

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting12th October 2017

1. Title of Item/Report

Proposed Merger of Teesside and Hartlepool Coroner Areas

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on the proposed merger of the Teesside and Hartlepool Coroner areas.

An addendum to the business case had been prepared by Middlesbrough as lead authority, which amended some of the recommendations contained in the main business case previously submitted to the Ministry of Justice ("MOJ") in September 2014.

The addendum to the business case would be taken through the relevant decision-making processes of each authority.

The addendum to the business case and the formal decisions from the relevant local authorities would be forwarded to the MoJ.

The MoJ were responsible for deciding whether or not to progress a merger. The local authorities cannot progress any course of action until the MoJ confirm the actions they intended to take.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The submission to the Ministry of Justice of the addendum to the Business Case set out Appendix 1 of the report be agreed.
2. Further revisions to the Business Case and its addendum, which do not fundamentally alter the direction proposed be delegated to the Director of Finance and Business Services and the Director of HR, Legal and Communications in consultation with the Leader of the Council.
3. The Director of HR, Legal and Communications be authorised to undertake all necessary steps required to progress the merger of the Coroner areas in accordance with the directions of the Chief Coroner, Lord Chancellor and/or Ministry of Justice.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To ensure that appropriate decisions are taken regarding the future direction of the Coroner's service, and that the interests of the local authorities and their communities in that respect are satisfactorily protected.

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, 20 October 2017

Proper Officer
16 October 2017