

CABINET ITEM COVERING SHEET PROFORMA

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO CABINET

5TH OCTOBER 2006

**REPORT OF CORPORATE
MANAGEMENT TEAM**

CABINET DECISION / KEY DECISION

REGENERATION AND TRANSPORT – COUNCILLOR R. COOK

TEES VALLEY CITY REGION BUSINESS CASE AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

1. Summary (expanded report summary)

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2. Recommendations
(Details of each decision required)

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2. That an all Member Seminar be arranged.

3. Reasons for the Recommendations/Decision(s)

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

4. Members Interests

Members (including co-opted members with voting rights) should consider whether they have a personal interest in the item as defined in the Council's code of conduct (paragraph 8) and, if so, declare the existence and nature of that interest in accordance with paragraph 9 of the code.

Where a Member regards him/herself as having a personal interest in the item, he/she must then consider whether that interest is one which a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest (paragraph 10 of the code of conduct).

A Member with a prejudicial interest in any matter must withdraw from the room where the meeting is being held, whilst the matter is being considered; not exercise executive functions in relation to the matter and not seek improperly to influence the decision about the matter (paragraph 12 of the Code).

Further to the above, it should be noted that any Member attending a meeting of Cabinet, Select Committee etc.; whether or not they are a member of the Cabinet or Select Committee concerned, must declare any personal interest which they have in the business being considered at the meeting, and if their interest is prejudicial, they must also leave the meeting room during consideration of the relevant item.

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DETAIL

1. The Business Case produced last year was to:
 - a) set out an economic analysis of the Tees Valley;
 - b) from the analysis identify how the City Region could improve its economic performance;
 - c) identify any governance arrangements necessary to deliver this improved economic performance;
 - d) identify how Government can help the area improve its economic performance.
2. At the same time the Northern Way has asked Local Authorities to produce a second iteration of the City Region Development Programme. Since the purpose of the CRDP is somewhat similar this document serves both purposes.
3. Tees Valley Chief Development Officers are also preparing to accompany the submission an evidence base comprising:
 - a) an economic analysis of the Tees Valley City Region;
 - b) an Investment plan for the Tees Valley;
 - c) the case for Housing Market Renewal currently being prepared by Tees Valley Living;
 - d) a series of business cases/funding bids from the Department for Transport for infrastructure improvements, primarily the local bus and rail networks.
4. A series of consultation meetings are underway:

5th September - presentation to the private sector members invited to Ruth Kelly's visit.

6th September - presentation to the Chief Executives of North Yorkshire and Durham County Councils, the Durham and North Yorkshire District Councils.

11th September - consideration of the business case by the Tees Valley Partnership.

6th - 19th September - consultation with key partners.

30th September - submission of revised document to printers.

5th October – Cabinet report.

15th October - submission of document to Government.

Date to be agreed - Members Seminar

5. Already discussions have taken place with ONE, Government Office and North East Regional Assembly. All of the above have indicated informally their support for the document.
6. Informed discussions have taken place with officers from the Department of Communities and Local Government, Department of Trade and Industry and the Department for Transport. DCLG like the document and want to work with us to develop the detail of the governance proposals and the metropolitan area agreement post submission. DTI support the approach we have taken but expect ONE to work with us on the delivery of the development programme. The Department for Transport have expressed strong interest in the proposals and are taking them seriously.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial

None as a direct result of this report.

Legal

None as a direct result of this report.

RISK ASSESSMENT

This (subject matter of report) is categorised as low to medium risk. Existing management systems and daily routine activities are sufficient to control and reduce risk.

COMMUNITY STRATEGY IMPLICATIONS

Not Stockton Council policy specific but cuts across Council Plan, Community Strategy and Service Improvement Plan themes.

CONSULTATION INCLUDING WARD/COUNCILLORS

As detailed above

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Background Papers

- Executive Summary - simply summarises the business case and sets out the argument and key proposals (**attached at Appendix 1**)
- City Region Business Case and Development Programme

Ward(s) and Ward Councillors:

Not ward specific

Property

No property implications as a direct result of this report