace/units).

In terms of larger retail schemes, an application to expand the existing Aldi foodstore at Pelaw (at an in centre location), increasing the gross internal floorspace of the store by 321sqm, was approved in October 2015. An application to redevelop the existing Lidl store at Swalwell (at an in centre location) was received in 2015/16, but approved in April 2016, outside the reporting period of this AMR. The redevelopment will provide around 1,000sqm additional retail floorspace (gross). An additional 839sqm of floorspace was completed, in the form of a mezzanine floor built at unit 5 at Metro Retail Park (at an out of centre location).

### 11. Performance of retail

Definition: Vitality and viability health checks of centres, including total units, total floorspace (sqm), % vacant units and % vacant floorspace

Source: Gateshead Council

Gateshead target: Improve vitality and viability

|                | Birtley | Blaydon | Coatsworth Road | Felling | Gateshead Town Centre | Low Fell | Ryton | Whickham | Wrekenton | Borough-wide total |
|----------------|---------|---------|-----------------|---------|-----------------------|----------|-------|----------|-----------|--------------------|
| Occupied units | 86      | 39      | 68              | 57      | 137                   | 75       | 23    | 71       | 35        | 591                |
| Vacant units   | 9       | 5       | 18              | 24      | 41                    | 6        | 0     | 5        | 3         | 111                |
| % vacant       | 9.5%    | 11.4%   | 20.9%           | 29.6%   | 23.0%                 | 7.4%     | 0.0%  | 6.6%     | 7.9%      | 15.8%              |

Total vacancy of retail units across Gateshead's town and district centres is around 16%. This overall level of vacancy stands alongside considerable variance in vacancy rates in individual centres. Relatively high levels of vacancy in Gateshead town centre, combined with its relatively large number of total units have a considerable impact on the borough's overall vacancy rate. It is not practical to present data on vacant retail floorspace.

## 12. Loss of primary retail frontages in the Urban Core

Source: Gateshead Council

Gateshead target: minimise loss of primary retail frontage over plan period

In July 2015 planning permission was granted for the change of use of unit B104b Trinity Square (with frontage onto High Street) from retail and café/restaurant use to a public house (A4).

## Leisure, culture and tourism

### 13. Community, leisure and tourism developments

Definition: Approvals, completions and losses of community, major sport, leisure and tourism developments, by location (in/edge/out of centre, and rural), type, and size.

Source: Gateshead Council

Gateshead target: Improve provision of facilities

The proposed refurbishment and reconfiguration of the former Mediterranean Village at the Metrocentre was carried out in 2015/16 (completed in 2016/17). The scheme provides wider mall space, and fewer but larger and more modern units for restaurants and food and drink uses primarily. The application includes an extension of the upper level of around 1,370sqm to facilitate the proposed modernisation of this part of Metrocentre, together with a reduction in the number of units from 16 to 7. The predominant use will remain a restaurant and food and drink area, whilst it is noted that flexibility to include mezzanine floors is requested in support of the proposed refurbishment and the uses referred to.

### 14. Number of overnight visitors in Gateshead

Source: NewcastleGateshead Initiative (latest data 2015)

Gateshead target: Increase visitor numbers from 2010 levels

|      | Number of overnight visitors in Gateshead and Newcastle (millions) |
|------|--|
| 2010 | 1.65   |
| 2011 | 1.72   |
| 2012 | 1.97   |
| 2013 | 1.93   |
| 2014 | 1.92   |

|             |      |
|-------------|------|
| <b>2015</b> | 1.96 |
|-------------|------|

## 15. Number of visitors to major attractions

Source: NewcastleGateshead Initiative (latest data 2015)

Gateshead target: Increase visitor numbers from 2010 levels

|             | <b>Number of visitors to major attractions in Gateshead and Newcastle (millions)</b> |
|-------------|--|
| <b>2010</b> | 3.28   |
| <b>2011</b> | 2.77   |
| <b>2012</b> | 4.41   |
| <b>2013</b> | 3.56   |
| <b>2014</b> | 3.73   |
| <b>2015</b> | 4.00   |

## Existing communities

### 16. Empty homes

Definition: Number of vacant dwellings, and as a proportion of total housing stock, by total vacant, and vacant for more than six months (long term vacant)

Source: Gateshead Council (latest data: April 2016)

Gateshead target: Reduction of total dwelling vacancy across Gateshead to 3% or less by 2020, and maintained up to 2030.

|                   | <b>Total vacant</b> |          | <b>Long term vacant</b> |          |
|-------------------|---------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|
|                   | <b>Number</b>       | <b>%</b> | <b>Number</b>           | <b>%</b> |
| <b>April 2010</b> | 4,204               | 4.5%     | 2,589                   | 2.8%     |
| <b>April 2011</b> | 4,020               | 4.3%     | 2,413                   | 2.6%     |
| <b>April 2012</b> | 4,090               | 4.4%     | 2,643                   | 2.8%     |
| <b>April 2013</b> | 4,145               | 4.5%     | 2,593                   | 2.8%     |
| <b>April 2014</b> | 3,726               | 4.0%     | 1,983                   | 2.1%     |
| <b>April 2015</b> | 3,240               | 3.5%     | 1,709                   | 1.8%     |
| <b>April 2016</b> | 3,177               | 3.4%     | 1,592                   | 1.7%     |

