

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting16th April 2009

1. Title of Item/Report

Review of Stockton Renaissance Partnership Board

2. Record of the Decision

The report submitted to Cabinet proposed a review of the Stockton Renaissance Partnership to strengthen partnership arrangements including engagement and culture; to further improve the partnership approach to delivering better outcomes for local communities and support the Comprehensive Area Assessment

It was proposed that the review would focus on;

- Improved focus and alignment of plans across all sectors to achieve cross cutting Stockton Renaissance priorities;
- Improved identification and alignment of resources to deliver shared priorities;
- Support achievement of the cross cutting Local Area Agreement/Sustainable Community Strategy targets prioritised by Renaissance for 2009/10;
- An increase in business sector engagement in Stockton Renaissance; and
- An increase in children and young people engagement in Stockton Renaissance.
- A positive judgement from Comprehensive Area Assessment;

The proposed methodology was discussed which included a combination of reviewing existing good practice, identifying toolkits, reviewing outcomes from analytical activity to date and piloting a themed priority task based approach to cross cutting issues. These were to be followed up by a series of workshops/discussion groups with stakeholders. The detail of the content of desk based work was also discussed

Feedback from the Stockton Renaissance Annual Event, Partnership Healthchecks for Renaissance, which took place at the February 2009 Renaissance Meeting, were also be taken into account.

Consultation methods were also discussed and Members were informed who the target groups would be during this process.

Members also heard about the 'Piloting of different ways of working' and its focus on the 'Credit Crunch' and how it would be possible to lessen the impact of the economic climate on the borough and enhance opportunities in preparation for the upturn. Along with the Credit Crunch, which was the most identified area, there were other cross cutting priority areas proposed for Stockton Renaissance to focus on:

The review of Stockton Renaissance would also be used to inform the discussions around the future of the Community Empowerment Network, which was being considered as part of the Voluntary Sector Support Fund Review, which was due for completion Autumn 2009.

The outcome of the review and an improvement plan, would be reported to Renaissance and Cabinet in September 2009, which would cover any new governance or agenda management arrangements for Stockton Renaissance.

RESOLVED that

1. the report be noted.
2. the the approach for the review of the partnership, as detailed in the report, be approved.

3. Reasons for the Decision

The Government White Paper 'Creating Stronger and Prosperous Communities: Communities in Control' and supporting legislation the Local Public Involvement in Health Act have introduced the 'duty to co-operate' on partners and 'duty to involve' people requirements. This coupled with the move from Comprehensive Performance Assessment towards an ongoing inspection dialogue (Comprehensive Area Assessment) which focuses on partnership working through an area assessment provides an opportunity to review the Stockton Renaissance Partnership Board. The aim of the review is to strengthen partnership engagement arrangements and partnership culture; to further improve the partnership approach to delivering better outcomes for local communities and to support the new Comprehensive Area Assessment.

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

By Midnight Friday, 24th April 2009

Proper Officer
20 April 2009