

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting16th May 2013

1. Title of Item/Report

Employability - The Way Forward

2. Record of the Decision

Cabinet was provided with a report relating that provided details of the final evaluation of the Stockton Communities Fund. The report also provided an account of the way forward..

Members noted the some of the many achievements of the Community Fund delivered between April 2009 and March 2012.

Cabinet was reminded that it had agreed that should any surplus monies become available priority should go towards tackling the growth in youth unemployment and that the Council and its partners would still continue to source other streams of funding to help and support residents in to sustainable employment.

Members were provided with details of current activities and future priorities for the employability agenda, moving forward. These included:

- Stockton Youth Employment Initiative (based on the success of the Future Jobs Fund).
- Flexible Support Fund
- Enterprise Culture Project
- 14 – 19 Partnership
- The Creative Employment Programme
- Stockton Employability Consortium

Members highlighted the impact and success that this local authority led employability initiative had had within a particularly difficult economic climate and suggested that this approach be highlighted to the Secretary of State for Employment as a more beneficial approach than deployment of national companies/businesses to take such a lead.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The great success and accomplishments of some of the initiatives

that have taken place in Stockton to tackle unemployment, increase skills and improve the entrepreneurial culture, notably the Communities Fund, Future Jobs Fund and Stockton Youth Employment Initiative, be noted.

2. The Secretary of State for Employment be advised of the success and advantages that this local authority led initiative had over other alternative approaches such as the deployment of national companies/businesses.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To evaluate, present and evidence the economic conditions prevalent within Stockton and provide an improved understanding of the local economic situation(s) and how an inter-connected set of factors influence each other, from which we can develop services and targeted interventions.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

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

Midnight on Friday, 24 May 2013

Proper Officer
20 May 2013