There has been a significant decrease in the number and proportion of empty homes in Gateshead since the beginning of the CSUCP plan period. A reduction of around 1,000 empty homes since 2010, combined with ongoing activity by the Council and its partners to address pockets of high dwelling vacancy suggests that the CSUCP objective of reducing the total proportion of empty homes to 3% or lower by 2020 remains achievable. Data on dwelling vacancy indicate that a reduction in the number of long-term vacant dwellings has made the greatest contribution to reducing overall dwelling vacancy in Gateshead.

## Housing delivery

### 18. Housing developments (within trajectory)

Definition: Housing approvals, completions and losses by location, type, affordability and greenfield / brownfield (within trajectory showing net additional dwellings per year from the start of the plan period)

Source: Gateshead Council

Gateshead target: Rate of delivery as set out in policy CS10

### 19. Housing land supply (within trajectory)

Source: Gateshead Council

Gateshead target: A minimum of five years' housing land supply throughout the plan period

|         | Gross completions (% on PDL) | Losses | Net additions* | CSUCP net completions target (p/a) | Gross affordable completions |
|---------|------------------------------|--------|----------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 2010-11 | 311 (86%)                    | 222    | 89             | 96                                 | 37                           |
| 2011-12 | 324 (71%)                    | 156    | 168            | 96                                 | 131                          |
| 2012-13 | 485 (88%)                    | 204    | 281            | 96                                 | 75                           |
| 2013-14 | 536 (93%)                    | 446    | 90             | 96                                 | 169                          |
| 2014-15 | 684 (89%)                    | 611    | 73             | 96                                 | 187                          |
| 2015-16 | 415 (82%)                    | 164    | 251            | 484                                | 98                           |
| 2016-17 | 590                          | 100    | 490            | 484                                |                              |
| 2017-18 | 806                          | 150    | 656            | 484                                |                              |
| 2018-19 | 716                          | 100    | 616            | 484                                |                              |
| 2019-20 | 831                          | 25     | 806            | 484                                |                              |
| 2020-21 | 853                          | 25     | 828            | 804                                |                              |
| 2021-22 | 783                          | 25     | 758            | 804                                |                              |
| 2022-23 | 642                          | 25     | 617            | 804                                |                              |
| 2023-24 | 583                          | 25     | 558            | 804                                |                              |
| 2024-25 | 622                          | 25     | 597            | 804                                |                              |
| 2025-26 | 473                          | 25     | 448            | 316                                |                              |
| 2026-27 | 413                          | 25     | 388            | 316                                |                              |
| 2027-28 | 396                          | 25     | 371            | 316                                |                              |
| 2028-29 | 465                          | 25     | 440            | 316                                |                              |
| 2029-30 | 424                          | 25     | 399            | 316                                |                              |

\*Values for years 2016-17 onwards are anticipated levels of delivery based on capacity and phasing of housing sites identified within the SHLAA, and anticipated demolitions

Analysis of completions data reveals that around 56% of dwellings completed since 2010 have provided three or more bedrooms (policy CS11 requires that 60% of new private housing across the plan area and over the 2010-2030 plan period is suitable and attractive for families, i.e. provides three or more bedrooms). Completions on sites granted planning permission before the preparation and adoption of the CSUCP has contributed largely to the 2010-2016 figure. Applying the requirements of policy CS11 to new housing proposals, in addition to the development of Gateshead's village and neighbourhood growth sites (sites which are anticipated to accommodate a high proportion of 'family' homes) is likely to contribute to addressing the current underperformance in delivering larger homes in Gateshead.

Completions data also reveal that in Gateshead around 5% of completions have been within the Urban Core, around 80% within the neighbourhoods area, and around 15% within the rural and villages area.

## Gypsy and traveller accommodation

### 20. Number of spaces provided

Definition: Net additional pitches provided in the reporting year, and total provision as a % of the identified need

Source: Gateshead Council

Gateshead target: Provision to meet identified need

Gateshead has 20 pitches, located at Baltic Road Felling. There has been no change in the number of pitches in the reporting year. A Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Needs Assessment is being prepared to inform the Council's assessment of housing needs, and support the preparation of emerging Local Plan policies.

