

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting19th June 2008

1. Title of Item/Report

Expression of Interest Social Care PFI Funding - Integrated Care Service

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that advised Members that the Council had been working in partnership with PCT colleagues to develop proposals for an integrated Health & Social Care facility, including the provision of extra care, in Billingham. This was with a view to attracting external funding through Social Care PFI Credits.

The Department of Health informed authorities in November 2007 of the availability of PFI funding for Social Care with the timescales for an initial indication of interest being extremely tight and required to be submitted by 31 December 2007. It was explained that although at this stage the ideas were conceptual, it was clear there were benefits from close working with the PCT and there were opportunities to develop innovative solutions, which addressed social care, health and wider integrated service issues.

Members were informed that the Department of Health subsequently indicated support in the council progressing to the formal 'Expression of Interest' stage. Officers from the Council had been working closely with the Primary Care Trust to develop the proposal. Members of Cabinet were provided with a summary of the key objectives of the proposal.

As part of the initial Expression of Interest in December, the bid focused on consideration of schemes across the Borough. It was explained that further work had been undertaken to review the connectivity of the health estates requirements and the bid criteria and this had identified Billingham as a key priority. It was noted that there were benefits in taking forward a Billingham scheme as there was no extra care provision in this area, there was greater potential for connecting health and council plans, and the regeneration opportunities could be realised more effectively. However the work with the PCT had helped provide a framework for future service developments in Stockton and future bids to this fund could be explored.

It was advised that the project in Billingham would aim to deliver:-

- An extra care facility which would provide long term residential care services for the elderly and vulnerable adults.
- An integrated facility which would provide access to information, advice and a range of services including:-
 - Adults & Childrens integrated service area staff
 - Exercise, rehabilitation and physiotherapy services
 - One-stop shop to access information (multi service centre)
 - Resource rooms/day facilities
 - Integrated care services (polyclinic)
 - Library

It was explained that the integrated approach to health and social care with associated facilities offered a unique opportunity to address a cohesive and planned service model which was focused on the needs of the population in Billingham.

The proposal was complimentary to the PCT's 'Momentum Pathways to Health' project, which explored the provision of health services as near to people's homes as possible and looking for options for delivery of community based services. There was also the potential to incorporate one or more GP practice(s) into the facility and this was currently being explored.

Members were advised that various sites were currently being investigated and it was anticipated that the facilities would be within or close to the town centre.

It was noted that the costs would be shared between the PCT and the Council. The Expression of Interest aimed to secure PFI Credits to fund the social care element of the Scheme (currently estimated at £15m).

Following submission of the Expression of Interest, if successful, the Council would need to submit a full Outline Business Case, which would firm up details of costs, the scheme itself, funding sources and affordability. This Business Case would be reported to Cabinet for approval.

RESOLVED that the Expression of Interest for PFI Credits be endorsed.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To support the development of proposals for an integrated Health & Social Care facility in partnership with PCT.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected
None
5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest
None
6. Details of any Dispensations
Not Applicable
7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed
Not later than Midnight on Friday 27 June 2008

Proper Officer
23 June 2008