

CABINET ITEM COVERING SHEET PROFORMA

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO CABINET

3rd SEPTEMBER 2009

**REPORT OF CORPORATE
MANAGEMENT TEAM**

CABINET DECISION

Children and Young People – Lead Cabinet Member – Councillor Cunningham

MYPLACE – DCSF Funded Capital Programme

1. Summary

This report will provide background information and an update of progress made on the work undertaken through the myplace youth centre capital programme, funded through the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF). The report will present the outline requirements of the funding process and demonstrate how the project plans to meet the timescales and requirements set by DCSF in this funding programme.

2. Recommendations

- (i) Cabinet to note and comment as appropriate on the development of the process to date, including the consultation programme on the concept design and to approve the proposed work schedule for the programme.
- (ii) Cabinet to agree to a delegated decision for the Chief Executive, in consultation with Lead Cabinet Member, to endorse the required Capital Delivery Plan, Business Plan, Draft Partnership Agreement and Legal Documentation for submission to DCSF.

3. Reasons for the Recommendations/Decision(s)

- (i) DCSF requires Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council to submit a detailed Capital Plan, Business Plan, Draft Partnership Agreement and Legal Documentation by 30th September 2009.

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

- 4. **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. In September 2008 Cabinet endorsed the submission of Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council's myplace application. In March 2009, DCSF announced that Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council was successful in securing £4,995, 250 to develop a new youth facility in the Tilery area of Stockton-on-Tees.
- 5. This funding is administered by Big Lottery on behalf of the DCSF. Timescales for the project are set by DCSF. In July an extension request was submitted to Big Lottery to ask for an extended time period until the 9th November 2009. This extension was rejected and a new submission date of the 30th September was issued for a detailed Capital Delivery Plan, Business Plan, Draft Partnership Agreement and Legal Documentation. Big Lottery will then

assess all plans and provide formal agreement to proceed by December 2009. Capital programmes must commence by June 2010. All projects must be completed by June 2012.

Progress Update (March – September 2009)

6. A Project Implementation Team (PIT) was established in early June 2009 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.
7. From the onset of the project young people have been involved throughout the process with the development of the capital programme, design of the building and the delivery of the services from within the centre. This work has been further enhanced through additional support provided by DCSF and the Sorrell Foundation, a charitable organisation set up in 1999 with the aim of inspiring creativity in young people and improving life through quality design. The Sorrell Foundation have provided Stockton-on-Tees with expert advice in graphic and interior design, branding, marketing and architectural design for the youth centre.
8. Subgroups within the PIT have undertaken the work necessary to develop a robust and coherent capital and business programme alongside the funding requirements as set by DCSF and Big Lottery. The four main subgroups include capital, participation and consultation, business and partnerships. All subgroups report directly to the PIT on a monthly basis.

Capital Subgroup Progress:

9. DCSF requires all projects to provide a capital delivery plan by the 30th September 2009, providing clear information on all building aspects of the project including full design information, programme for capital works, planning consent and options appraisals. The capital subgroup will be responsible for ensuring this is produced within these timescales.
10. In direct consultation with young people, architects have worked over the last four months creating 3 concept designs for the proposed myplace youth centre. This work has been undertaken in partnership with BDP – architects appointed by The Sorrell Foundation to assist Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council to create an 'iconic and world class' youth facility.
11. A series of consultation activities have taken place over a three week period in July and August to consult with young people, community groups, staffing, elected members, providers, area partnerships and the general public on the three myplace design concepts. Feedback and outcomes from all consultation events and activities has been presented to the architects who have used this information to determine the final design and layout of the myplace centre. A detailed report of this consultation will be tabled at this meeting. The result of this consultation period has shaped the exterior and interior layout of the youth facility in accordance with young people's views and proposed opinions.
12. Based on the outcomes and feedback from the various and widespread consultation, a further large scale young people event in late September will allow additional consultation on the final design of the youth centre prior to the capital plan submission deadline. The final design will then proceed forward to be worked into a detailed design plan in time for building planning application and consent.

Business Subgroup Progress:

13. As part of the funding requirements each project must produce a detailed business plan outlining the business function of the youth centre, its strategic context, the nature and exact delivery of services, resources, financial appraisal and planning, monitoring, evaluation and marketing. As with the Capital plan, the deadline is the 30th September.
14. Working alongside the youth service and youth provision review, service providers and future business opportunities, the business subgroup has focused its concentration on three key areas: delivery of services, identifying financial resources and strengthening partnership delivery.
15. This iconic youth facility will act as a main hub for the provision of both universal and targeted youth services to young people aged 11-19 years. The centre will include the following facilities: 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.
16. The centre will provide a borough wide service to young people and will link directly in to local services for young people through existing provision such as youth cafes, community centres etc. The centre will also provide staffing accommodation for the Integrated Youth Support Service who will be the main service provider in addition to a wide range of partner providers. This hub and spoke model will significantly change the current delivery of services to young people, ensuring they are delivered in a more efficient, accessible and co-ordinated approach. Travel and access to the centre will be addressed as part of the business sub group and through the youth services and youth provision review which will ensure accessibility for all young people across the borough.

Consultation and Participation Subgroup:

17. Each project must produce a draft partnership agreement providing details of the partnership arrangements in place to ensure the delivery of the targeted outcomes of the project. This work is being led through this subgroup and will be submitted to Big Lottery as required.
18. In addition to the partnership working, each project must actively demonstrate how young people have been consulted and involved through every stage of the project including the design, development, construction and management of the centre. Working in partnership with local voluntary and community sector providers, statutory providers and the Sorrell Foundation, young people across Stockton-on-Tees have been actively involved in this process. This work has included young people being involved in the design of the centre, marketing and branding of the logo, looking at interior layout, consulting with other young people and the production of a myplace website. This involvement will continue throughout the lifespan of the project and into the management of the centre.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

19. The funding awarded is a capital allocation only to create a world class youth facility. £4,999,250 has been granted and the project has not been allocated any additional capital funds. It must therefore deliver within proposed budget and timescales.
20. Revenue for the delivery of services and ongoing maintenance costs of the building will be provided through existing CESC budgets which will be identified through the Efficiency, Improvement and Transformation Review of the Youth Service and Youth Provision Review. This will be in line with the previous cabinet decision in September 2008.

Additional revenue costs are estimated at £250,000 which will need to be sourced from existing services.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

21. All legal issues within this funding process are being addressed through the Project Implementation Team and managed by Stockton-on-Tees Legal Department.

RISK ASSESSMENT

22. 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

23. 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
24. 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 project 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

25. 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

26. 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

27. A wide range of consultation exercises have taken place including a members briefing update, attendance at a members policy update meeting, consultation with all area partnership boards and Children's Trust Board, community consultation and a generic consultation events planned with invitation to all ward councillors, community groups, area partnership boards, children, young people, parents and carers.

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