

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting11th February 2016

1. Title of Item/Report

A Brighter Borough for All

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that presented the refreshed framework for tackling household poverty. The original Brighter Borough for All framework was developed in 2013 as part of the review of the Local Strategic Partnership and in response to a statutory requirement for a Child Poverty Strategy. The framework focussed particularly on families which included children. As a result of implemented and proposed changes under the national welfare reform policy and work undertaken locally to understand impact and needs, the Brighter Borough for All framework had been updated to include the wider range of people potentially at risk of poverty.

The original key objectives of 'Giving Every Child the Best Start in Life' and 'Maximising Family Income' had been retained, with the latter being amended to 'Maximising household income.' An additional objective of 'Maximising access to support for groups such as the under 35 years with no children, crisis or particular health need who find themselves experiencing poverty'.

The Locality Forums and relevant thematic partnerships had been developing action plans and activity aimed at addressing the key objectives and the outcomes were fed back at the annual Stockton Strategic Partnership business event. The 2016 annual business event was scheduled for 1st March.

The long-awaited national strategy update and performance measures from Central Government had not materialised although they had announced their intention of producing a Life Chances Strategy and indicated the sort of performance indicators they were considering using to measure success. This had been factored in to the refreshed framework.

Following approval of the revised framework it was proposed that the refreshed objectives and measures be formally 'launched' at the 2016

annual business event on 1st March 2016. The Locality Forums would use the revised framework to shape their 2016-17 action plans and the locality profiles produced in 2013 would be updated to help inform prioritisation.

RESOLVED that the refreshed Brighter Borough for All Framework be agreed.

3. Reasons for the Decision

There is no longer a statutory requirement to have a local strategic partnership or a Sustainable Community Strategy. The report and recommendations take account of this and that there are some elements within the LSP infrastructure that remain statutorily required. The recommendations are also based on changes to the LSP infrastructure that take account of feedback from Members, officers and key stakeholders about the on-going need for some elements of the infrastructure and proposals to build on what has worked well.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None.

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Mrs McCoy declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 4 - Stockton Strategic Partnership - Brighter Borough for All as she was a member of Billingham Town Council.

Councillor Nelson declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 4 - Stockton Strategic Partnership - Brighter Borough for All as he was a member of the Central Locality Forum.

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

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

Midnight, 19 February 2016.

Proper Officer
15 February 2016