

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting24th January 2019

1. Title of Item/Report

Stockton Riverside College Annual Report

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on the Stockton Riverside College Annual Report.

Stockton Riverside College (SRC) 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 2018.

The report presented the College's position as well as future aspirations. The report also covered a review of College performance and summarised challenges faced by reduced funding, an uncertain political landscape and the introduction of new initiatives.

Detail was provided on the merger with Redcar & Cleveland College, which was finalised on 1 August 2018, financial sustainability and student recruitment. The report drew attention to the important role of partnerships at the college and the significant work undertaken with Employer engagement, apprenticeships and inclusivity.

Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (SBC) regarded SRC as a strategic partner and continued work with them on a range of initiatives.

SRC had an outstanding reputation for creative and performing arts courses, with outcomes consistently above national rates. In the same sector, SBC commissioned, hosted and presented an outstanding programme of distinctive cultural events, frequently bringing companies into the area for technical and creative services with significant contract values.

SRC and SBC were exploring how to use events to provide learning and training opportunities in technical and creative roles to nurture local talent, increase capacity in the sector and support new businesses and employment in the sector.

Mark White (Chair of SRC Governors), Lesley Graham (Campus Principal) and Richard Poundford (Vice Chair of SRC Governors) were in attendance at the meeting and were given the opportunity to address the meeting.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The report be noted.
2. The progress of the 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 Bob Cook declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 5 - Stockton Riverside College Annual Report as his grandson attended Bede Sixth Form College.

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

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

Midnight, 1 February 2019

Proper Officer
28 January 2019