

STATUTORY FORWARD PLAN

KEY DECISIONS
(indicated by ■)

01 FEBRUARY 2008 - 31 MAY 2008

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1] Travellers Transit Site	D.Bond	Cabinet Member for Environment-Cllr J Beaumont, Councillor Bob Cook - Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Transport	Cabinet, based on recommendations of Housing and Community Safety Select Committee		■												To be determined by the Select Committee	To be determined by the Select Committee	via Peter Mennear, Democratic Services peter.mennear@stockton.gov.uk 01642 528957	Report to Cabinet 25 October 2007	Key Decision
Housing & Community Safety Select Committee-Select best site option for Travellers Transit Site																					
2] Accept tender and form contract to build a new dual purpose teaching and community use building at Abbey Hill School.	Ann Baxter	Councillor Alex Cunningham - Cabinet Member for Children & Young People	Corporate Director in consultation with Cabinet Member		■												School Governors Headteacher and staff.	Various meeting with Governors school senior management and local authority officers.	by e-mail to ken.richardson@stockton.gov.uk 30-11-2007	Project within CESC Capital Programme	Key Decision None
A successful bid for funding was made to the then DfES to allow the building of a new state of the art stand alone building at Abbey Hill School which will replace an old building which was part of the former Sheraton School. This building will be used by the school for teaching and by the local community after school hours.																					

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3] Proposed Reorganisation of education for pupils with behavioural, Emotional and Social Difficulty (BESD)	Ann Baxter	Councillor Alex Cunningham - Cabinet Member for Children & Young People	Cabinet		■												Pupils, parents and carers, school staff and governing bodies.	Meetings, circulation of consultation paper, use of Council website.	By letter or email or at meetings. End date for responses is 31 March.	A draft consultation paper will be appended to the Cabinet report.	Key Decision The outcome of consultation will be reported to Cabinet before any further action is taken.
To seek authority from Cabinet to consult on a proposed reorganisation of provision for pupils with BESD.																					
4] Receive a report on the outcome of consultation on Building Schools for the Future (BSF).	Ann Baxter	Councillor Alex Cunningham - Cabinet Member for Children & Young People	Cabinet		■												Schools, colleges, partner bodies, parents/carers, students	A consultation booklet setting out possible options for change has been	Response form for return to Freepost address; online response facility from	Cabinet report 27 September.	Key Decision This is initial, non-statutory consultation on some possible options.

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The Authority expects to receive around £150 million of government funding under BSF to transform secondary education by renewing or refurbishing school buildings. To inform the preparation of a Strategy for Change document, initial consultation is being carried out on a range of possible options for future secondary school provision across the borough.																		prepared for general circulation in October 2007. This includes a schedule of meetings at all mainstream secondary schools for staff, governors, students, parents/carers and the general public. Copies of the booklet will be taken to meetings of the Renaissance area boards and other partner bodies. It will also be placed on the SBC website. Responses to consultation will be analysed by an independent company.	SBC website; other methods of making representations set out in the options booklet. Closing date for responses is 26 November 2007.		Other options may emerge from consultation. No changes can be made to any schools without further consultation at a later stage. This will be considered by Sp Meeting of Cabinet on 11th February 2008.

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5] The Scheme and Formula for the Financing of Schools	A.Baxter	Councillor Alex Cunningham - Cabinet Member for Children & Young People	Cabinet		■												Schools Governing Bodies	Distribution of Consultation Paper	In template response form provided as part of the consultation	Consultation Paper and consultees responses	Key Decision
During the Autumn Term School Governing Bodies were consulted on new delegation and changes to the formula for funding schools.																					
6] Billingham Forum Update	N Schneider	Councillor Bob Cook - Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Transport, Cabinet Member for Arts, Culture and Leisure-Cllr Mrs Womphrey	Cabinet		■												Portfolio Members, Billingham Councillors, The Billingham Partnership, Tees Active Limited, Libraries, Access to Services	Email, briefings, face to face meetings	In writing (letter/email) Louise McDonald (louise.mcdonald@stockton.gov.uk) or telephone 01642 5289422 by 4 January 2008	Billingham Forum Cabinet report - January 2007	Key Decision N/A
The report will formally report on the options analysis for the redevelopment/refurbishment of the Billingham Forum complex with detailed, costed information and recommendations.																					
7] Thornaby Town Centre Redevelopment	Corporate Director Development and Neighbourhood Services	Councillor Bob Cook - Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Transport	Cabinet		■												Thornfield Properties Plc, ward Councillors, Councillor R. Cook, Land	Face to face meetings.	Face to face meetings, or in writing to Nigel Laws at nigel.laws@	2005 Cabinet report	Key Decision

