

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting5th February 2009

1. Title of Item/Report

Community Safety Partnership Arrangements

2. Record of the Decision

Cabinet considered a report that advised of the proposed merger of the Safer Stockton Partnership and Stockton Drugs Action Team (DAT) Steering Group.

The Safer Stockton Partnership was established in 1998, and Stockton DAT Steering Group was established in 2000 (on the dissolution of the former Teesside DAT). The two Partnerships had worked in close co-operation and since 2004 have had two joint meetings per year, meeting as the Safer Stockton Partnership/DAT Integration Group.

Following discussion at the meeting of the Integration Group in May 2008 an options paper on future working arrangements was presented to the meeting of the Integration Group on 4 November, and a decision in principle was made by members of the two Partnerships to merge the two governance bodies. It was noted that the decision did not entail any changes to staffing structure or budget management at office level.

It was explained that the Safer Stockton Partnership was led jointly by the Council, Cleveland Police, Cleveland Police Authority, Cleveland Fire Brigade and Stockton-on-Tees Teaching Primary Care Trust (PCT). The Stockton DAT arrangements were led jointly by the Council and the PCT, via the Adult Strategy Team.

The prospective timescale for completion of full merger was April or May 2009. This would allow time for the preparation of a draft constitution for the merged Partnership and associated paperwork, and for more detailed consultation with the full membership of both bodies to take place. It was noted that GONE was supportive of the merger proposal.

Cabinet Members were informed that a separate study was taking place as to whether or not the Drugs Action Team took on formal responsibility for alcohol misuse, becoming a Drugs and Alcohol Action Team (DAAT), as was the position in some other areas. If the extension to the DAT role

was confirmed, this would be taken into account in the detailed merger proposals.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The report be noted
2. Agreement of further detail be delegated to the Corporate Director of Children, Education and Social Care (CESC) and the Head of Community Protection, in consultation with the Cabinet Members for Adult Services & Health and for Housing and Community Safety.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To ensure timely progress towards more efficient partnership arrangements.

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

Friday, 13th February 2009

Proper Officer
09 October 2009