

CABINET ITEM COVERING SHEET PROFORMA

AGENDA ITEM 4

REPORT TO CABINET

11 SEPTEMBER 2008

**REPORT OF CORPORATE
MANAGEMENT TEAM**

CABINET DECISION

Children and Young People – Lead Cabinet Member – Councillor Cunningham

MYPLACE – FUNDING APPLICATION

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2. Recommendations

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- (ii) Cabinet agreement on the preferred option for the location of the **myplace** site to be submitted to DCSF.

3. Reasons for the Recommendations/Decision(s)

- (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. 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 (**paragraphs 10 and 11 of the code of conduct**).

A Member with a prejudicial interest in any matter must withdraw from the room where the meeting considering the business is being held -

- in a case where the Member is attending a meeting (including a meeting of a select committee) but only for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence, provided the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose whether under statutory right or otherwise, immediately after making representations, answering questions or giving evidence as the case may be;
- in any other case, whenever it becomes apparent that the business is being considered at the meeting;

and must 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 (unless the interest arises solely from the Member's membership of, or position of control or management on any other body to which the Member was appointed or nominated by the Council, or on any other body exercising functions of a public nature, when the interest only needs to be declared if and when the Member speaks on the matter), and if their interest is prejudicial, they must also leave the meeting room, subject to and in accordance with the provisions referred to above.

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DETAIL

1. **myplace** is a multi million pound government programme to deliver world class places for young people to go and call their own and will enable the creation of world class youth facilities in communities across the country through the input and influence of young people, and through genuine cross-sector partnership working. Grants under myplace are available between £1m and £5m to enable a transformation in the way facilities and services for young people are planned and delivered.
2. **myplace** funding guidance clearly demonstrates that applicants must demonstrate effective working partnership between the public and third and/or private sector organisations from the onset. Partnership working across sectors must be co-ordinated to develop a robust, financially sustainable co-funded project that responds to local needs and priorities. It must also clearly demonstrate the real participation of young people, particularly disadvantaged young people in the development, design and running of the project. There is no revenue funding available for this programme and it is essential that all bids must also demonstrate long-term sustainability and funding streams to ensure world class provision. The Big Lottery Fund has been appointed to administer the scheme.

Expected Outcomes

3. Funded projects must deliver all of the following outcomes:
 - more young people, parents and communities feel that young people have exciting and safe places to go in their leisure time where they can get involved in an attractive range of activities;

- more young people, particularly the most disadvantaged, participate in positive leisure time activities that support their personal and social development;
- more young people have access to information, advice and support services from within places they feel comfortable;
- stronger partnership working between local authorities, third, private and public sector partners to plan, deliver and operate financially sustainable youth facilities with and for young people.

Process and Timescales for Application:

4. **myplace** will only fund projects that will deliver on all four outcomes, and demonstrate evidence of the real participation of young people, particularly disadvantaged young people, in the development, design and future running of the project. It is essential that local partners from across public, third and private sectors work together with young people, their families and their communities to develop a more integrated and strategic approach to making best use of all available assets and funding streams to improve places to go.
5. Bids may be led by a local authority or other public body from within the children's trust, a third sector organisation, or a private sector organisation operating on a non-profit basis. All bids must be endorsed by the Chief Executive of the Local Authority, and clearly demonstrate effective partnership from the onset. Direct links to the Children and Young People's plan and the Local Area Agreement are crucial for the success of the funding.
6. The timescales for the standard funding route are:

30 th September 2008	closing dates for Standard Application
End Of Feb 2009	DCSF informs applicants of decisions
March 2009	success applicants to confirm an in-principle grant offer letter
October 2009	submission of capital and business delivery plans
Feb 2010	review completed on business plans
March 2010	approval of capital and business plans
April – Sept 2010	successful projects must commence expenditure of grants
Sept 2012	completion of all projects

PROGRESS UPDATE (July – September 2008)

7. 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 has included representation and involvement from a wide range of partners, services providers and young people from the statutory, public, private, voluntary, community services.
8. From the onset a real commitment to engage and involve young people has been demonstrated and a wide consultation exercise has captured the views and opinions from young people across the Borough. Consultation has been varied and co-ordinated through the participation subgroup which has a wide membership representation, including young people. This consultation has been used in the formation of the design and location of the proposed facility, and in the delivery of services within (**Appendix 1**).
9. As with the consultation and involvement of young people, active community consultation and involvement has been embarked on from the onset and has been used to influence and shape the design of the funding application. All community groups and area partnership boards will be consulted and involved in the design of the funding bid. A further large consultation event is planned for the 17th September to provide an update on the design and progress of the bid prior to submission. Invitations to this event will be

distributed in early September to all elected members, general public, children and young people, community, faith and voluntary groups, schools and colleges.

