

STATUTORY FORWARD PLAN

KEY DECISIONS
(indicated by ■)

01 APRIL 2008 - 31 JULY 2008

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1] Stockton Green Infrastructure Strategy	Neil Schneider	Cabinet Member for Environment-Cllr J Beaumont	Cabinet		■												Public, External and Internal Partners, Members	Briefings and Surveys	In writing to Graham Clingan	None	Key Decision None
The report will seek Cabinet approval for the production of a Green Infrastructure Strategy for Stockton. It will summarise the multiple benefits that can be delivered through the sustainable management and development of green infrastructure, and outline the scope and purpose of the proposed strategy. The report will set out proposed timescales for preparation of the strategy, working towards an April 2009 completion date. Finally the report will set this Borough-wide Strategy in the context of the emerging Tees Valley Green Infrastructure Strategy and the Local Development Framework.																					
2] Approval for the Transfer of the property known as Parkfield Hall Day Centre to Endeavour Housing Association.	A.Baxter	Councillor Alex Cunningham - Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, Councillor Alex Cunningham - Cabinet Member for Children & Young People	Cabinet		■												Homeless Steering Group, Ward Cllrs, Children's Trust Management Team	Homeless Steering Group Meetings, Homeless Event.	Lynn Sparrey Tel: 01642 528451 Email: lynn.sparrey@stockton.gov.uk	Children's Trust Management Team report dated 6.2.08	Key Decision

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The need to improve Youth Homelessness Services across the Borough has been identified as a key objective in a number of strategies and plans including the Children and Young Persons Plan, the Supporting People four year Strategy and Housing Options Homelessness Strategy. Currently service provision and choice is extremely limited. A bid is being made to DCLG, Places of Change Programme and Housing Corporation to fund the building of a new supported Housing scheme for Young People.																					
3] To consider the outcome of consultation on the reorganisation of education for students with Behaviour, Emotional and Social Difficulty (BESD).	Ann Baxter	Councillor Alex Cunningham - Cabinet Member for Children & Young People	Cabinet		■												parents and carers, school staff and governors	Consultation paper circulated to interested parties including parents and carers, school staff and governors, other local authorities; meetings held at the school for parents and carers, and for school staff.	by letter, telephone, email or at meetings	Cabinet report February 2008.	Key Decision
A review of provision for students with special educational needs recommended that provision for students with some particular types of need should be brought together in a single school. Cabinet has approved consultation on a reorganisation that would involve closing King Edwin School and developing Westlands School as the single specialist centre in the borough for students with BESD. Cabinet must consider the outcome of that consultation before deciding whether to proceed to publish a Statutory Notice of its intention to close King Edwin School.																					

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4] 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.																					
5] To inform Cabinet of the publication of a consultation on Regional Spatial Strategy Further Proposed Changes and to agree a response to it.	Neil Schneider	Councillor Bob Cook - Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Transport	Cabinet		■												Planning Committee, Cabinet	Report to meetings	Contact Rosemary Young Spatial Planning Manager on telephone 01642 526054 or by e-mail to rosemary.young@stockton.gov.uk		Key Decision
Government Office for the North East has published Further Proposed Changes to the Regional Spatial Strategy and which it has made available for public consultation for a period of eight weeks from 6th February to 2 April 2008.																					

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6] 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.																					
7] Tees Valley Growth Point Bid	Corporate Director Development and Neighbourhood Services	Councillor Steve Nelson - Cabinet Member for Housing and Community Safety, Councillor Bob Cook - Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Transport	Cabinet		■												All Councillors	Cabinet Members have been briefed. Copies of the Growth Point Bid to be placed in the Members Library	Via email, telephone or in writing by 24th March 2008	Growth Point Bid	Key Decision The Tees Valley Local Authorities have submitted a joint bid to the CLG for Growth Point status. A decision is expected by

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The Tees Valley Local Authorities have submitted a bid to DCLG for Growth Point status. If successful, Tees Valley will receive funding from the Community Infrastructure Fund to enable accelerated and increased housing development and growth. We are asking Cabinet to endorse the Growth Point Bid.																					the 13th March 08. If successful the Tees Valley sub region will receive a share of the Community Infrastructure Fund (amount as yet unknown) to enable increased and accelerated housing development.
8] 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>																					

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9] 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 – Consultation meeting, Newsletters Staff and TU – staff meetings and newsletters	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 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
Completion of Option Appraisal of the Councils housing stock, including details of the preferred option.																					
10] 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	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	Proposed Sub Regional Choice Based Lettings Policy for the Tees ValleyHousin	Key Decision To endorse the proposed Common Sub Regional Choice Based

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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.																	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.		April 2008	g & Community Safety Committee 22nd November 2007 - Scrutiny progress report	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
11] Billingham Town Centre Update	N Schneider	Councillor Bob Cook - Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Transport	Cabinet				■										Portfolio Members, Billingham Councillors, TBP, Area Partnerships, Key Stakeholders, Residents, Community Groups, Voluntary Groups, Hard to Reach Groups, BTC Businesses, Billingham Business Association	Leaflets, text in via mobiles, website, face to face meetings, letters, stakeholder meetings, Members briefings, Stockton North MP briefing, press releases and press launch event, stalls/stands in community places.	Leaflet tear-off slip (comments form), email, letter, text, on-line completion of comments form by end of April 2008.	Billingham Town Centre Cabinet reports - January and September 2007	Key Decision N/A
The report will formally feedback on the public consultation undertaken in Spring 2008 regarding the public realm/landscaping details of the proposed town centre regeneration scheme.																					

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12] Neighbourhood Element	Helen Dean, Acting Assistant Chief Executive	Cllr Laing-Cabinet Member for Corporate and Social Inclusion, Councillor Bob Cook - Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Transport	Cabinet					■									St Ann's Development Board, Stockton Renaissance, Central Area Partnership, Corporate Management Team and wider stakeholders.	Attendance at scheduled meetings	By contacting Helen Dean: Email: helen.dean@stockton.gov.uk Tel: 01642 527003		Key Decision
<p>A delivery plan for Neighbourhood Element Initiative will be developed, which outlines the development of the St Ann's Development Board and also the options for the sustainability of the Board.</p> <p>In order to further strengthen governance arrangements, an Exit Strategy will be developed for the Initiative.</p> <p>The Delivery Plan and Exit Strategy will be presented to Cabinet for approval.</p>																					
13] Preparing a Strategy for Change for Buildings Schools for the Future (BSF)	A Baxter	Councillor Alex Cunningham - Cabinet Member for Children & Young People	Cabinet					■									Head-teachers and school staff; College Principals; School Governing Bodies; Council	Letters, consultation documents, meetings, Council website	Meetings, written responses and online consultation to John Hegarty (john.hegarty)	Cabinet reports dated 22 July 2004 and 5 October 2006	Key Decision

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To approve the Strategy for Change document before submission to government																	Members; Parents and Students; Catholic and Anglican Dioceses; the local Learning & Skills Council and the general public		@stockton.gov.uk by 30 November 2007		
14] Stockton-on-Tees Local Development Framework: To endorse Draft Supplementary Planning Document 2 Open Space, Recreation and Landscaping for public consultation.	Neil Schneider	Councillor Bob Cook - Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Transport	Cabinet, Council					■									Residents, Planning Committee, Cabinet	In accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement.	Contact: Rosemary Young Spatial Planning Manager on 01642 526054 or e-mail to rosemary.young@stockton.gov.uk		Key Decision
This document provides guidance and standards for the provision and maintenance of open space, recreational facilities landscaping and green infrastructure in new developments to meet local needs and aspirations.																					