

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting17th December 2020

1. Title of Item/Report

Final Report of People Select Committee –Scrutiny Review of Public Consultation

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to the final report that presented the outcome of the People Select Committee review of Public Consultation.

RESOLVED that:-

- 1) Building on the success of the Town Centre Consultation, paper consultation forms and public meetings be retained in future for large-scale consultations, where appropriate, to allow residents who cannot access online consultation to contribute their views;
- 2). The Council improve the quality of the information on the consultation pages of the website and in Stockton News, including both activity and feedback. This will help to raise awareness of consultations to all residents and foster trust;
- 3). Engagement with young people be increased, through the use of engagement activities with Bright Minds Big Futures;
- 4). Promotion of ‘Your Views Matter’, The Residents’ Panel and regular feedback via social media platforms, including Facebook and Twitter, be increased;
- 5). As per normal practice, the current consultation platform continued be reviewed regularly to determine if alternative consultation platforms are available to SBC;
- 6) Links to current consultations be embedded into the start-up screens of public computers in libraries across the Borough;
- 7). The Residents’ Panel be used more effectively as a means of engagement outside of formal consultations and we provide regular feedback to the panel.

*Activities carried out in relation to recommendations are subject to Covid 19 guidelines and restrictions.

3. Reasons for the Decision

This topic was included in the Scrutiny Work Programme for 2019/20. The review is now complete and the recommendations have been endorsed by the People 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

None

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

Midnight - Tuesday 29th December 2020.

Proper Officer
22 December 2020