

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting9th February 2012

1. Title of Item/Report

Tees Valley Transport Schemes

2. Record of the Decision

Members considered an update report relating to Tees Valley Transport Schemes.

Members noted the progress with regard to the Tees Valley Bus Network Improvements and Tees Valley Metro projects.

It was explained that within the Tees Valley Metro scheme the Council continued to prioritise the need to bring forward improvements at Allens West, Billingham and Stockton stations and, in particular, Billingham, where a series of environmental improvements had been specifically identified. The lack of disabled access to Billingham station remained a concern and officers continued to work with Network Rail and Northern Rail to look at appropriate long term solutions. Members felt that this issue was a priority and it was agreed that the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Transport should write to Network Rail setting out the Council's position. It was also agreed that the issue be raised at the relevant Area Transport Group, with a request that it be included within its Transport Plan, as a priority.

Members were also provide with an update on improvements to Thornaby and Eaglescliffe stations and noted progress against the Area Action Plan that had been developed for the trunk road network in the Tees Valley, in partnership with the Highways Agency.

RESOLVED that the report be noted and the actions described above, relating to disabled access at Billingham Station, be undertaken.

3. Reasons for the Decision

Improvements to the public transport infrastructure are central to the delivery of key elements of the local transport plan and will make significant changes to the mode of travel available to the community.

The Tees Valley Bus Network Improvements are intended to not only halt the decline in bus patronage but to make positive changes to the way in which people travel to and from work and access services and facilities.

The Tees Valley Metro scheme will deliver improved facilities on the existing heavy rail network and pave the way for future improvements in frequency and quality. Again this will make positive changes to the way in which people travel to and from work and access services and facilities.

Central to these projects will be an improvement in the quality of the public transport services offered in the Tees Valley which will be measurable through the satisfaction level of passengers. Consultation programmes and publicity campaigns will raise the profile of public transport in the area and encourage modal shift towards more sustainable transport.

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 17 February 2012

Proper Officer
13 February 2012