

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting23rd February 2023

1. Title of Item/Report

Scrutiny Review of Planning (Development Management) and Adoption of Open Space - Final Report of the Place Select Committee

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on Scrutiny Review of Planning (Development Management) and Adoption of Open Space - Final Report of the Place Select Committee.

RESOLVED that:-

1. Options for introducing a charge for pre-application advice for major developments, but not for households/individuals, be investigated.
2. The current response time of 15 working days for pre-application enquiries is re-evaluated to determine if it should be extended.
3. Current planning enforcement powers be reviewed and the opportunity of employing an enforcement officer explored.
4. Maps@Stockton be enhanced to provide information on those responsible for the maintenance of individual open spaces across the borough.
5. Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (SBC) provide guidance to town or parish councils, where approached, and continue to liaise with developers on adoption of open space.
6. Planning conditions for maintenance of open space be reviewed and options for SBC to obtain a copy of the maintenance agreement for each new residential development is investigated.

3. Reasons for the Decision

This topic was included on the Scrutiny Work Programme for 2021-2022 (though did not commence until the start of the current 2022-2023)

municipal year). 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

N/A

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

Midnight Friday 3 March 2023

Proper Officer
27 February 2023