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General Town Centre Update, and request for further monies to be drawn down from the Capital Receipt.																	and Property Services, Head of Strategic Finance.		stockton.gov.uk, or telephone 01642 527565 by Friday 7th December 2007		
8] VOLUNTARY SECTOR SUPPORT FUND 2008/9 FUNDING ALLOCATIONS	N Schneider	Councillor Bob Cook - Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Transport	Cabinet		■												Elected Members and Voluntary/Community Sector Representatives	Briefing sessions for Members, correspondence, questionnaires and meetings.	Contact Stephen Shaw by writing or email to stephen.shaw@stockton.gov.uk or telephone 01642 526446 by 1 December 2007.	Cabinet report of 1 February 2007	Key Decision Revised Date January 2008 – Revised date required to allow time for Catalyst the Voluntary Sector's New Umbrella organisation to become functional
To agree the principles of the Council's financial support to Stockton's voluntary and community sectors by means of core grant. The review will include consultation throughout these sectors, with Elected Members and Officers.																					
9] Delivering Affordable Housing – Framework and Approach	Neil Schneider	Councillor Steve Nelson - Cabinet Member for Housing and Community Safety	Cabinet		■												All members Potential private sector and Registered Social Landlord	Meetings	Via email to jane.edmonds@stockton.gov.uk or tel 01642 526682 by 31/01/08	Local Housing Assessment (Dec 2006), copy available in the Members	Key Decision In direct response to the affordable housing

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Development of a Home Ownership Register and associated policy.																	Partners The Housing and Neighbourhood Partnership Internal colleagues – Planning and Legal			library and on the SBC website.	shortage in the Borough to develop a Home Ownership Register and Policy to ensure access to the intermediate housing market (i.e. shared ownership, equity share and discounted homebuy) for those within our Borough struggling to access the Housing Market. In addition, to ensure the Council fulfills its nomination agreements to S106 agreements and Development Agreements that include the requirement of a developer/home use builder to deliver units of affordable housing.

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10] Approval of Stockton's Local Area Agreement 2008 – 2011	Helen Dean	Cllr Laing-Cabinet Member for Corporate and Social Inclusion	Cabinet			■											Stockton Renaissance , Area Partnership Boards, Thematic Partnership Boards, Public Services Board, Corporate Management Team and Annual Renaissance Wider Stakeholder Event	Attendance at scheduled meetings and organised event	Email: Dawn Welsh - dawn.welsh@stockton.gov.uk Tel:(01642) 526011		Key Decision
<p>The current Local Area Agreement is due to expire end of March 2008. Consultation on the priorities for the LAA 2008 – 2011 commenced June 2007 during the consultation period on Stockton's Sustainable Community Strategy.</p> <p>A draft LAA 2008 – 2011 has been developed and presented at the Stockton Renaissance Annual Wider Stakeholder Event (January 2008) and to the Thematic and Area Partnership Board's for consultation.</p> <p>The final draft document is presented to Cabinet for approval.</p>																					
11] Single Equality Scheme - Third Edition	Helen Dean - Assistant Chief Executive (Acting)	Cllr Laing-Cabinet Member for Corporate and Social Inclusion	Cabinet			■											All council services, partners, members and the community.	A variety of methods will be used to inform the development of the	Interested persons will be able to inform the development of the	Reference to appropriate background papers will be included within the	Key Decision

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Cabinet will be requested to endorse the third edition of the Council's Single Equality Scheme which will include the statutory update of the Race Equality Plan.																			Scheme, including a large "Tell us what you think" event, smaller consultation events, website based questionnaires and analysis of survey results. A draft scheme will be subject to the usual consultation approaches.	scheme and comment on the draft document through the methods described above. Comments will be sought until February 2008.	Cabinet report. The current edition of the Single Equality Scheme is available on the Council's website.	
12] Stockton Local Development Framework - To endorse the findings of a Sustainable Villages Study	N Schneider	Councillor Bob Cook - Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Transport	Cabinet, Council			■											Planning Committee, Cabinet	Report to meeting.	Contact Rosemary Young, Spatial Planning Manager, on 01642 526054	N/A	Key Decision N/A	
The study will be used to provide the evidence base to support the implementation of policy CS1 Spatial Strategy of the Local Development Framework Core Strategy Preferred Options.																						

