

**STATUTORY FORWARD PLAN**

**KEY DECISIONS**  
(indicated by ■)

**01 SEPTEMBER 2009 - 31 DECEMBER 2009**

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1] Q1 Improvement Report - Finance/Performance	Corporate Director of Resources	Cllr Laing- Cabinet Member for Corporate Management and Finance	Cabinet / Council		■												Leader of the Council + Cabinet portfolio member Councillor Laing	Briefing sessions / individual group briefings	Julie Danks - Tel: 527007 E-mail: julie.danks@stockton.gov.uk Lesley King - Tel: 527004 E-mail: lesley.king@stockton.gov.uk Garry Cummings - Tel: 527011 E-mail: garry.cummings@stockton.gov.uk Verbal representations to either Julie Danks, Lesley King, Kate Fulton or Garry Cummings by 24 August 2009		Key Decision
Q1 Finance and Performance Report																					
2] Myplace Youth Centre	Corporate Director, Children Education & Social Care	Councillor Alex Cunningham - Cabinet Member for Children & Young People	Cabinet		■												N/A	Surveys, consultation meetings, special events, website, area partnerships.	N/A	DCSF Funding Guidance, previous cabinet report, Big Lottery Funding	Key Decision

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The DCSF funded youth facility in Tilery																				Requirements	
3] Options for South of the Borough in BSF	Corporate Director of Children, Education and Social Care	Councillor Alex Cunningham - Cabinet Member for Children & Young People	Cabinet		■												Corporate Management Team	Consultation is not possible at this stage as the report is requesting approval to carry out a feasibility study, it is only once this study is complete that it will be possible to identify feasible options to consult upon	Contact: Programme Director Lionel Danby or Communications Officer Kirsty Watt Tel:01642 524984 Email: bsf@stockton.gov.uk  End date for representations: Monday 10th August 2009	CMT report	Key Decision  3rd September Cabinet (brought forward from 1st October)
To seek approval to carry out a feasibility study and financial support for this work.																					
4] To determine the scope of a Local Education Partnership (LEP)	Corporate Director of Children, Education and Social Care	Councillor Alex Cunningham - Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, Councillor Alex Cunningham - Cabinet Member for Children & Young People	Cabinet		■												Council members. Secondary headteachers and college principals. Governing bodies of secondary schools. Tees Valley Learning & Skills Council. Diocese of	On-going Members' Seminars. On-going regular meetings of the BSF Change Management Group and thematic sub-groups.	Please contact: BSF Team - BSF@stockton.gov.uk Lionel Danby - 01642 524693 Kirst Watt - 01642 524525  End date for representations: Monday 10th August	Draft LEP Strategy	Key Decision

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To agree the scope of work to be undertaken by a Local Education Partnership established under the Building Schools for the Future programme.																	Durham, Diocese of York, Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle, Diocese of Middlesbrough.		2009		
5] Housing Futures (Options for future investment)	Corporate Director of Development and Neighbourhood Services	Councillor Steve Nelson - Cabinet Member for Housing and Community Safety	Council		■												All ward members, all council tenants and leaseholders, Tristar Board	Meetings, briefing papers, focus group sessions, Tenants/Leaseholder newsletters	Contact the Option Appraisal Project Team: Free phone 0800 432 0891 Email stock.options@stockton.gov.uk End Date 01/04/2009	Cabinet report 6.11.08 and 2.8.07	Key Decision  This report to go to the Cabinet meeting on October 1st
To update Members on the work undertaken to explore the stock transfer model and seek Cabinet approval on the Councils 'preferred' stock investment option.																					
6] Integrated Health and Care Facility. Update regarding proposals for land sale of the Alma Site.	Corporate Director Children, Education & Social Care	Cabinet Member for Adults Services & Health-Cllr McCoy, Councillor Bob Cook - Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Transport	Cabinet			■											PCT	Consultation with existing stakeholders on service impact has already been undertaken	Ruth Hill Email ruth.hill@stockton.gov.uk	Cabinet Papers May 09 and August 09	Key Decision  N/A

