

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting1st December 2011

1. Title of Item/Report

Efficiency, Improvement and Transformation Review of Care for Your Area

2. Record of the Decision

Cabinet considered a report that presented the findings of the Environment Select Committee following the EIT review of Care for Your Area (CFYA).

Members noted that the review had examined a variety of services that were delivered by CFYA across the borough to ensure the environment was clean, safe and well maintained. Those included refuse collection and kerbside recycling, vehicle maintenance, grounds maintenance/horticulture/urban parks, and street cleansing. Cabinet was informed that the recommendations identified a number of efficiencies and savings that could be achieved through operational structures which would have a minimum impact on front-line delivery, and thereby ensure that both service performance and customer satisfaction levels remained high. The recommendations also requested officers undertake further work with depot relocation and workshops that could lead to future savings.

Cabinet noted that subject to consideration by Cabinet, an action plan would be submitted to the Select Committee setting out how approved recommendations would be implemented, detailing officers responsible for action and timescales.

RESOLVED that

1. That the following efficiencies (minimising the impact on front line service delivery) be implemented:
 - Management/Supervision - undertake a review of management and supervision structures where recent staffing changes have taken place, e.g. Countryside Parks, Markets
 - Round Reconfiguration - reconfigure refuse and recycling rounds where known efficiencies can be made without disruption to collection day
 - Parks Improvement Fund - reduce budgets by £100,000

- Reduce supplies and services budgets (across all services) by £100,000
- Street Cleansing / Grounds Maintenance - As part of ongoing discussions with TU partners, service condition changes to be agreed and implemented. Expressions of interest to be formally sought from those employees who may be unable to adapt to changes for a potential ER/VR scheme
- Income from recyclable material - Increase income targets from the sale of recycling materials by £230,000

2. That the feasibility of acquiring land or existing Council-owned land suitable to house the entire service at one depot location be explored.

3. That the feasibility of partnership working and alternative delivery models be explored to deliver 24/7 workshop support service to a range of internal and external customers, including other local authorities.

4. That Officers examine the details of the newly announced Weekly Collections Support Scheme to identify whether Stockton would be eligible for any funding under the scheme.

3. Reasons for the Decision

As part of the Council's EIT Programme, the Committee has undertaken the review with the aim of identifying options for future strategy, policy and service provision that will deliver efficiency savings while sustaining/improving high quality outcomes for SBC residents.

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 Monday 12 December 2011

Proper Officer
06 July 2011