10. Through the business subgroup, an effective and strong multi agency partnership has been established which is currently responsible for the design and operational delivery of a range of services to young people as directed by the myplace funding guidance. Strong commitments and joined up working is producing some highly dynamic and innovative approaches to service delivery across the private, voluntary and public sector bodies. Exciting and innovative concepts are currently being explored with potential service providers and young people who will ensure gaps in current provisions will be addressed and limit duplication of services.
11. Funding guidance is very clear that this facility must provide a wide range of high quality activities and opportunities available for young people. Currently there are a wide range of services and activities been considered and a number of exciting concepts have emerged from the partnership working. It is intended that this facility will provide a wide range of key services and provisions to young people delivered in a partnership approach, and will 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.
12. In addition to the core services, other concepts are 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. This concept aims to provide a co-ordinated approach to supporting young people into training, employment and commerce. Through developing a structured programme of enterprise training, support and business mentoring, this facility could be established as an incubation centre for young people, including the provision of small business start up outlets on site. Direct links with employment, local industry and successful SMEs will provide a support pathway for young people into employment, training, social enterprise or self-employment.
13. The capital subgroup have been responsible for undertaking the work involved in mapping out feasible locations which could be suitable for this particular capital funding stream. Early indications demonstrated that successful applications would clearly need to demonstrate 'world class innovation and iconic designs' within their proposals.
14. An options appraisal has been completed on existing feasible locations for this facility under the direction of the capital subgroup (**Appendix 2**). The preferred location for this youth facility is to locate this facility alongside the development of the proposed North East Stockton Academy as detailed in the options appraisal. This location will ensure the highest opportunity of developing an innovative and dynamic funding application, which will be strategically led under Stockton-on-Tees' Children's Trust Board and will offer young people the maximum choice of quality services, meet all the essential criteria as set out in the funding guidance, the ability to co-locate staff, and offer the greatest potential for the ability to generate sustainable revenue streams.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

15. This is a bid for capital funding to develop youth facilities. If successful the capital developments will be overseen by the Capital Strategy and Asset Management Group and be part of the capital programme.
16. There will be a need to review and develop the revenue streams from existing resources and to develop the business case along-side partner agencies. This will be progressed within existing resources and as part of future budget rounds and the medium term financial

plan. Indicative information, based on existing resources is being collated as part of the submission of the bid.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

17. If the bid is successful, appropriate commissioning processes will need to be entered into in terms of the development of the proposed new build programme. This will need to be aligned with the proposed Academy developments.

RISK ASSESSMENT

18. The **myplace** bid is categorised as low to medium risk. Existing management systems and daily routine activities are sufficient to control and reduce risk.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY IMPLICATIONS

19. This development will support a range of priorities across the following themes;
 - Economic Regeneration and Transport
 - Children and Young People
 - Health and Wellbeing
 - Arts, Leisure and Culture
20. The proposal is aimed at developing world-class youth facilities, through the direct participation of young people and the involvement of public, third and private sector partners. A major focus of the bid will be to deliver a co-ordinated approach to supporting young people into training, employment and commerce. Facilities will potentially include high quality sports and leisure activities, arts and culture services, support services, young people's health and socialising events. It will target a range of positive outcomes for young people. The building will be developed in line with corporate priorities around design and environmental impact.

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

21. This report has been subject to an Equality Impact Assessment and has been judged to have a positive impact. No remedial actions are required. The Assessment is available in the members' library.

CORPORATE PARENTING

22. The **myplace** bid will significantly enhance the provision and availability of youth activities, in line with priorities set in the Children and Young People's Plan and supported by the outcome of consultations with young people.

CONSULTATION INCLUDING WARD/COUNCILLORS

23. A wide range of consultation exercises have taken place including a **myplace** survey, consultation with all area partnership boards, community consultation and a generic consultation event planned with invitation to all ward councillors, community groups, area partnership boards, children, young people, parents and carers.

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Background Papers

Appendix 1 – Consultation report for **myplace** August 2008

Appendix 2 – Options Appraisal for the location of **myplace** funded youth facility

Ward(s) and Ward Councillors

All

Property

The bid is for a capital development of youth provision. If successful, it will provide opportunities for rationalisation of some existing youth provision and will tie in to the development of youth cafes. It will also support the review of accommodation/office premises as part of the development of integrated services.