

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting11th July 2013

1. Title of Item/Report

Major Transport Scheme Funding Devolution

2. Record of the Decision

Cabinet had previously considered a report on major transport scheme funding devolution in October 2012 which highlighted the Government's intention to devolve funding to LEPs in the spending period 2015-19. Cabinet noted the content of the report and the purpose of this report was to provide an update on the process to date and the emerging priorities that had been identified for the Tees Valley's allocation of funding.

Members were presented with an addendum report that outlined that in addition to the devolution agenda on major transport schemes the Department for Transport was running a parallel devolution agenda for rail services in the North of England. Cabinet considered a report on 7 March 2013 which provided an update on the process of rail devolution and a context regarding the North East of England. The rail devolution agenda was being led by Leeds, Manchester and South Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authorities however all other Northern Local Authorities from Derbyshire and Shropshire to the Scottish Border were involved and were key stakeholders. An organisation had been formed by the three major city areas called Rail North and this was previously known as Rail in the North of England (RiNE).

In parallel with governance work Rail North had developed a draft long term rail strategy for the North of England and reference was made to this in the March Cabinet report. An executive summary of this work was attached to the addendum.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The content of the report including the scheme prioritisation as detailed in Appendix 2 be noted.
2. The contents of the addendum report be noted.
3. It be noted the Council's input to the Rail Devolution agenda was

previously delegated to the Head of Technical Services in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Transport. Dialogue through the TVU and ANEC structures would continue on that basis of delegation and regular appropriate updates will be brought to Cabinet.

3. Reasons for the Decision

The devolution of major scheme funding was proceeding and would be delegated to the Tees Valley LEP. The scheme prioritisation and assurance framework had been developed and was proposed to be adopted by the new local transport Board which would sit within the TVU Governance. As the scheme prioritisation list had an impact on transport infrastructure within the Borough Cabinet were being provided with this update and an opportunity to comment and input to the process.

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, 19th July 2013

Proper Officer
15 July 2013