## Transport and accessibility

### 22. Cycling trips

Definition: Number of cycling trips, indexed to base year (2010)

Source: Gateshead Council

Gateshead target: Increase the number of cycling trips

|      | Cycling trips indexed to 2010 (2010 = 100) |
|------|--|
| 2010 | 100  |
| 2011 | 112  |
| 2012 | 125  |
| 2013 | 136  |
| 2014 | 124  |
| 2015 | 129  |

### 23. Traffic flows

Definition: Weekday traffic flows: river crossings and Gateshead inner cordon, indexed to base year (2010)

Source: Gateshead Council

Gateshead target: Minimise traffic flows

|      | Traffic flows, indexed to 2010 (2010 = 100) |                 |
|------|---|-----------------|
|      | Gateshead inner cordon                      | River crossings |
| 2010 | 100   | 100             |
| 2011 | 99  | 100             |
| 2012 | 94  | 98              |
| 2013 | 95  | 98              |
| 2014 | 95  | 99              |
| 2015 | 99  | 100             |

### 24. Commitment from new development to modal shift

Definition: Planning permissions granted with implementation of a travel plan as a condition of development, by location, type and size of development

Source: Gateshead Council

Gateshead target: Increase number of travel plans associated with new developments

In 2015/16 there were 26 planning permissions granted where the implementation of a travel plan was a condition of development. Travel plans were required across the Borough and included a broad range of development types, and different scales of development.

### 26. Public transport patronage

Definition: Number of passengers boarding and alighting the Metro and number of passengers boarding buses in the Urban Core

Source: Nexus

Gateshead target: Increase levels of public transport patronage

|         | Number of Public Transport passenger journeys in Tyne and Wear p/a (millions) | Metro boardings & alightings within the Urban Core (millions) |
|---------|---|---|
| 2010/11 | 183.3   | 23.9  |
| 2011/12 | 178.7   | 22.8  |
| 2012/13 | 178.4   | 23.0  |
| 2013/14 | 172.6   | 21.3  |
| 2014/15 | 172.3   | 22.2  |
| 2015/16 | 170.0   | 24.0  |

## 27. Car parking

Definition: short and long stay car parking provision in existing centres

Source: Gateshead Council

Gateshead target: Minimise long-stay parking, maximise short-stay

In 2015/16 there were 2,035 long stay parking spaces (where parking is for longer than four hours) in Gateshead's centres. The majority of this provision is located at Gateshead Quays (771), Heworth Interchange park and ride (457 spaces), and Gateshead Central (297). There were 145 short stay spaces (where parking is for less than four hours) in Gateshead, with the majority located at Gateshead Central (131). The amount of parking provision has not changed since the previous reporting year. The parking provision identified here is the amount of parking in council ownership, and therefore does not include spaces at the Metrocentre, or at Tesco in the Trinity Square development.

## Wellbeing and health

### 28. Health trend

Definition: Rank of health deprivation and disability score, by local authority

Source: Indices of Deprivation

Gateshead target: Improve health ranking

Comparing the rank of deprivation in the Indices of Deprivation's health and disability domain between different editions of the Indices of Deprivation gives a broad indication of relative change in health at a local authority area. The English Indices of Deprivation are designed to maintain consistency between publications, and therefore comparison between the ranking in 2010 and 2015 is possible. It should be noted, however, that change in rank provides only an indication of change relative to that of other areas. For example, using this method of analysis, it would be possible for the health and disability rank of a local authority area to fall between different Indices of Deprivation, despite the overall health of the area's population improving, if the health of that area's population has improved less than it has in other areas. Nonetheless, use of the Indices of Deprivation's health and disability domain provides a single 'score' comprising data collected under several health and disability indicators. It therefore provides an appropriate indicator for the purposes of monitoring the implementation of the CSUCP, and avoids the need for detailed analysis of a range of health performance data.

Analysis of the 2010 Indices of Deprivation health and disability domain for Gateshead provides a rank of 17 out of 326 local authority areas (where 1 is the most deprived), while the 2015 Indices of Deprivation provides a rank of 23. The difference of 6 ranking places in the health and disability domain between the 2010 and 2015 Indices of Deprivation suggests there has been little change between the 2010 and 2015 editions.

## 29. Healthy lifestyles

Definition: Adult (age 16+) participation in sport at least once per week, as a % of total population

Source: Sport England Active People Survey

Gateshead target: Increase sports participation throughout plan period

|         | Adult participation in sport (all sport) in Gateshead |
|---------|---|
| 2010/11 | 30.8%   |
| 2011/12 | 39.6%   |
| 2012/13 | 37.4%   |
| 2013/14 | 31.5%   |
| 2014/15 | 26.4%   |
| 2015/16 | 29.7%   |

## 30. Satisfaction with area

Definition: Proportion of residents satisfied with their area as a place to live, by location, age, gender and ethnicity

Source: Gateshead Council (residents' surveys)

Gateshead target: Satisfaction at or above 2012 levels throughout plan period

Results from a 2015 residents' survey indicated a significant decrease in the percentage of residents who are satisfied with their local area as a place to live from 73% in 2012 to 64.5% in 2015. From the comments made by respondents this may be linked to the continued changes and challenges associated with the delivery of environmental services like street cleaning and maintenance of parks and green spaces. Response rates to Gateshead's 2015 residents' survey mean that results cannot be disaggregated by location, age or ethnicity.

