

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting11th September 2008

1. Title of Item/Report

MYPLACE Youth Facility

2. Record of the Decision

Cabinet considered a report that provided background information and an update of progress made on the preparation for a bid under the Department for Children, Schools and Families' (DCSF) myplace funding process (standard route). The report also presented a capital option appraisal for the location of the myplace facility to be decided on.

Members noted that a Project Implementation Team (PIT) was established in early June 2008 to undertake the work necessary in the design and development of a 'world class and iconic' youth facility for the young people of Stockton-on-Tees. Membership of the PIT team had included representation and involvement from a wide range of partners, services providers and young people from the statutory, public, private, voluntary, community services.

From the onset a real commitment to engage and involve young people had been demonstrated and a wide consultation exercise had captured the views and opinions from young people across the Borough.

As with the consultation and involvement of young people, active community consultation and involvement had been embarked on from the onset and had been used to influence and shape the design of the funding application.

Through a business subgroup, an effective and strong multi agency partnership had been established which was responsible for the design and operational delivery of a range of services to young people as directed by the myplace funding guidance.

It was explained that funding guidance was very clear that this facility must provide a wide range of high quality activities and opportunities available for young people. Members noted that a wide range of services and activities had been considered and a number of exciting concepts had emerged from the partnership working. It was intended

that this facility would provide a wide range of key services and provisions to young people delivered in a partnership approach, and would potentially include a designated young people's health centre, high quality sports and leisure time activities, arts and culture services, dedicated young people's support services, vocational and non vocational opportunities, information advice, guidance and support services and socialising events.

In addition to the core services, other concepts were currently being explored which include developing this venue as a Centre of Excellence for Innovation, Commerce and Industry, working alongside secondary and further education establishments.

Members were informed that a capital subgroup had been responsible for undertaking the work involved in mapping out feasible locations, which could be suitable for this particular capital funding stream. An options appraisal, which was provided to Members, had been completed on existing feasible locations for this facility under the direction of the capital subgroup. It was explained that the preferred location, as detailed in the options appraisal, was to locate it alongside the development of the proposed North East Stockton Academy.

RESOLVED that:-

1. the developments of the process to date be approved.
2. the preferred option, North East Stockton Academy, for the location of the myplace site be submitted to DCSF.
3. Reasons for the Decision
 - (i) The bid must be submitted to DCSF by 30th September 2008.
 - (ii) Preferred option has been identified following consultation and detailed option appraisal.
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