

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....15th February 2018

1. Title of Item/Report

Stockton Riverside College Progress Update

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that gave an update on Stockton Riverside College (SRC).

Stockton Riverside College continued to be a good college as judged by Ofsted in December 2017 and, in terms of Higher Education, by the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) in May 2017.

The report presented the College's position as well as future aspirations. An attachment to the report covered a review of College performance and summarised the College's recent Ofsted inspection as well as a review of the Higher Education provision by the QAA. Detail was then provided regarding the various partnerships that the College had continued to develop particularly with the Council, Schools, Businesses and the Third Sector. There was also specific reference to the planned merger with Redcar & Cleveland College in 2018/19. The report drew attention to the significant work undertaken with Employer engagement, apprenticeships and inclusivity. Also featured in the report was the significant investment made in new technologies.

Representatives from SRC were in attendance at the meeting and were given the opportunity to address Members. Mark White OBE (Chair of Governors at SRC) spoke of the continued development and success of the partnerships the College was having with the Council, Schools, Businesses and the Third Sector.

Members gave congratulations to the College on the findings from recent Ofsted inspection. Members also outlined their support for the College and the planned merger with Redcar and Cleveland College at the start of the academic year 2018/19. It was felt that this merger would further develop the curriculum opportunities for people of the Borough.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The report be noted.
2. The progress of college and the on-going partnership between the College and the Council be noted.
3. Reasons for the Decision  
  
Cabinet is asked to consider the strategic and operational activities of the college and note its' progress against these.
4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected  
  
None.
5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest  
  
Councillor Norma Wilburn declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 6 - Stockton Riverside College Update as she was a Governor at Stockton Riverside College.
6. Details of any Dispensations  
  
N/A
7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed  
  
Midnight, 23 February 2018

Proper Officer  
19 February 2018