## 31. Air quality

Definition: Mean reading (24hr / annual average) for NO<sub>2</sub> within Air Quality Management Areas

Source: Gateshead Council

Gateshead target: Maintain or improve air quality over plan period

Gateshead Council monitors levels of NO<sub>2</sub> in a number of locations within the air quality management area. There are two types of monitoring that we carry out – automatic and non-automatic. We have 2 automatic monitors that are located on Bottle Bank and Lychgate Court (Park Lane / Gateshead Highway). Our non-automatic monitoring is carried out using diffusion tubes in a number of locations. The tubes are exposed for a period of one month and sent off for analysis at a laboratory. The data is then analysed and corrected in accordance with strict quality procedure and control requirements.

In 2015 the maximum average concentration using automatic monitoring equipment was 33.4 µg/m<sup>3</sup> at bottle bank. A maximum average concentration of 37.2 µg/m<sup>3</sup> was measured on Dryden Road using the diffusion tube method.

Concentrations of NO<sub>2</sub> in the Air quality management area are showing a downward trend and are currently below the air quality objective standard of 40 µg/m<sup>3</sup>.

## Place-making

### 32. Quality of place, including public realm

Definition: Significant buildings and housing scheme audit

Source: Gateshead Council

Gateshead target: Increase quality of completed developments, as measured through audit

Due to limited resources, the Council did not carry out any quality audits of residential developments in 2015/16.

### 33. Historic built environment

Definition: Change in the extent and quality of the historic built environment

Source: Heritage at Risk Register (English Heritage)

Gateshead target: Minimise loss of, or damage to heritage assets; minimise additions to, and increase removals from the risk register

There have been six additions to the number of listed buildings, all of which are grade II listed.

The Heritage at Risk Register provides a monitoring forum for heritage assets. The 2016 register identifies two new sites as being at risk; these are Crawly Dam (SAM) and Old Hollinside (SAM). No heritage sites were removed from the Heritage at risk register during this monitoring period.

### 34. Public art

Definition: Planning approvals for schemes which include provision of public art, by location and type

Source: Gateshead Council

Gateshead target: Increase provision of public art throughout plan period

A number of public art installations have been either directly delivered within new developments, or have been supported by contributions received from developments in Gateshead. New artwork installations since 2010 include those within the Riverside Park / sculpture trail, and artworks at the Keelman Homes / Gateshead Housing company development at Kibblesworth. Artworks were also provided at Gateshead Housing company schemes at High Lanes (Heworth), Felling, and Dunston. The redevelopment of Trinity Square at Gateshead town centre includes the 'halo' artwork.

## Climate change

### 35. CO2 emissions

Definition: Per capita CO2 emissions

Source: Gateshead Council (latest data published in 2014)

Gateshead target: 20% reduction in per capita CO2 emissions by 2020

|      | CO2 emissions<br>(tonnes<br>capita) |
|------|-------------------------------------|
| 2010 | 7.1                                 |
| 2011 | 6.4                                 |
| 2012 | 6.7                                 |
| 2013 | 6.5                                 |
| 2014 | 5.8                                 |

### 36. Renewable energy

Definition: Installed capacity of renewable energy generating development, by type

Source: Gateshead Council

Gateshead target: Increase provision of renewable energy generating development throughout plan period

| Number | Estimated |
|--------|-----------|
|--------|-----------|

|                       |       | capacity (kW) |
|-----------------------|-------|---------------|
| Domestic solar PV     | 1,641 | 5,421         |
| Non-domestic solar PV | 104   | 2,122         |
| Domestic wind         | 1     | 10            |

Information regarding small-scale renewable energy generating installations is available from registrations to the Government's feed-in tariff scheme. Latest information on the number of solar PV installations in Gateshead indicates a significant increase in both the number and capacity of installations compared to data provided in Gateshead's 2014/15 AMR.

### 38. Implementation of heat networks

Definition: capacity of decentralised energy networks, by installed capacity, and committed capacity

Source: Gateshead Council

Gateshead target: Increase provision of decentralised energy networks throughout plan period

The Gateshead District Energy Scheme is approaching completion. Operated by Gateshead Energy Company, a mixture of residential and commercial properties will be served with low carbon heat from the Energy Centre which is approaching completion on Quarryfield Road. In addition, commercial customers including Gateshead College, The Sage Gateshead and Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art will be served with power via a dedicated high voltage electricity network. Feasibility studies are underway to ascertain nearby heat and power loads that identify future connections to the scheme.

## Flooding and water

### 39. Flooding / water quality

Definition: Number of planning permissions granted contrary to Environment Agency advice on grounds of flood risk or water quality

Source: Environment Agency

Gateshead target: Minimise number of planning permissions granted contrary to Environment Agency advice

In 2015/16 there was one objection from the Environment Agency to a planning application received by Gateshead Council. The application sought the change of use from storage and distribution to a MOT testing station at Longridge Road, Blaydon (application reference: DC/15/01205/COU). The Environment Agency originally objected on grounds of an unsatisfactory FRA/FCA being submitted. The objection was subsequently withdrawn subject to a planning condition which requires the applicant to submit a satisfactory flood evacuation plan, agreed with the Council. The application was approved in March 2016.

