

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting23rd January 2020

1. Title of Item/Report

Place Select Committee - Scrutiny Review of Area Transport Strategy

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that presented the outcomes of the Place Select Committee review of Area Transport Strategy (ATS).

RESOLVED that:-

1. The existing ATS scheme ceases at the end of the current financial year (31st March 2020), with the yearly ATS funding allocation to be transferred to the Community Participation Budget (CPB) on a Ward-by-Ward basis determined by population per Ward (This addition to CPB funding should be ring-fenced for transport-related spend only).

2. To allow for a greater range of potential schemes to be supported, as part of the new arrangements in recommendation 1 (from 1st April 2020):

a) Council should enable, subject to overall budget control, Elected Members to have advanced access to some of their future CPB / ATS (ring-fenced) annual allocations should a larger-scale project be proposed and accepted – equally, Members should be able to roll over their allocations to enable the delivery of larger schemes.

b) Council should enable Elected Members to pool / transfer their CPB / ATS (ring-fenced) allocation with / to neighbouring Wards should a larger transport-related scheme be identified that cuts across more than one Ward. Any disputes will be resolved as per the current CPB dispute resolution process.

c) Council should produce a formal protocol outlining what transport-related schemes could qualify for core LTP funding, and what would be more suitable for the CPB / ATS (ring-fenced) route.

3. An appropriate communication plan is put in place to inform all existing ATS stakeholders of the planned changes to the existing scheme, including the mechanisms in which to raise future transport-related issues

/ proposals directly with Elected Members.

4. The new ring-fenced transport-related element of the CPB is not tied to the future of the overall CPB initiative (i.e. it is not dependent upon the existence of CPB).

3. Reasons for the Decision

This topic was included in the Scrutiny Work Programme for 2019-2020. The review is now complete and the recommendations have been endorsed by the Place Select Committee for submission to Cabinet.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

Not Applicable

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

Midnight 31 January 2020.

Proper Officer
27 January 2020