

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting26th November 2009

1. Title of Item/Report

Unadopted Highways

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a progress report on unadopted highways.

In the 6 November 2008 Cabinet report, Members were advised on the legal status and responsibility for private, unadopted streets. The report gave examples of unadopted areas and some financial implications relating to the adoption of streets.

Subsequent to the report, a combination of Member and Officer knowledge led to the compilation of a list of known unadopted streets in the Borough. Officers had visited each street and made observations on the status and potential for adoption. It was noted that some progress had been made in determining their appropriateness for adoption together with comments on the legal/cost implications. The list of streets and the findings were attached to the report. Those that were indicated for adoption were recommended on the basis of nominal cost and/or where they had been identified as anomalies on public records. Those that were not recommended were in the main private driveways, where the property owners had no desire to see them adopted and/or it was not in the wider public interest.

The adopted policy would be reviewed regularly by the Head of Technical Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Transport and any representations or requests made would be given due consideration based on the previous approved recommendations.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The progress made to date as detailed in Appendix A be noted.
2. It be noted that a full schedule with findings, plans and photographs is in the Members' library for information.
3. The Head of Technical Services in consultation with the Cabinet

Member for Regeneration and Transport continues to consider the potential for adoption where it is in the interest of the public (recommendations approved in November 2008).

3. Reasons for the Decision

The recommendations make progress on some adoptions and set out the Council's position for considering further streets for adoption.

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

Not later than Midnight on Friday 4 December 2009

Proper Officer
30 November 2009