### 40. Strategic Flood Risk Assessment

Definition: Number and proportion of completed new developments which will be at risk from fluvial, tidal surface water and sewer flooding indicated by the SFRA

Source: Gateshead Council

Gateshead target: Minimise new development at risk from flooding indicated by the SFRA

It is not practical to assess the number or proportion of completed individual units (dwellings or commercial units) which will be at risk of flooding as indicated in the SFRA. Accordingly, information contributing to the monitoring of this indicator has considered sites, rather than individual units.

No housing developments with units completed in 2015/16 will be at risk of flooding based upon the SFRA. Land raising was undertaken at the housing developments at Derwentwater Road and Stella to mitigate the tidal or fluvial flood risk.

#### 41. Surface water management

Definition: Completed new developments which:

- incorporate SUDS discharge surface water to a watercourse
- discharge surface water to sewers and combined sewers

Source: Gateshead Council

Gateshead target: Minimise and control surface water runoff according to hierarchy

No completed developments incorporated SuDS which discharge surface water to a watercourse. The majority of completed developments relied upon discharging surface water to the public sewerage network.

### Green Infrastructure and the Natural Environment

#### 42. Ecology

Definition: Changes in areas of ecological importance, comprising areas designated for their intrinsic ecological value, including sites of national, regional and local significance

Source: Gateshead Council

Gateshead target: Minimise adverse impacts on areas of ecological importance

In 2015/16 eight new Local Wildlife Sites with a combined area of c.115ha (284 acres) were designated by the Local Wildlife Sites Partnership in accordance with the DEFRA guidelines.

No LWSs were de-designated and there was no direct loss of either SSSI or LWS area as a result of built development.

#### 43. Allotments

Definition: Number of allotment sites and plots

Source: Gateshead Council

Gateshead target: Maintain or increase access

There are 118 allotment sites in Gateshead, 59 of which are owned by the Council. Within Council-owned sites, there are around 1,300 plots.

#### 44. Water quality

Definition: % of river length assessed as fairly good or very good for chemical quality and biological quality, by river

Source: Environment Agency

Gateshead target: Maintain or improve water quality throughout plan period

|  | Water Framework Directive Status 2009 | Water Framework Directive Status 2015 | Hydro-morphological Designation |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Blaydon Burn                                   | Good                                  | Moderate                              | Natural                         |
| Stanley Burn                                   | Moderate                              | Good                                  | Natural                         |
| River Derwent from Burnhope Burn to River Tyne | Moderate                              | Moderate                              | Heavily Modified                |
| River Team from source to Tyne                 | Moderate                              | Moderate                              | Heavily Modified                |

|                               |          |      |                  |
|-------------------------------|----------|------|------------------|
| River Don from source to Tyne | Moderate | Poor | Heavily Modified |
|-------------------------------|----------|------|------------------|

It is not practical to report on the quality of rivers in Gateshead as a proportion of river length. However, the Northumbria River Basin Management Plan provides an assessment of river quality in terms of its Water Framework Directive Status.

#### **45. Open space quality**

Definition: Proportion of residents satisfied with "Parks and green spaces"

Source: Gateshead Council (residents' surveys)

Gateshead target: Satisfaction at or above 2012 levels

Gateshead's 2012 residents' survey indicated that around 38% of residents were satisfied (either "very satisfied" or "fairly satisfied") with the upkeep of grass verges, flower beds, trees and shrubs in streets and public spaces, and 59% were satisfied with parks and green spaces. The 2012 residents' survey provides the most up to date and relevant information on Gateshead residents' attitudes towards open space provision in the Borough. A new survey has been carried out in 2016, and the results will be reported in the 2016/17 AMR.

### **Protecting the Green Belt**

#### **46. Green Belt**

Definition: Green Belt additions and deletions

Source: Gateshead council

Gateshead target: Minimise deletions from the green belt

There have been no additions or deletions to the Green Belt in Gateshead since the adoption of the CSCUP in March 2015.

#### **47. Green Belt**

Definition: Planning applications and permissions advertised as departures from Green Belt policies

Source: Gateshead council

Gateshead target: Minimise inappropriate development within the Green Belt

There were no applications received in 2015/16 which were advertised as a departure from Green Belt policies.

### **Minerals and Waste**

#### **48. Mineral extraction**

Definition: Planning applications and approvals for mineral extraction by type, projected quantity and location

Source: Gateshead Council

Gateshead target: 3.1m tonnes sand and gravel, 3m tonnes crushed rock for Tyne and Wear

An application to consolidate activities and aftercare at Blaydon Quarry/Landfill site (DC/12/01266/MIWAS), including a landfill capacity of 3.68m cubic metres, was approved in September 2015. An application for the change of use from general industry (use class B2) to a waste transfer station (sui generis) for the storage, sorting and recycling of household and industrial waste (non-hazardous) (up to 75,000 tonnes per annum) at Unit 9C Ryton Industrial Estate, Newburn Bridge Road Ryton NE21 4SQ (DC/15/00546/COU) was approved in August 2015.

