

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting19th March 2020

1. Title of Item/Report

The Communities Strategy 2020-2023

2. Record of the Decision

The Council recognised the great value and impact of our strong and vibrant communities and wished to continue its support to community activity and engagement. Consideration was given as to how it planned to do this through a new proposed Communities Strategy.

The strategy would replace the Brighter Borough For All Strategy and would be underpinned by a framework of seven new Community Forums, detailed as follows, which would replace the existing Locality Forums:-

- Billingham Communities
- Norton Communities
- Ingleby Barwick Communities
- Yarm & Parishes Communities
- Stockton West Communities
- Stockton Central Communities
- Thornaby Communities

Details of the proposed membership of each Forum was detailed at Appendix 3 to the report. Their work would continue to be facilitated, coordinated and supported by the Community Engagement Team.

The new approach proposed by the Strategy would retain a focus on activity to tackle poverty but would also support and encourage the community activity that we see in the strong, cohesive communities we have across the borough. The Community Forums would also provide a valuable vehicle to support the work to tackle loneliness across the Borough.

RESOLVED that Cabinet endorse the 2020-2023 Communities Strategy and the formation of the seven Community Forums as outlined.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To seek Cabinet approval of the 2020-2023 Communities Strategy.

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, Friday 27th March 2020

Proper Officer
23 March 2020