

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....11th July 2012

1. Title of Item/Report

'Troubled Families' Programme - Delivery Proposals

2. Record of the Decision

Members considered a report that sought approval to a proposed agreement with the Children and Young People's Consortium facilitated by Catalyst in relation to the funding and delivery of the Government's 'Troubled Families' programme in Stockton on Tees.

Cabinet was reminded that, at its meeting of 17 May 2012, it had approved the overall approach to delivering the 'Troubled Families' programme in Stockton. Since that meeting appropriate contract arrangements had been made with Tees Valley Housing Association (TVHA) to extend and expand the Family Intervention Project which they deliver on behalf of the Council.

Further discussions had also taken place with third sector organisations, including Catalyst, about their potential roles in programme delivery, and agreement had been reached to recommend working with the third sector via the Children & Young People's Consortium which was facilitated by Catalyst and had 22 local community and voluntary organisations in membership, with an established governance structure through the Consortium Board.

Members noted the merits of this approach in terms of expertise, consistency, co operation and efficiency.

It was proposed to invest up to £300,000 in the Consortium approach over the initial programme period (i.e. up to March 2015), and to make 5% of this funding subject to satisfactory delivery of the overall programme, at the level of at least 50% success (as defined by the CLG criteria), in line with the agreed financial model. It was explained that it would be an explicit principle of any agreement with the Consortium that both the Consortium itself and the appropriate Consortium member organisations were all fully signed up to maximising the impact and benefits of the programme for the families and for the wider communities across the Borough, and to recording and providing all the data needed

to support the Payment by Results claims process and to support the Council's position in relation to audit of the programme. Furthermore, it was proposed to set up the arrangement as an initial 12 month agreement, with options to extend subject to satisfactory performance (in line with the existing arrangement with TVHA).

In relation to allocation of cases between TVHA and the Consortium, it was intended that the more complex and demanding cases were allocated to TVHA, in view of their particular expertise and track record in family intervention, and that other cases were allocated via the Consortium. It was recognised that in some cases organisations in membership of the Consortium had an established presence in particular communities and that this was likely to have a bearing on case allocation to and within the Consortium.

It was noted that cases could be allocated from early October 2012.

RESOLVED that:

1. the principle of entering into a funding agreement with the Children & Young People's Consortium to assist with the delivery of the 'Troubled Families' programme in Stockton-on-Tees, up to a value of £300,000 during the period up to the end of March 2015 be approved

2. the Head of Community Protection, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, be authorised to finalise the details of the agreement.

3. Reasons for the Decision

1. To make use of third sector expertise, to support the Consortium's approach and to achieve greater efficiency and speed in the process.

2. To move to full programme delivery as quickly as possible, in order to maximise the benefits of the programme within the Government's time limits

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillors Coleman and Rose declared personal non prejudicial interests in the item entitled Troubled Families Programme as they served on the Catalyst Board.

Councillor Beall declared a personal prejudicial interest in the item entitled troubled Families Programme as he was Chairman of the East Ravens Trust Board. Councillor Beall left the meeting room prior to any debate or voting on this item.

6. Details of any Dispensations

Not applicable

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

Midnight on Friday 20 July 2012.

Proper Officer  
16 July 2012