

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....18th March 2010

1. Title of Item/Report

LAA Refresh - 2010/2011

2. Record of the Decision

Stockton's Local Area Agreement had been in place since June 2008 and covered the period April 2008 to March 2011. Cabinet was provided with an update on the review process for 2010/11 which also identified the targets where proposed changes were required.

In accordance with Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) guidance, the following areas have been identified for inclusion in the review for 2010/11, the final year of this agreement:

- Economic Indicators. NI 151 – Overall Employment Rate, NI 153 – Working Age People on out of work benefits.
- Deferred Indicators from 2009/10. NI 117, NEET's (not in Education Employment or Training).
- Removal from Reward Element of LAA – NI 112, Under 18 conception rate.

The renegotiation of these measures, which was still ongoing with the Government Office for the North East (GONE), was in line with the target negotiation briefs published by DCLG for use in the renegotiation process. Target negotiation briefs suggested that for the economic related measures relative targets were proposed and these would be subject to ministerial approval. In line with the guidance, the NEETs target would be approved by GONE. The removal of the Teenage Conceptions target from reward would also be approved by GONE. Details of the proposals were submitted to Cabinet.

It was noted that there were a number of other targets within the LAA that the Council would have preferred to include as part of the negotiation process; however these were not permitted in accordance with the DCLG guidelines. The Council's renegotiation submission to Government Office, as well as the measures detailed above, would include NI 109 - The number of Sure Start Centres. This was to reaffirm our continued

commitment to the delivery of full coverage of services through 11 centres rather than the target of 13 centres as originally agreed.

The timeline for approval of the revised targets was as follows:

- January / February - LAA Renegotiation discussions between GO's and Local Authorities
- March 2nd Renaissance Board received progress update.
- March 18th Cabinet receive proposals
- March 31st – LAA's receive ministerial approval.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The report be noted.

2. Cabinet approve the proposed changes to targets in the LAA for 2010/11 as detailed in Appendix 1 of the submitted report.

3. Reasons for the Decision

Discussions are still ongoing with Government Office on the target negotiations.

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, 26TH March 2010

Proper Officer  
22 March 2010