

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting14th July 2011

1. Title of Item/Report

Stockton Town Centre Progress Report

2. Record of the Decision

Cabinet considered a report that provided an update on progress on development and schemes in Stockton town centre including the launch and subsequent consultation for the Stockton Town Centre Prospectus.

Members noted that since the last report to Cabinet on Stockton Town Centre there had been several positive developments in the form of new retailers, businesses and investment.

Despite these recent, positive developments, Stockton town centre had witnessed a gradual decline over recent years, in line with national retail trends.

In an attempt to reverse this trend a Town Centre Prospectus had been produced, which detailed a number of proposed projects and developments across the town centre, building on principles set out in the Stockton Town Centre Urban Design Guide. The prospectus would promote the town centre and generate confidence and interest in the development of the town. Members noted that the prospectus could be viewed on the Council's web site.

Members were provided with details of the consultation that had been undertaken on the Prospectus.

Cabinet noted the main comments and findings of the consultation, covering the following areas:-

Car Parking
Markets
Events Space
Public Transport
Public Realm
Heritage

Cabinet also noted a range of other comments made during consultation, not necessarily relating to the areas listed above. A schedule of future consultation had been developed to ensure comprehensive feedback on the findings of the consultation.

Members noted some proposed 'quick win' schemes across the town centre including:

- Lighting enhancements on the Riverside.
- Painting of street furniture, bollards, guard rails and benches
- Tree grills to be removed/replaced
- Shambles and Town Hall to be repainted.

It was explained that in advance of a further report outlining the overall expenditure profile and funding plan, there was a requirement to commence infrastructure work in pursuit of the Town Centre prospectus and masterplan. Members noted that the finance update report to be considered later on this meetings agenda recommended the Council earmarks £2m of one off funding to support the initiative with any expenditure from the budget delegated to Corporate Director of Development and Neighbourhood Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Transport.

RESOLVED that

1. developments within Stockton town centre be noted.
2. the findings of consultation on Stockton Town Centre Prospectus be noted.
3. the recommendations within the finance report be noted.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To enable the progress on proposals for the regeneration of Stockton town centre to continue to develop.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Mrs McCoy declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in the item entitled Stockton Town Centre Progress Report as she was a

member of Shopmobility which was referred to in the report.

6. Details of any Dispensations

Not applicable

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

Not later than Midnight on Friday 22 July 2011

Proper Officer
18 July 2011