

**New Executive Arrangements**

**Consultation**

**1. Initial Consultation**

- 1.1 Details about the two executive models were provided at information points in key council buildings such as receptions and libraries.
- 1.2 Information was placed on the Council's website, and in the Council's employee Newsletter Keeping you in Touch and also in Stockton News which is delivered to all households in the Borough.
- 1.3 A question about new executive arrangements was included in the Council's Viewpoint Residents Panel Survey and interested parties were consulted through existing formal mechanisms, such as the Local Strategic Partnership, the Disability Action Group and the Black Minority Ethnic Group. Social networking media was also utilised as part of the consultation process.
- 1.4 The consultation programme ran from 9 September 2009 to 9 October 2009.
- 1.5 Details regarding the initial consultation and the outcomes are set out at the **Annex**

**2. Further Consultation**

- 2.1 Information regarding the two executive models was provided to all registered local government electors, who were asked to complete and return a consultation slip, in a prepaid envelope, confirming which of the executive models they would prefer to see introduced by the Council.
- 2.2 Details about the consultation, and the supporting information were placed on the Council's website. An article was published in Stockton News (July/August 2010 edition) and a press release was issued 8 July 2010.
- 2.3 The consultation ran from 7 July to 29 July 2010.
- 2.4 By the deadline 26069 consultation reply slips had been returned. This represented a turnout of 18.47% (electorate 141,164). The breakdown of responses was as follows:-

13445 in favour of a Council Leader and Cabinet

12513 in favour of a Directly Elected Mayor and Cabinet

111 void for uncertainty