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13] Stockton-on-Tees Local Development Framework. To endorse the Environmental Development Plan Document Issues and Options and Sustainability Appraisal for public consultation	N Schneider	Councillor Bob Cook - Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Transport	Cabinet, Council			■											Planning Committee, Cabinet	Report to Meeting	Contact Rosemary Young, Spatial Planning Manager, on 01642 526054 or email to rosemary.young@stockton.gov.uk	N/A	Key Decision N/A
The Environment DPD will set out Borough-wide policies and sites concerning the built and natural environments (including Green Wedges, nature conservation sites, open spaces and the historic environment). The Issues and Options report is the first procedural stage in its preparation.																					
14] To endorse the findings of the Stockton-on-Tees Local Development Framework Employment Land Review Stage 2	N Schneider	Councillor Bob Cook - Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Transport	Cabinet, Council			■											Planning Committee, Cabinet	Reports to meeting	Contact Rosemary Young, Spatial Planning Manager, on 01642 526054 or by email to rosemary.young@stockton.gov.uk	Employment Land Review Stage 2 - Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners. Employment Land Reviews - Guidance Note. Office of the Deputy Prime Minister December 2004.	Key Decision N/A
Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners were commissioned to undertake Stage 2 of the Employment Land Review to underpin policy development on employment matters in the Local Development Framework Core Strategy and Regeneration DPDs. This report will inform members of the findings of this study and any recommendations.																					

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15] To seek endorsement of the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment	N. Schneider	Councillor Bob Cook - Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Transport	Cabinet, Council			■											Planning Committee/Cabinet	Reports to meetings	Contact Rosemary Young Spatial Planning Manager.		Key Decision
As aprt of the evidence base for the Local Development Framework, the Council is required to undertake a Stragic Housing Land Availability Assessment which identifies sites to provide a 5,10 and 15 year supply of housing in the Borough.																					
16] Council Plan and Service Improvement Plans	H.Dean	Leader of the Council-Cllr Lupton, Cllr Laing-Cabinet Member for Corporate and Social Inclusion	Cabinet, Council			■											Councillors, Staff	Special Events, cascade briefing	Contact Helen Dean, Head of Policy and Performance , on 01642 527003 or email helen.dean@stockton.gov.uk	N/A	Key Decision N/A
To consider for approval the Council Plan and Service Improvement Plans 2008 - 2011																					
17] Housing Futures – Completion of the Option Appraisal	Neil Schneider	Councillor Steve Nelson - Cabinet Member for Housing and Community Safety	Cabinet					■									All members Council tenants and leaseholders StaffTrade Unions	Members – Briefing meetings Council tenants and leaseholders –	Email to jane.edmonds@stockton.gov.uk or tel 01642 526682 by 17/12/07	Cabinet report 2.8.07 ' Housing Futures and Revised Capital Programme'	Key Decision Following completion of a comprehensive option

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Completion of Option Appraisal of the Councils housing stock, including details of the preferred option.																		Consultation meeting, Newsletters Staff and TU – staff meetings and newsletters			appraisal of the Councils Housing stock (against pre-determined criteria) to advise of the positives and negatives of each option and to seek endorsement for the preferred option
18] Introducing Sub regional Choice Based Lettings Scheme in the Tees Valley.	Neil Schneider	Councillor Steve Nelson - Cabinet Member for Housing and Community Safety	Cabinet					■									Extensive 3 months consultation across the Tees Valley. Stockton's consultation included all Tristar Homes tenants, all applicants on the Council's Housing Register, all stakeholders, all Members, RSL's and a wide range of agencies and organizations across all sectors.	Briefing sessions, roadshows, internet links, by letter and telephone.	Email to caroline.wood@stockton.gov.uk or telephone Caroline Wood at 01642-526639 by 11th April 2008	Proposed Sub Regional Choice Based Lettings Policy for the Tees Valley Housing & Community Safety Committee 22nd November 2007 - Scrutiny progress report	Key Decision To endorse the proposed Common Sub Regional Choice Based Lettings Policy and agree to the implementation of the choice based lettings scheme in Stockton as part of the Tees Valley Choice Based Lettings Partnership
Government funding was secured in 2006 to explore the opportunity for developing a sub regional choice based lettings scheme in the Tees Valley. The Tees Valley Partnership have produced a common allocations policy to be adopted by all authorities in the Tees Valley. Each authority is seeking endorsement from their decision making bodies of the proposed policy.																					

