

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting18th October 2018

1. Title of Item/Report

Open Water Safety Strategy

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on Open Water Safety Strategy.

Following an increased focus on water safety and drowning prevention both nationally through the Local Government Association (LGA) Safer and Stronger Communities Board and regionally following a number of different incidents the report presented the Water Safety Strategy for the Borough of Stockton.

Services across the authority had worked together to develop the Water Safety Strategy and the initial Water Safety Plan in taking this work forward it was recommended that an operational working group was formed to ensure an on-going coherent approach and the support of wider stakeholders.

Proposed Membership of the Water Safety Operational Working Group was as follows:-

- Flood Risk Management Team
- Greenspace
- Community Services
- Health and Safety
- CaRT (Canals and Rivers Trust)
- RUG (River User Group)
- Operator
- Community Safety Partnership

In addition in order to enhance public awareness and improve the communication of water safety issues a specific web page had been developed to deliver key water safety messages.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The Water Safety Strategy and initial Water Safety Plan be

endorsed and adopted.

2. The establishment of the Water Safety Operational Working Group be agreed.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To establish a Water Safety Strategy for the Borough of Stockton.

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, 26 October 2018

Proper Officer
22 October 2018