Appendix 2 - Policy and Legislative Changes informing council plan priorities/ actions for 2015/18

Policy & Legislative changes		Council Plan Outcome	Council Plan 2014/17 Key objective
(Identify any new or emerging policy / legislative changes that will need reflecting in the Council Plan for 2015-18)		(Identify the Council Plan 2014-17 outcome that the policy might sit under)	(Identify any key objectives/actions in the 2014/17 Council Plan that might wholly or partially support delivery of the policy)
Economic Regeneration & Transport	Infrastructure Bill Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Bill	Stockton on Tees at the heart of a vibrant and economically successful Tees Valley, providing real opportunity for residents.	Deliver key infrastructure including enhancing the transport work  Improve economic prosperity for residents across the borough  Improve economic prosperity for new and existing businesses across the borough  Create a culture that encourages and sustains enterprise and start-up businesses
Environment & Housing	Statutory guidance on social housing allocations for local authorities in England 2013  Energy Act 2013  The Town and Country Planning Order (General Permitted Development) 2014	A clean, green Stockton on Tees with appropriate housing provision	Address the housing requirements of the borough  Develop and deliver the council's Green Vision
Community Safety	Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014  Offender Rehabilitation Act 2014  Serious Crime Bill	A safer Stockton on Tees	Reduce crime and the fear of crime Support the development of effective probation services
Children and Young People	Basic need funding for new school places - continuing investment to deliver more school	Life chances are improved for children and young people, particularly those whose circumstances make	Improve educational performance of all children and young people across the borough.

	places. –update school investment plans	them vulnerable to poor outcomes	
	Academies and Free Schools – helping more schools to become academies and more Free Schools to open.		Improve economic activity for Young People (ERT)
	GCSE and A Level reform - further reforms to GCSEs and A Levels to raise standards in schools and prepare school pupils for employment.		Support young people to make a successful transition into adulthood.
	Apprenticeship reforms - increasing the total number of apprenticeship places to two million by the end of the Parliament.		Ensure effective early years support for children and families.
	Universal Infant Free School Meals - all infants to receive a free school meal.		
	Childcare Payments Bill - new scheme to support working families by giving support equivalent to basic rate tax relief on money spent on childcare, up to a maximum of £2,000 a year for each child.		
Health and	National Service Specification for School Nursing		
Wellbeing	Broadening of the Troubled Families Agenda		

Strong Communities	Nil	Nil	Nil
Adults	Stronger focus on integration across social care and health – e.g Better Care Fund; Digital Health Care; Multi-Disciplinary working.  Mental Capacity Act (Supreme Court Judgement) – impact on Deprivation of Liberty safeguards.  Care Act 2014  Better Care Fund	Enhanced quality of life for people with care and support needs	Deliver early intervention services to maximize independence.  Ensure safe arrangements for protecting adults at risk of abuse or neglect.
	John Gard Faria		Develop a sustainable events programme that contributes to social and economic improvement s
Arts, Leisure and Culture	CMS Select Committee Report from Arts Council	High quality affordable cultural and leisure experiences for people to experience and be inspired by	Support all sectors to secure enjoyment learning and achievement through sport and active leisure.
	NI Contributions Bill		
	Pension Tax & Private Pensions Bill	A customer focussed council that is fair effective efficient and resilient.	Deliver a balanced and sustainable Medium Term Financial Plan that delivers value for money
Organisational and Operational Effectiveness	Autumn Statement- Spending Review (post-election)-		
	Devolution	A customer focussed council that is fair effective efficient and resilient.	Ensure strong corporate and ethical governance
	Local Government Transparency Regulations		

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