#### 49. Waste management

Definition: Amount (tonnes) of municipal waste arising, by management type and percentage of municipal waste sent to landfill

Source: Gateshead Council

Gateshead target: Minimise amount of waste sent to landfill; Monitor waste capacity to 2030

Municipal waste (excluding the amount of construction and demolition waste) arising in 2015/16 amounted to 85,503 tonnes: an increase of 1.28 percent from the 2014/15 total. 33.2 per cent of household waste was recycled or composted, the target for this indicator was 45.0%. This was a decrease of 2.7 percentage points on the proportion of waste recycled or composted in 2014/15, largely as a result of the Council introduction of green waste collection charges in 2015/16.

|                    | Waste arising (tonnes) |         |         |         |         |         |
|--------------------|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|                    | 2010/11                | 2011/12 | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 |
| <b>Landfill</b>    | 66,366                 | 58,735  | 49,074  | 23,503  | 4,027   | 1,567   |
| <b>Recycled</b>    | 31,937                 | 33,254  | 33,334  | 30,977  | 30,315  | 28,373  |
| <b>Composted</b>   | 10,171                 | 10,862  | 9,901   | 9,569   | 10,226  | 8,134   |
| <b>Incinerated</b> | 35                     | 2,213   | 7,911   | 36,000  | 50,079  | 55,563  |
| <b>Total</b>       | 98,338                 | 94,202  | 90,319  | 91,081  | 84,421  | 85,503  |

#### 50. Waste management

Definition: Licensed and projected capacity of waste management facilities (existing and approved) by type

Source: Gateshead Council

Gateshead target: Monitor waste capacity to 2030

| Type   | Capacity (tonnes) |
|--|-------------------|
| Landfill   | 1,031,500         |
| Physico Chemical Treatment Facility                                      | 410,000           |
| Household, Commercial and Industrial Waste Transfer Station (+treatment) | 679,991           |
| Composting Facility  | 149,998           |
| Metal Recycling (Vehicle Dismantling & End of Life Vehicle Facility)     | 179,195           |
| Metal Recycling Site   | 129,996           |
| Transfer Station (Non-Biodegradable Waste)                               | 40,642            |
| Household Waste Amenity Site   | 36,500            |
| Special Waste Transfer Station   | 71,239            |
| Clinical Waste Transfer Station  | 20,000            |
| In-House Storage Facility  | 4,500             |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>2,753,561</b>  |

## Delivery

### 51. Infrastructure delivery

Definition: Annual update of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan

Source: Gateshead Council

Gateshead target: N/A

Following the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Examination in summer 2016, Gateshead Council intends to introduce the CIL in early 2017. Gateshead Council and Newcastle City Council submitted a February 2016 update to the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) as part of the primary evidence supporting the CIL examination. This document, available on [the Council's webpages](#), provides the latest update to the IDP. Revisions to the IDP will be considered where appropriate as evidence emerges.

### 52. Viability

Definition:

- Median House price, by type
- Assumed office rents

Source: Land Registry (house prices) Colliers International (assumed office rents)

Gateshead target: +/- 10% from Adoption date of the plan

| Type     | Median price |          |          |          |          |          |
|----------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|          | 2010/11      | 2011/12  | 2012/13  | 2013/14  | 2014/15  | 2015/16  |
| Detached | £210,000     | £205,000 | £204,500 | £209,500 | £213,500 | £210,000 |
| Flat     | £80,000      | £80,000  | £91,500  | £85,000  | £86,750  | £77,000  |
| Semi     | £133,000     | £126,500 | £127,000 | £135,000 | £138,000 | £127,500 |
| Terrace  | £110,000     | £106,000 | £107,000 | £110,000 | £114,750 | £130,000 |

|      | Grade A<br>(£/sqft) | Grade B<br>(£/sqft) |
|------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 2012 | 17.00               | 10.50               |
| 2013 | 17.00               | 11.50               |
| 2014 | 17.00               | 11.50               |
| 2015 | 17.00               | 11.50               |
| 2016 | 17.00               | 11.50               |

## **Indicators not reported in 2015/16 AMR**

### **17. Resident satisfaction with homes**

This indicator sought to provide information from the Council's residents' survey regarding residents' satisfaction with: (a) their home as a place to live; (b) the choice of housing in their area, and; (c) the quality of housing in their area. A review of the content of residents' surveys has highlighted that the questions (b) and (c), relating to satisfaction with housing in the area (rather than the respondent's own home) are highly dependent upon a respondents' awareness of the local housing market, and consequently may not provide a valid and objective assessment of housing conditions, or of resident's views. A more appropriate indicator of resident's satisfaction with housing choice and quality may be gleaned from data collected as part of the Council's Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA). Gateshead Council and Newcastle City Council aim to prepare a new SHMA in 2017, and it is intended that findings from this assessment pertinent to the objectives of this indicator will be reported within the 2016/17 AMR.

