

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting11th February 2016

1. Title of Item/Report

Council Plan

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that presented a draft Council Plan for 2016-19, prior to it being submitted to Council for approval. A copy of the plan was attached to the report.

The Council Plan set out the overall ambitions and priorities of the Council and described the key outcomes, objectives and activities. It also identified the key performance indicators to be used to challenge and monitor progress. It aimed to provide clarity and focus for Councillors, managers, staff, members of the public and partners about the Council's ambitions and direction of travel.

The contents of the Council Plan 2016-19 was as follows:-

Foreword – joint statement from the Leader and Chief Executive
Section 1 – Vision, policy principles and culture
Section 2 – Context and background
Section 3 – Resources
Section 4 - Outcomes, objectives and activities
Section 5 – Key performance indicators
Section 6 - Outcomes, objectives and activities (by policy principle)

The final version of the plan would include, at Section 5, targets for the key performance indicators. Targets were being considered using the latest available outturn data and, where available, revised targets were included in the plan. However, for some indicators where year-end data was required, Cabinet recommended to Council that delegated authority, for the agreement of targets for key performance indicators, be given to the Director of Finance & Business Services, in consultation with the Leader of the Council.

Discussion sessions had been organised for the 10 and 11 February 2016, for elected members to discuss the Council Plan 2016-19 alongside the medium term financial plan arrangements.

Further work target setting for key performance indicators continued as year-end data becomes available.

A summary version of the Council Plan 2016-19 would be developed following approval of the full version of the plan.

Both the full and summary version of the Council Plan 2016-19 would be published on the Council's website following approval by Council in March 2016.

RECOMMENDED to Council that:-

1. The draft Council Plan be endorsed and approved.

2. Delegated authority be given, for the agreement of targets for key performance indicators, to the Director of Finance & Business Services, in consultation with the Leader of the Council.

3. Reasons for the Decision

The Council Plan is one of the key policy documents within the Council's Constitution and sets out the ambition, values and direction of travel for the Council within the resources available to it.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None.

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Cooke declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 15 – Council Plan 2016 - 19 as he was on the Board of Tees Music Alliance.

Councillor Nelson declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 15 – Council Plan 2016 - 19 as he was on Tristar Board and Catalyst.

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

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

N/A

Proper Officer
15 February 2016