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Following negotiation with the PCT and Council. The outcome of the Alma Street land sale is being brought back to Cabinet for review and agreement as to the next steps																					
7] Possible amalgamation of Bewley Infant School with Bewley Junior School.	Corporate Director of Children, Education and Social Care	Councillor Alex Cunningham - Cabinet Member for Children & Young People	Cabinet			■											Headteachers and staff, governing bodies, parents. Staff unions and professional associations. Diocese of Durham, Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle, Member of Parliament for Stockton North.	Distribution of consultation paper, meetings of school governing bodies, parents and staff.	In writing (including email) to Corporate Director.		Key Decision
To consider, in the light of responses to consultation, whether to publish a statutory notice proposing the closure of Bewley Infant School and Bewley Junior School and the establishment of a new primary school in their place.																					
8] To agree the submission to government of an Outline Business Case for the first phase of investment in Building Schools for the Future (BSF)	Corporate Director of Children, Education and Social Care	Councillor Alex Cunningham - Cabinet Member for Children & Young People	Cabinet			■											Secondary headteachers and college principals. Governing bodies of secondary schools. Tees Valley Learning & Skills Council. Diocese of	Regular meetings of the BSF Change Management Group and thematic sub-groups. Meetings of school governing bodies. On-going Members	Interested persons can contact:  The BSF Team - BSF@stockton.gov.uk Lionel Danby on 01642 524693. Kirsty Watt on 01642 524525.	Cabinet report dated 5 February 2009	Key Decision  Moved from 3rd September Cabinet to 1st October Cabinet

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To agree an Outline Business case for the first phase of investment under the Building Schools for the Future programme.																	Durham, Diocese of York, Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle, Diocese of Middlesbrough. All members.	Seminar on a quarterly basis.	End date for representations: Beginning August 2009		
9] To agree to issue statutory public notices proposing the closure of Blakeston School, The Norton School Humanities College and Thornaby Community School.	Corporate Director of Children, Education and Social Care	Councillor Alex Cunningham - Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, Councillor Alex Cunningham - Cabinet Member for Children & Young People	Cabinet			■											Corporate Management Team, parents/carers, pupils, governors, school staff, Council members, MP's, Dioceses.  Trade Union representatives will be kept	CMT report, drop-in sessions, letters, meetings, members' seminars, local press.	Contact: Programme Director Lionel Danby or Communications Officer Kirsty Watt Tel:01642 524984 Email: bsf@stockton.gov.uk	CMT report, cabinet report incorporating consultation responses	Key Decision

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<p>The Government has set a national benchmark of 30% of students achieving five or more GCSE passes at grades A*-C including Maths and English. This is known as the National Challenge, and any school that does not reach this benchmark must take urgent action to improve performance.</p> <p>It is proposed that the borough's three National Challenge schools are replaced with new Academies to address this need for improvement.</p> <p>The decline in student numbers in north Stockton over the coming years will make it impossible to retain all three of the existing secondary schools. School budgets are based on pupil numbers and smaller schools will find it increasingly difficult to offer a wide choice of curriculum opportunities especially as the seventeen diploma lines are introduced. This is why three schools in the north Stockton area will not be viable. It is proposed that the Norton School Humanities College and Blakeston School close and are replaced with a single Academy.</p>																	informed throughout.				
10] Billingham Town Centre Update	Corporate Director of Development and Neighbourhood Services	Councillor Bob Cook - Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Transport	Cabinet			■											Portfolio Members, Billingham Councillors, TBP, Area Partnerships, Billingham Town Council, Key Stakeholders,	Ongoing consultation via meetings with Members, area/community partnerships and Town Council and key stakeholders.	To Louise McDonald by 7 August 09 via email: louise.mcdonald@stockton.gov.uk, by phone on 01642 528942 or by letter.	Billingham Town Centre Cabinet reports - January and September 2007	Key Decision 1st Oct Cabinet
The report will formally feedback on progress made regarding the Stockland Masterplan: town centre regeneration.																					

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11] Housing Regeneration Response to the Credit Crunch	Corporate Director of Development and Neighbourhood Services	Councillor Bob Cook - Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Transport, Councillor Steve Nelson - Cabinet Member for Housing and Community Safety	Cabinet			■											Ward Cllrs in Housing Regeneration areas	Briefing Sessions	By email Sharon.thomas@stockton.gov.uk By telephone 526073, or in person. 30th August 2009		Key Decision  For Cabinet on 1st October 2009
Report summarises and seek approval for the initiatives and approaches to mitigate the impact of the credit crunch and housing market slump on the housing regeneration schemes																					
12] To adopt Supplementary Planning Document on Open Space, Landscaping and Recreation.	Corporate Director of Development and Neighbourhood Services	Councillor Bob Cook - Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Transport	Cabinet Council			■											Residents, Planning Committee, Cabinet.	After the statutory consultation period, the document will be revised, if appropriate,	By contacting Rosemary Young, Spatial Planning Manager : Rosemary.Y	Draft SPD for consultation approved by Cabinet on 16 April 2009. Available from	Key Decision  To be referred to 29th October Cabinet.



