

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting15th July 2021

1. Title of Item/Report

A Fairer Stockton-on-Tees: A Strategic Framework for Reducing Inequalities in the Borough

2. Record of the Decision

Cabinet's views were sought on the proposed consultation draft of the Fairer Stockton-on-Tees strategy.

The strategic framework of the consultation draft outlined:

a) The key causes of inequality, based on analysis of available research, with the key focus on how income, wealth and power;

b)The basis of a strategic approach, recognising the need to take action across strategy, interventions, practice and for the Council as a major employer, commissioner, provider.

The strategic framework set out a vision and ambition for reducing inequality over the next ten years. To realise this ambition, the framework identified five key interventions as follows:-

a) Tackling fundamental issues across the borough as a whole;

b)A focus on reducing the inequalities faced by identified disadvantaged communities;

c) A focus on deprived neighbourhoods;

d) A focus on the most marginalized;

e) An emphasis on the Council as a major employer, commissioner and purchaser.

The framework included a proposed governance and accountability structure, and an engagement plan. A final draft of the strategic framework would be reported to Cabinet in October.

Members welcomed the initial draft and highlighted the excellent partnership working this authority already had in place which would be vital in fulfilling the aim of the strategy which was to reduce inequalities across the Borough, closing the gap in outcomes.

RESOLVED that Cabinet:-

1. Endorse the consultation draft;
2. Agree to a programme of engagement
3. Agree to receive a final draft at its meeting in October 2021.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To seek endorsement of Cabinet regards the proposed initial draft strategic framework.

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 23rd July 2021

Proper Officer
19 July 2021