

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting6th September 2012

1. Title of Item/Report

Review of Membership to Outside Bodies

2. Record of the Decision

Members considered a report that presented the findings of the Corporate and Social Inclusion Select Committee following the review of Outside Bodies.

It was explained that a request was made to Stockton Council's Executive Scrutiny to consider including a Task and Finish review of the LGA benefits as part of the Scrutiny Work Programme. The full Corporate and Social Inclusion Select Committee undertook this task looking also at other outside bodies to which the Council subscribed, examining value for money and the benefits of membership for Stockton Council.

Members had examined financial elements of membership of relevant bodies and received evidence from officers and members about perceived strengths and weaknesses of such membership to determine a view for the Council's continued involvement.

RESOLVED that:-

1. Stockton Council maintain its membership to the six outside bodies scoped in this review.
2. Stockton Council continues to use the system of a rolling notice for membership to the LGA and that the Chief Executive write informing the LGA annually.
3. Specific criteria be developed and applied to determine the membership of all outside bodies and professional organisations.
4. Negotiations with ANEC are undertaken to address value for money concerns of the Committee.
5. A review of the management and effectiveness of NEPO activity be pursued by appropriate officers of this Council.

6. Improvement to the circulation and sharing of information and learning from membership to outside bodies be developed utilising all available resources such as the Council's Intranet.

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 would deliver efficiency savings whilst sustaining/improving quality outcomes for Stockton residents

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Cook and Beall declared personal interests in the item entitled Review of Membership to Outside Bodies, as they were members of the Association of North East Councils

Councillor Mrs McCoy declared a personal interest in the item entitled Review of Membership to Outside Bodies, as she was a member of the North East Regional Employers Organisation

Councillor Harrington declared a declared a personal interest in the item entitled Review of Membership to Outside Bodies, as he was a member of the North East Purchasing Organisation.

6. Details of any Dispensations

Not applicable

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

Midnight on Friday 14 September 2012

Proper Officer
10 September 2012