

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....17th December 2009

1. Title of Item/Report

Sustainable Construction Policy

2. Record of the Decision

Cabinet considered a report that presented a draft sustainable construction policy that sets out the framework through which Stockton Council would be able to meet the requirements of a number of national, regional and local policies that aim to achieve sustainable development. A copy of the draft report was provided for Members' consideration.

It was a policy that would be applicable to all new build commissioned on behalf of the Council as well as major refurbishment schemes, extensions to existing buildings, highway construction and maintenance as well as significant civil engineering projects.

The delivery of the policy would be achieved by adopting a range of design criteria such as the Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM) and the Design Quality Indicator approach.

Implementation of the policy would see a significant contribution towards reducing the Council's carbon footprint and meeting our climate change obligations both in terms of mitigation and adaptation.

The policy would be applicable to:-

- All new build commissioned by or on behalf of the council;
- All major refurbishment of buildings owned by the council;
- Extensions to buildings owned by the council with a value of £500,000 or above;
- Highway constructions and maintenance schemes;
- Significant civil engineering projects;

Cabinet noted that it was proposed that the policy be applied to all new projects that met the above criteria from 1 April 2010.

Monitoring the outcomes from the policy would be through a series of indicators that were already in place, eg National Indicator 185 CO2 emissions from Council operations as well as some new measures, eg the percentage of material recycled from construction sites.

RESOLVED that:-

1. the draft sustainable construction policy be adopted as a delivery mechanism to achieve sustainable development in construction schemes delivered on behalf of the Council.
2. Performance against the policy be subject to annual reporting.
3. the policy be applicable to projects commissioned from 1 April 2010.

3. Reasons for the Decision

1. The sustainable construction policy would provide consistency of approach in the delivery of construction projects delivered for and by the Council.
2. The policy would align the Council with the policy principles within the Local Development Framework and policies that would be developed under that.
3. It provides a position of leadership to the community and sets a standard against which other developments can be measured.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

Not later than Midnight on Tuesday, 29th December 2009

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 Tuesday, 29th December 2009

Proper Officer  
21 December 2009