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This document will form part of the Local Development Framework and will provide guidance and standards for the provision and maintenance of open space, recreation facilities, landscaping, green infrastructure in new developments to meet local needs and aspirations																		as a result of comments received. It will then be referred to Cabinet and Council for adoption as statutory guidance for the authority in determining planning applications. The adopted document and a schedule of the comments received and how they have been dealt with will be published on the Council's website and made available in hard copy. Those on Spatial Planning's Consultation Database will be informed by letter, e-mail, text (whatever preferred means they have indicated to us) of the adoption of the SPD.	<p>oung@stockton.gov.uk or by telephone on 01642 526054 during consultation period which is scheduled for May-June 2009 (final dates decided then to be extensively publicised in press. Document will be available at reception in Municipal Buildings, Gloucester House, all public libraries. Individuals and organisations on Spatial Planning's database will be contacted by letter, e-mail or text whatever preferred method they have indicated to us) and statutory consultees will receive copies of the document for comment. CDs of the</p>	<p>http://www.stockton.gov.uk/egenda.Open Space Audit available on Council website under Spatial Planning. PPG17 Planning for Open Space, Sport and Recreation. Assessing Local Needs and Opportunities: A Companion Guide. Both available from www.communities.gov.uk Stockton-on-Tees Open Space Audit 2004. Document available to view from Rebecca Richardson, Spatial Planning Team ext 6050 or on Spatial Planning website. The document has also been influenced by a number</p>	

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13] New Executive Arrangements	Director of Law and Democracy	Cllr Laing-Cabinet Member for Corporate Management and Finance, Leader of the Council-Cllr Lupton	Cabinet and Council				■										All Members, Local Government Electors and other interested parties	Report to individual Groups; Briefing sessions; Cabinet report; Correspondence, leaflets, website, press releases	David Bond - 01642 527060 david.bond@stockton.gov.uk by 3rd November 2009	Cabinet report 26th November 2009	Key Decision
To consider the outcome of consultation with local government electors and interested parties regarding the adoption of new executive arrangements for the Council, and to agree proposals for change and the referendum arrangements.																					
14] Q2 Improvement Report - Finance/Performance	Corporate Director of Resources	Cllr Laing-Cabinet Member for Corporate Management and Finance	Cabinet / Council				■										Leader of the Council + Cabinet portfolio member Councillor	Briefing sessions / individual group briefings	Julie Danks - Tel: 527007 E-mail: julie.danks@stockton.gov.uk		Key Decision

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Q2 Finance and Performance Report																	Laing		Lesley King - Tel: 527004 E-mail: lesley.king@stockton.gov.uk Garry Cummings - Tel: 527011 E-mail: garry.cummings@stockton.gov.uk Verbal representations to either Julie Danks, Lesley King, Kate Fulton or Garry Cummings by 16 November 2009.		
15] Stockton-on-Tees Local Development Framework. To endorse the Environmental Development Plan Document Issues and Options and Sustainability Appraisal for public consultation	Corporate Director of Development and Neighbourhood Services	Councillor Bob Cook - Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Transport	Cabinet, Council				■										Planning Committee, Cabinet	The Issues and Options report will be subject to a minimum 6 week statutory consultation period. The document will be available on the Spatial Planning website and will be available on request in	Contact Rosemary Young, Spatial Planning Manager, on 01642 526054 or email to rosemary.young@stockton.gov.uk within statutory 6 week period from notification	Planning and Compensation Act 2004. Town and Country Planning (Local Development)(England)(Amendment) Regulations 2008. Both available www.opsi.gov.uk PPS1 Delivering	Key Decision N/A

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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.																		hard copy or on CD. Hard copies will be available for inspection in local libraries and main council offices visited by members of the public. Those on the Spatial Planning's consultation database will be informed of the consultation by letter, e-mail or text as they prefer. Statutory Notices will be placed in the Evening Gazette. Articles will be placed in the Herald and Post and Stockton News.		Sustainable Development PPS9 Biodiversity and Geological Conservation PPS22 Renewable Energy PPS25 Planning and Flood Risk PPG15 Planning and the Historic Environment PPG 16 Archaeology and Planning. Adopted Core Strategy	

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16] Social housing investment - older persons housing 'with care' accommodation scheme (on the site of the former Parkview care home).	Corporate Director for DNS	Councillor Steve Nelson - Cabinet Member for Housing and Community Safety, Cabinet Member for Adults Services & Health-Cllr McCoy	Cabinet				■										Thornaby Town Council, Village ward Councillors and the general public.	Briefing meetings and formal scheme consultation sessions	Email or telephone Jane Edmonds Tel. 01642 526682 Email jane.edmonds@stockton.gov.uk End Date - 30/09/09	Cabinet reports 13.3.08 and 19.6.08.	Key Decision
To update Members on the development of an older persons housing 'with care' accommodation scheme on the site of the former Parkview residential care home.																					