

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....11th September 2008

1. Title of Item/Report

Raising Expectations - Enabling the System to Deliver

2. Record of the Decision

Cabinet considered a report that provided an update on government proposals to transfer funding and commissioning responsibility for the delivery of quality education and training for young people aged 16-19 from the Learning and Skills Council (LSC) to individual local authorities from 2010.

The report also provided details of proposals for the development of a sub regional grouping to deliver the commissioning responsibility.

It was explained that from 2010 local authorities would have a statutory duty to provide learning places for pre-19 year olds, subject to legislation. By 2013 local authorities will have a statutory duty to deliver full participation for all 17 year olds in education and training, rising to 18 year olds by 2015. In addition, from 2010 they will have a duty to secure sufficient provision for young people up to the age of 19 (including, learners with learning difficulties and/or disabilities up to the age of 25 and young people in juvenile custody up to the age of 18), in line with their responsibility for commissioning all children and young people's services.

- In order to progress the changes, local authorities are required to identify how they intend to work together to deliver on their new responsibilities by September 26th 2008.

Members were reminded that the 5 Tees Valley authorities had signed a multi-area agreement (MAA), which was testament to the strong and effective partnerships which exist, supported by a common vision for the region and vastly improved outcomes.

Travel to learn patterns indicate that the vast majority of young people remain close to home for their 16-19 phase of learning, this is particularly the case in the Tees Valley.

On this basis it was suggested that the 5 Tees Valley Authorities group together, as a sub-regional delivery group, for the strategic commissioning of 16-19 education and training. It was further suggested that the proposed statement of intent as attached to the report be adopted by the sub-regional group and be submitted to Government Office by the five Tees Valley Authorities in September.

It was noted that Stockton had been identified as a lead authority to co-ordinate the necessary work and enable a clear focus to be taken on behalf of the sub-region.

RESOLVED that:-

1. the 5 Tees Valley Authorities collaborate as a sub-regional grouping to strategically commission education and training for young people aged 16-19 from 2010.
2. the proposal attached as Appendix A to the report be agreed and adopted by the 5 Tees Valley Authorities, as the basis for a joint statement of intent to be submitted to Government Office in September.

3. Reasons for the Decision

Local authorities are required to submit a statement of intent regarding their commissioning plans to Government Office in September 2008.

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 19th September 2008

Proper Officer

15 September 2008