

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting11th March 2010

1. Title of Item/Report

Leaders and Elected Mayors Board

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to proposals for establishing a Leaders' Board under the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 ("the Act") for the purpose of exercising the functions prescribed in the Act regarding the preparation and revision of the regional strategy for the North East. Subject to this, Cabinet was also invited to confirm the Leader of the Council, and his nominated substitute, as the Authority's representatives on the Board and recommend to Council that it agrees to the Leader and his nominated representative having the necessary decision-making powers relating to the aforementioned functions.

The Act gave participating authorities a key role in the development, implementation and monitoring of the strategy, working in tandem with the regional development agency. This role was to be undertaken in a number of ways, but importantly through the establishment of a Leaders' and Elected Mayors' Board ("the Board") for the North East region, which would be one of two "Responsible Regional Authorities", along with ONE North East. The "participating authorities", which in the North East's case were the 12 unitary authorities in the region, plus the Northumberland National Park Authority, must prepare a scheme setting out how they intend the Board to work, consult on it and submit it to the Secretary of State for approval. The Association of North East Councils (ANEC) had, in consultation with each of the 12 unitary authorities in the region, prepared a draft scheme for a leaders Board for the North East, a copy of which was submitted.

RESOLVED that:-

- 1.The proposals for establishing a Leaders and Elected Mayors Board for the North East region be approved;
- 2.The Leader of the Council be confirmed as the Authority's representative on the Board;

3.The Leader’s nominated representative on the Board be Councillor Bob Cook.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL that-

4.The Leader and his nominated representative be granted all necessary decision-making powers on behalf of the Authority regarding the functions prescribed in the Act in relation to the preparation and revision of the regional strategy for the North East; and that

5.Subject to this, the Constitution be amended accordingly.

3. Reasons for the Decision

1.To ensure that Members are aware of and agree with the proposals for establishing a Leaders’ Board for the North East.

2.The Council’s principal representative on the proposed Board needs to be confirmed.

3.Similarly, the Leader’s nominated substitute for the Board has to be approved.

4.To ensure that the Leader and his nominated representative have the necessary authority to make decisions on behalf of the Council in relation to the preparation and revision of the regional strategy for the North East.

5.This recognises that the Constitution will need to be amended to reflect the decision-making powers granted to the Leader and his nominated representative.

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

In respect of Resolutions 1-3 only, by not later than Midnight on Friday,
19th March 2010

Proper Officer
15 March 2010