### **21. Accessibility of residential development**

This indicator provides an assessment of the accessibility (measured by public transport travel time) of new residential development to a range of facilities and services. Supporting development in sustainable locations is a fundamental objective for plan-making in Gateshead. However, this indicator provides detailed information where performance is affected not just by the location of residential development, but by the availability and frequency of public transport services, and the availability of facilities. The indicator also provides a relatively narrow indication of accessibility which does not consider the broader sustainability of development (in terms of meeting the needs of new and existing residents), and where performance in a single year can be affected by development at a small number of large sites. To provide a more balanced assessment of the accessibility of new development, Gateshead Council intends to assess the accessibility of residential development provided over a longer timeframe to take into account development at a larger number of sites. This assessment will be provided within a future monitoring report.

### **37. Sustainability standards**

Policy CS16 of the submission draft CSUCP required development to deliver a good level of sustainability, and made reference to the Code for Sustainable Homes (CSH) and Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM) as measures of the sustainability of buildings. Following submission of the CSUCP, the Government progressed a review of sustainability standards applying to new developments, highlighting the potential to withdraw or replace the requirements of CSH and BREEAM. In consequence, policy CS16 of the adopted CSUCP removed specific reference to CSH and BREEAM. However, with the outcome of the Government's review of sustainability standards uncertain, an indicator on sustainability standards, making reference to "relevant government scheme for sustainability standards" was retained within the CSUCP monitoring framework to provide a mechanism for monitoring the sustainability of development. In March 2015 the Government withdrew CSH and BREEAM, and integrated some performance standards into Building Regulations. In the absence of "relevant government schemes/guidance", and without local policy specifying a 'good' level of sustainability, the Council is currently not able to apply criterion 3 of policy CS16. Preparation of MSGP provides an opportunity to review and strengthen sustainability standards in Gateshead, and there is potential for emerging policies to provide more detailed direction in this policy area.

## Appendix 2      UDP and other Local Plan Indicators

### Employment

#### 1. Employment Land

Definition: Employment land take up

Source: Gateshead Council

Gateshead target: Target not applicable

2.96ha of employment land was taken up in 2015/16 (2.7ha at Portobello Road, ref: DC/11/00300/OUT, and 0.26ha at Team Valley Trading Estate, ref: DC/13/00337/FUL). The five year average take-up is 1.24ha per year.

### Retail and Commercial Leisure

#### 2. Retail and Leisure development

Definition: Amount of completed retail, office, and leisure development, by location (within a centre, edge of centre, or out of centre)

Source: Gateshead Council

Gateshead target: Maintain and enhance the vitality and viability of town centres

There were no mid/large scale completed office or leisure developments in 2015/16. Completed retail developments are discussed within CSUCP indicator 10.

#### 3. Obesity

Definition: Obesity levels among year 6 pupils

Source: Public Health England

Gateshead target: Reduce the number of obese children in Gateshead to less than 10% by 2025.

19.9% of year six pupils (10-11 year olds) living in Gateshead were obese in 2014/15. This is similar to the proportion recorded in the previous year (20.7%), and similar to the England average of 19.1%.

#### 4. Number of Takeaways

Definition: Hot food takeaways (A5 uses) in town, district and local centres

Source: Gateshead Council

Gateshead target: Target not applicable

An audit of the number of hot food takeaways (A5 uses) in Gateshead, carried out in 2016, identified 192 takeaways in the Borough. Of these, 101 were situated within a recognised town, district or local centre. The number of takeaways operating in Gateshead in 2016 represents a reduction from the number of takeaways identified in Gateshead in 2015 (198), and in 2014 (202).

#### 5. Proportion of Takeaways per 1,000 residents

Definition: Hot food takeaways (A5 uses) per 1,000 residents, by ward

Source: ONS, Gateshead Council

Gateshead target: Fewer A5 uses per 1,000 residents than the England average (of 0.88 uses per 1,000 residents)

|         | Population | A5 uses | A5 uses per 1,000 residents |
|---------|------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| Birtley | 8,350      | 14      | 1.68                        |

