

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting16th December 2010

1. Title of Item/Report

EIT Review of Procurement & Commissioning

2. Record of the Decision

Cabinet considered an Efficiency Improvement and Transformation Review relating to the Council's Procurement and Commissioning review. It was explained that the scrutiny of this review had been undertaken by the Executive Scrutiny Committee.

At an early stage the review identified a centralised approach to category management procurement for Stockton. This was accepted by Executive Scrutiny with a request for a further report to detail how this principle would be practically implemented. In undertaking this consideration due regard was given to the current circumstances facing local authorities and their public sector partners. In particular the impact of future budget reductions and organisational change. It was therefore decided that a phased approach to implementation was the most sensible solution, thus ensuring officer resource capacity was not overstretched. A schedule detailing suggested phasing was provided and Members noted the rationale associated with that phasing.

Cabinet was provided with brief details of how the centralised approach would operate for Corporate categories and for Service categories and how performance would be monitored.

Members noted that the level of management information to support category management was not of the level required. To improve the collection and analysis of this information and market intelligence, it was intended to provide a post within the Corporate Procurement Unit that would undertake this task, and support the Category Lead in the Service categories. An officer currently in the Performance Management Unit of Resources Service would move to this spend analysis role for future Service category assessments.

RESOLVED that the proposed centralised approach to Category Management in Procurement be adopted.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To produce efficiencies and improvement in the delivery of the Procurement function.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

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

Midnight on Friday 24 December 2010

Proper Officer
20 December 2010