

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting11th March 2010

1. Title of Item/Report

Tees Heritage Park

2. Record of the Decision

Cabinet was invited to lend its support to Phase project proposals for the development of a Tees Heritage within the Borough. This followed evidence of strong local community support for the development of such a park, with the concept now firmly embedded within the Borough's Local Development Framework Core Strategy and draft Green Infrastructure Strategy.

Through the Stockton River Corridors Project and the River Users Group, and in liaison with the Friends of Tees Heritage Park, Phase 1 project proposals for the Heritage Park had been developed. These proposals included a series of projects to improve public access, create attractive 'gateway features' and 'rest areas', and interpret the landscape and heritage of the park. These projects would be delivered largely on Council-owned sites which comprise a 'core area' within the wider park boundary. These include existing greenspaces such as Preston Park, Black Bobbies Field, The Holmes, Bassleton Wood, Bassleton Beck / Thornaby Woods and land adjacent to Queen Elizabeth Way.

With the support of Stockton Borough Council and Groundwork North East, the Friends of Tees Heritage Park had submitted a funding application to the BIG Lottery Community Spaces Programme, seeking a 'Flagship Grant' of £450,000 to fund delivery of these projects. The outcome of this funding application would be known in April 2010. If successful, the grant would be paid to Groundwork North East, who in turn would be responsible for delivering the projects between June 2010 and October 2011, with a high level of local community involvement.

RESOLVED that:-

1.Cabinet notes and supports the Phase 1 project proposals for the Tees Heritage Park and the funding application to the BIG Lottery Community Spaces programme.

2. Delegated authority be given to the Principal Solicitor, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Arts, Leisure and Culture, to enter into any legal agreements required to ensure successful delivery of the Phase 1 project proposals outlined in the report.

3. Subject to funding and further local consultation the Phase 1 project proposals for the Heritage Park be implemented.

4. Plans be developed for future phases of the Heritage Park and these be brought to Cabinet for consideration at a later stage, as and when funding was identified.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To ensure that should funding be secured through the BIG Lottery, the project partners are in a position to deliver the Phase 1 project proposals for the Tees Heritage Park as outlined in this report, subject to local consultation on individual schemes where required.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Not later than Midnight on Friday, 19th March 2010

Proper Officer
15 March 2010