|                                |        |    |             |
|--------------------------------|--------|----|-------------|
| Blaydon                        | 10,122 | 8  | 0.79        |
| Bridges                        | 9,008  | 14 | 1.55        |
| Chopwell and Rowlands Gill     | 9,278  | 9  | 0.97        |
| Chowdene                       | 9,036  | 4  | 0.44        |
| Crawcrook and Greenside        | 8,815  | 6  | 0.68        |
| Deckham                        | 9,903  | 6  | 0.61        |
| Dunston and Teams              | 9,040  | 12 | 1.33        |
| Dunston Hill and Whickham East | 9,101  | 7  | 0.77        |
| Felling                        | 9,119  | 14 | 1.54        |
| High Fell                      | 9,782  | 8  | 0.82        |
| Lamesley                       | 9,426  | 8  | 0.85        |
| Lobley Hill and Bensham        | 10,290 | 10 | 0.97        |
| Low Fell                       | 8,482  | 13 | 1.53        |
| Pelaw and Heworth              | 9,031  | 7  | 0.78        |
| Ryton, Crookhill and Stella    | 8,515  | 5  | 0.59        |
| Saltwell                       | 10,401 | 13 | 1.25        |
| Wardley and Leam Lane          | 8,248  | 5  | 0.61        |
| Whickham North                 | 8,320  | 16 | 1.92        |
| Whickham South and Sunnyside   | 8,156  | 3  | 0.37        |
| Windy Nook and Whitehills      | 9,704  | 2  | 0.21        |
| Winlaton and High Spen         | 8,378  | 8  | 0.95        |
| <b>Total</b>                   |        |    | <b>0.96</b> |

## Community Facilities and Recreation

### 6. Play areas

Definition: Total area of play sites in Gateshead

Source: Gateshead Council

Gateshead target: To maintain/improve the provision of children's play areas; and to meet the standard of 0.7 ha of children's play space per 1,000 residents.

2015/16 records of open space provision in Gateshead identify around 10.5ha of children's play space, across 133 sites.

### 7. Accessible greenspace

Definition: Total area of accessible natural greenspace and proportion of dwellings that are located within 0.5km of a site

Source: Gateshead Council

Gateshead target: Maintain/increase the amount of accessible natural greenspace available to the population. As far as possible, provide sites of at least two hectares of accessible natural greenspace

Latest figures have identified 1,755ha of ANG in Gateshead. The quantity of ANG has not changed from the previous reporting year. Around 50% of dwellings in the Borough are located within 0.5km of an area of ANG.

## **Minerals and Waste**

### **8. Primary Aggregates**

Definition: Production of Primary Land Won Aggregates

Source: North East Region Aggregates Working Party Annual Aggregates Monitoring Report 2013; Joint Local Aggregates Assessment for County Durham, Northumberland and Tyne and Wear 2013

Gateshead target:

- To meet the sub-regional aggregates apportionment covering the period 2005-2020, as advised by the NERAWP
- To meet the requirements as identified in the Local Aggregates Assessment covering the period 2013-2030
- To ensure the maintenance of a landbank of seven years for sand and gravel and ten years for crushed rock, as set out in the NPPF.

Approximately 236,000 tonnes of sand and gravel and 309,000 tonnes of crushed rock were produced in Tyne and Wear in 2014. Reserves of sand and gravel for this period were approximately 0.853 million tonnes and for crushed rock were 0.56 million tonnes.

When compared with 2013, sales of sand and gravel across the region have increased by approximately 157,000 tonnes to 873,000 tonnes. Sales of crushed rock increased by approximately 593,000 tonnes to 4,162,000 tonnes.

The updated Local Aggregates Assessment indicates that based on estimated permitted reserves of crushed rock at the end of 2014 of 560,637 tonnes, Tyne and Wear has a landbank of 1.7 years taking into account the annual demand forecast of 329,000 tonnes. For sand and gravel the contribution is 3.2 years at the end of 2014, taking into account identified reserves of 853,000 tonnes and the annual forecast demand of 270,000 tonnes.

### **9. Secondary Aggregates**

Definition: Production of Secondary/Recycled Aggregates

Source: North East Region Aggregates Working Party Annual Aggregates Monitoring Report 2011

Gateshead target: To meet the sub-regional aggregates apportionment covering the period 2005-2020, as advised by the NERAWP, and to ensure the maintenance of a landbank of seven years for sand and gravel and ten years for crushed rock, as set out in Annex 1 of Minerals Planning Statement 1.

The Annual Aggregates Monitoring Report states that sales of recycled and secondary aggregates from North East England in 2014 are at a similar level to those in the previous monitoring periods and this reflects a lower level of sales due to the economic downturn and the prevailing economic conditions.

The report includes data on sales of recycled and secondary materials for aggregate use totalling 1.2 million tonnes in the North East in 2014. Tyne and Wear contributed 0.5 million tonnes, consisting primarily of construction and demolition waste.

## **Custom house building**

### **10. Self and Custom housebuilding**

Definition: Number of individuals and groups registered on Gateshead's self and custom housebuilding register March 2016

Source: Gateshead self and custom housebuilding register

Gateshead target: Target not applicable

The Gateshead Self and Custom Build Register launched in April 2016, in accordance with the Self-build and Custom Housebuilding Act 2015 and Right to Build measures. The register is open to British citizens over the age of 18 who are seeking a serviced plot to build a main residence. Applicants can be individuals or associations of individuals. On 6th October 2016 there were 28 individual registrations and two associations of individuals on the Gateshead Self and Custom Build Register. In accordance with the Housing and Planning Act 2016 Part 1, Chapter 2, Gateshead Council is seeking to meet the duty to grant planning permission in accordance with the provisions through a small sites delivery programme.