

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting5th October 2006

1. Title of Item/Report

Tees Valley Business Case

2. Record of the Decision

Cabinet considered a report that sought its endorsement of the Tees Valley City Region Development Programme and Business Case.

An executive summary of the document was provided to Members which provided details of the business case and set out the arguments and key proposals

Members noted that the Business Case produced last year had a number of objectives:

- to set out an economic analysis of the Tees Valley and;
- from the analysis identify how the City Region could improve its economic performance;
- identify any governance arrangements necessary to deliver this improved economic performance;
- identify how Government could help the area improve its economic performance.

It was explained that at the same time the Northern Way had asked Local Authorities to produce a second iteration of the City Region Development Programme (CRDP). The Business Plan would serve this purpose.

Members noted that Tees Valley Chief Development Officers were preparing an evidence base to accompany the submission. This would comprise:-

- an economic analysis of the Tees Valley City Region;
- an Investment plan for the Tees Valley;
- the case for Housing Market Renewal currently being prepared by Tees Valley Living;
- a series of business cases/funding bids from the Department for Transport for infrastructure improvements, primarily the local bus and rail networks.

It was explained that a series of consultation meetings had taken place and it was indicated that a Members Seminar would be arranged.

Cabinet were informed that discussions had taken place with ONE, Government Office and the North East Regional Assembly. All had indicated informally their support for the document.

In addition positive responses to the document had been received from the Department of Communities and Local Government, Department of Trade and Industry and the Department for Transport

RESOLVED that

1. the Tees Valley City Region Development Programme and Business Case be endorsed
2. That an all Member Seminar be arranged.

3. Reasons for the Decision

The Tees Valley had prepared a business case for future governance for discussion with Central Government. This paper asked Cabinet to endorse the approach.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Cook declared an interest in this item as he was a Member of the Joint Strategy Committee and served on the Tourism Partnership Board.

6. Details of any Dispensations

None

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

By not later than midnight on Friday 13th October 2006

Proper Officer
09 October 2006