

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting14th January 2016

1. Title of Item/Report

Environment Policy

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on Environment Policy.

Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council was committed to environmental improvement and sustainability, demonstrated by significant performance in areas such as carbon reduction, waste management, energy efficiency and green infrastructure. Sustainability features heavily in many of the plans and strategies, such as Social Value Policy, in order to ensure the highest standards when delivering projects and services. Despite policies in previous years the Council did not have an adopted Environment Policy statement in place under which the adopted strategies, plans and processes should sit. The policy revised, and brought together, the priorities under environment and sustainability.

The policy provided the framework for the actions across the organisation to improve environmental performance, the guiding principles and objectives for decisions, and would steer the work of the organisation on a number of key priorities. An Environment Policy allowed the Council to evidence the actions being delivered to improve the environment, demonstrates a public commitment to the wider environment and set the standard to partners and contractors in placing environmental performance at the heart of service delivery. A range of services across the Council had contributed to its development through consultation before review by the Policy Officers Group.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The report and the rationale for a new Environment Policy be noted.

2. The Environment Policy be approved.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To ensure Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council has an adopted framework for our actions across the organisation to improve environmental performance. It will provide the guiding principles and objectives for our environmental decisions, operations and plans, and strengthens the ability to maintain good environmental performance from contractors, suppliers and partner organisations.

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 22nd January 2016.

Proper Officer
18 January 2016