

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting19th March 2009

1. Title of Item/Report

Efficiency, Improvement & Transformation Programme

2. Record of the Decision

Members were reminded that its meeting held on 19th February 2009, Cabinet approved proposals to implement a three year programme of efficiency and improvement reviews across all of the Council's activities. This was a direct response to the need to refine current approaches to performance and financial management in the light of recent changes to the national economy and its impact on the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan.

Every aspect of the Council's work needed to be covered by the review programme, and following consideration of the most suitable topics for inclusion in Year 1 (which included suggestions received from Members and officers during seminars, drop ins and consultations), a proposed programme had been identified and was provided to Members for their attention.

It was explained that the Scrutiny Liaison Forum, at its meeting held on 26th February 2009, had given consideration to delivery of the Scrutiny Programme with a view to identifying EIT topics to be the subject of in depth scrutiny by the Council's Select Committees as part of their 2009/2010 Work Programme; the following priorities were proposed:-

Corporate, Adult Services and Social Inclusion Select Committee -
Communication, Consultation and Engagement

Health Select Committee - Fair Access to Care

Children and Young People Select Committee - Child Placements and Residential Care

Regeneration and Transport Select Committee - Commissioning and Provision of Public and Community Transport (incorporating bus subsidies and Dial a Ride)

Housing and Community Safety Select Committee - Regulation and Enforcement

Environment Select Committee - Commercial Trading Services

Arts, Leisure and Culture Select Committee - Three Gateway Reviews

In addition Scrutiny Liaison Forum identified appropriate reviews to be conducted by Officers and subjected to Gateway Review by a Select Committee at key stages. The following reviews were proposed:

- * Adult Day/ Residential Care;
- * Highways, Lighting and Network Management (including road safety);
- * Property and Facilities Management.

The remaining topics identified by Scrutiny Liaison Forum as Officer Reviews suitable for reporting into Executive Scrutiny Committee at Key Stages were proposed as follows:-

- * Advice and Information Provision;
- * Youth Services and Provision;
- * Domestic Violence;
- * Communication, Consultation and Engagement.

It was noted that regular progress report of the EIT programme would be submitted to Cabinet and Executive Scrutiny Committee.

In order to support Select Committees undertaking reviews as part of the programme, there would be a need for specialised training for all Members.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The content of the Year 1 Efficiency Improvement & Transformation Programme, as detailed at Appendix 1 to the report be approved.

2. The proposed Scrutiny Work Programme for 2009/2010 submitted by the Scrutiny Liaison Form for consideration and approval at the next meeting of the Executive Scrutiny Committee on 24th March be noted.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To approve the Efficiency, Improvement and Transformation Programme Year 1.

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
Midnight on Friday, 27th March 2009

Proper Officer
23 March 2009