

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting15th January 2015

1. Title of Item/Report

Disability Advisory Group (DAG) Report

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on the work undertaken by the Disability Advisory Group (DAG). The DAG had been in operation since 2006 and had during this time supported the Council to improve services for people with a range of disabilities. In the past year there had been a number of key projects across the Borough that the DAG had been supporting and the report detailed this activity. The agenda for the DAG meetings was informed by issues DAG members raised themselves, scrutiny agendas and potential service and policy changes.

With regard to future activity the SBC website developer would be attending the next DAG meeting in January 2015 to ensure that the new website was DDA compliant and accessible for people with differing disabilities.

Members of the DAG were working with Libraries and Customer Services to ensure that services and facilities at the new building in Billingham were accessible to disabled residents and were offering orientation sessions in January 2015 to those who required them.

The DAG would continue to support the undertaking of the Equality Impact Assessments (EIA) that support relevant consultation activity around changes to policies and services.

They were exploring opportunities for DAG members to further support the DDA (Disability Discrimination Act 1995 & 2005) access audits from a disabled community perspective with the relevant council officers.

They were also looking at how feasible it is for DAG members to support the delivery of some training programmes for staff in partnership with relevant council officers as testimony from those who were experiencing an issue can be very powerful, this approach had worked in other locations.

They were continuing to develop stronger partnerships and links with other local, regional and national disability forums, networks and groups.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The report and the work undertaken by the DAG be noted.
2. The information be shared through SGMT's about the role and purpose of DAG to ensure they are involved at the start of future consultations/ policy changes.

3. Reasons for the Decision

It was agreed by CMT to highlight to Cabinet the work which is being carried out by the Disability Advisory Group (DAG).

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, 23rd January 2015

Proper Officer
19 January 2015