

PROGRESS UPDATES ON PREVIOUSLY AGREED RECOMMENDATIONS

Summary

Members are asked to consider the assessments of progress contained within the attached Progress Updates on the implementation of previously agreed recommendations. There are outstanding recommendations from the scrutiny review of Carbon Management, and Efficiency, Improvement, and Transformation (EIT) reviews of Built & Natural Environment and Care for Your Area.

Detail

1. Following the Cabinet consideration of scrutiny reports, accepted recommendations are then subject to a monitoring process to track their implementation.
2. Two main types of report are used. Initially this is by means of Action Plans detailing how services will be taking forward agreed recommendations. This is then followed by a Progress Report at a future agreed date. Evidence is submitted by the relevant department together with an assessment of progress against all recommendations. Should members of the Select Committee agree, those recommendations which have reached an assessment of '1' are then signed off as having been completed.
3. In order to track those recommendations which are not signed off following the first round of Progress Reports, a series of progress updates are submitted for all Select Committees twice a year, in line with corporate reporting.
4. The assessment of progress for each recommendation should be categorised as follows:

1 Achieved (Fully)	The evidence provided shows that the recommendation has been fully implemented within the timescale specified
2 On Track but not yet due for completion	The evidence provided shows that implementation of the recommendation is on track but the timescale specified has not expired.
3 Slipped	The evidence shows that progress on implementation has slipped.

	An anticipated date by which the recommendation is expected to become achieved should be advised and the reasons for the delay.
4 Not Achieved	The evidence provided shows that the recommendation has not been fully achieved. An explanation for non achievement of the recommendation would be provided

5. As discussed at Executive Scrutiny on 27 January 2009, link officers will not be in attendance for progress updates, but Member comments will be communicated to the services concerned by the Scrutiny Team.
6. **Appendix 1** sets out the outstanding recommendations for this Committee. Members are asked to review the update and indicate whether they agree with the assessment of progress.

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Progress Update – Review of Carbon Management

No	Recommendation	Responsibility	Anticipated Completion Date/ Completion Date	Q4 Evidence of progress Present to Committee 11/06/12	Q4 Assessment of progress (Categories 1-4)	Q1&2 Evidence of Progress Present to Committee 26/11/12	Q1&2 Assessment of progress (Categories 1-4)
2	The Committee recommends that a Carbon budget pilot scheme is introduced to explore the practicalities and potential benefits of introducing such a scheme on a Council wide basis and an evaluation report be produced after one full year's carbon budgeting, bringing forward recommendations on the feasibility of scheme across all Council's services.	Mike Chicken	Trial during 2010/11 to complement CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme baseline year data.	AMR installation process completed and will be tested through gathering of CRC data Q1 2012/13. Trial reporting by Q2 2012/13.	2 – On Track	Due to re-allocation of office accommodation and most service areas and teams have no direct connection between occupied area and available metering the allocation of realistic carbon budgets and their monitoring has not proved practicable within available resources and metering infrastructure. Overall carbon reduction efforts are yielding results with work focused on assuring on going awareness and vigilance to save energy and hence carbon.	4 – Not achieved
13	The Committee recommend exploring the possibility of introducing wireless connectivity and e-readers for councillors and officers attending meetings to reduce the amount of printing required for meetings.	Ian Miles/Margaret Waggott	Ongoing through 2010	No further progress.	3 - Slipped	Work is on-going with a small number of Cllrs to assess the suitability of e-readers for committee purposes.	2 – On Track
19	The Committee recommend the introduction of an energy saving strategy across all Stockton's schools to ensure energy saving approaches are taken	Steve Calvert	Apr-11	Engagement with schools continues.	2 – On Track	Schools identifying energy savings and options for initiatives such as renewable energy supply. Monitored within Technical Services.	1 - Achieved

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	for all non-networked items of technology (i.e. whiteboards, non-networked computers, projectors etc).						

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11	The introduction of long stay car parking charges at Yarm Rail Halt.	Bill Trewick		Apr-11	The Judicial Review instigated by Yarm Town Council challenging the decision to introduce parking charges in Yarm delayed progress on all three outstanding actions of this review. The decision of the High Court on 28 September 2012 handed down on 10 October 2012 in favour of Stockton Borough Council means that progress can now be made. The earliest that these actions can now be implemented would be April 2013.	None at this stage.	3 - Slipped
12	The principle of charging for car parking in Yarm and that it is introduced as part of a wider review of car parking charges across the Borough.	Bill Trewick		Jul-11		None at this stage.	3 - Slipped
13	Income generated by car parking charging in Yarm contributes towards the provision, maintenance and security of car parking facilities and other public transport measures.	Bill Trewick		Jan-12		None at this stage.	3 - Slipped
Predicted savings of Review				£150k	Actual Savings of Review to Date (including all recommendations)		
Human Resources Implications							

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1	That the following efficiencies (minimising the impact on front line service delivery) be implemented:						
	- Management /Supervision - undertake a review of management and supervision structures where recent staffing changes have taken place, e.g. Countryside Parks, Markets	Richard Bradley	Vaness a Shiel	April 2013	Review complete within the Countryside service with vacant posts across CFYA identified for EIT savings. Markets arrangements are currently being reviewed.		2 – on track
	- Round Reconfiguration - reconfigure refuse and recycling rounds where known efficiencies can be made without disruption to collection day	Richard Bradley	Vaness a Shiel	April 2013	Revised round sheets have been produced. Meeting arranged to discuss changes with managers, supervisors and workforce representatives in October 2012.		2 – on track
	- Parks Improvement Fund - reduce budgets by £100,000	Richard Bradley	Vaness a Shiel	April 2013	Budgets reduced in line with recommendation.	£100k	1 – fully achieved
	- Reduce supplies and services budgets (across all services) by £100,000	Richard Bradley	Vanessa Shiel	April 2013	Budget reduced in line with recommendation	£100k	1 – fully achieved

Progress Update – EIT Review of Care for Your Area

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	<p>- Street Cleansing / Grounds Maintenance As part of ongoing discussions with TU partners, service condition changes to be agreed and implemented. Expressions of interest to be formally sought from those employees who may be unable to adapt to changes for a potential ER/VR scheme</p>	Richard Bradley	Vanessa Shiel	April 2013	Ongoing		1 – fully achieved
	<p>- Income from recyclable material - Increase income targets from the sale of recycling materials by £230,000</p>	Richard Bradley	Vanessa Shiel	April 2012	Budgets adjusted for April 2012/13	All efficiencies are profiled to be made from April 2012 onwards. Actual savings as at the end of March 2012 are Nil.	2 – On Track
2	<p>That the feasibility of acquiring land or existing Council-owned land suitable to house the entire service at one depot location be explored.</p>	Richard Bradley	n/a	n/a	Suitable land is still a major issue at present, therefore plan are being made to rationalise accommodation which may see resources from Stirling House transferred to a revised layout at Cowpen Depot		2 – on track

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3	That the feasibility of partnership working and alternative delivery models be explored to deliver 24/7 workshop support service to a range of internal and external customers, including other local authorities.	Richard Bradley	n/a	n/a	Ongoing		
4	That Officers examine the details of the newly announced Weekly Collections Support Scheme to identify whether Stockton would be eligible for any funding under the scheme.	Paul Diggins	n/a	April 2013	Bid submitted. Awaiting result of bid process		
Predicted savings of Review				£830,000	Actual Savings of Review to Date (including all recommendations)	Nil	
Human Resources Implications							