

EXECUTIVE SCRUTINY ITEM COVERING SHEET PROFORMA

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**REPORT TO EXECUTIVE
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5 APRIL 2011**

**REPORT OF CORPORATE
MANAGEMENT TEAM**

Corporate Management and Finance: Lead Cabinet Member – Councillor Laing QUARTER 3 – PERFORMANCE REPORT

1. Summary

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2. Recommendations

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3. Members Interests

Members (including co-opted Members with voting rights) should consider whether they have a personal interest in the item as defined in the Council's code of conduct (**paragraph 8**) and, if so, declare the existence and nature of that interest in accordance with paragraph 9 of the code.

Where a Member regards him/herself as having a personal interest in the item, he/she must then consider whether that interest is one which a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest (**paragraphs 10 and 11 of the code of conduct**).

A Member with a prejudicial interest in any matter must withdraw from the room where the meeting considering the business is being held -

- in a case where the Member is attending a meeting (including a meeting of a select committee) but only for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence, provided the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose whether under statutory right or otherwise, immediately after making representations, answering questions or giving evidence as the case may be;
- in any other case, whenever it becomes apparent that the business is being considered at the meeting.

And must not exercise executive functions in relation to the matter and not seek improperly to influence the decision about the matter (**paragraph 12 of the Code**).

Further to the above, it should be noted that any Member attending a meeting of Cabinet, Select Committee etc; whether or not they are a Member of the Cabinet or Select Committee concerned, must declare any personal interest which they have in the business being considered at the meeting (unless the interest arises solely from the Member's membership of, or position of control or management on any other body to which the Member was appointed or nominated by the Council, or on any other body exercising functions of a public nature, when the interest only needs to be declared if and when the Member speaks on the matter), and if their interest is prejudicial, they must also leave the meeting room, subject to and in accordance with the provisions referred to above.

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Changes to the National Performance Framework.

1. All remaining National Indicators (NIs) from the original 198 set will cease on 31 March 2011. A new framework for data collections has been the subject of government consultation on a Single Data List for Local Government (SDL). Details of the collections required under the draft SDL have been published with local councils given the opportunity to comment on the proposals. The consultation period ended on 4 February 2011 and the Government is aiming to publish the final SDL to take effect from 1 April 2011. Once the final SDL is published it will be used to inform the development of a revised performance framework for Stockton Council and the Renaissance Partnership. This will be reported to members at a later date.
2. For quarter 3 details of performance against the current indicator set are provided in the appendices to this report. The appendix and all other report cards are available for Members to view at www.stockton.gov.uk/yourcouncil/performance/qtrperfmmonitor
3. **Appendix 1** to this report contains:
 - Details of the progress against service performance for the third quarter of 2010/11. It highlights achievements, areas for improvement, consultation activity undertaken, summary of Freedom of Information requests, complaints, commendations and comments, RIPA update and provides details of suggestions from the staff suggestion scheme

OVERALL PERFORMANCE OF NATIONAL INDICATOR SET

4. At Quarter 3, of those national indicator measures in the Corporate Basket, where information is available for monitoring at Quarter 3, 64% (16 indicators) across all themes have achieved targets or are predicted to achieve targets. There are 36% of measures (9 indicators) where the target has been missed or will be missed. **Further detail is included at www.stockton.gov.uk/yourcouncil/performance/qtrperfmonitor.**

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

1. There are no financial implications to the performance elements of this report.

RISK ASSESSMENT

2. Existing management systems and daily routine activities are sufficient to control and reduce risk.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY IMPLICATIONS

3. The report supports the Sustainable Community Strategy.

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

4. The report was not subject to an Equality Impact Assessment. The report does not seek approval for a new policy and an assessment was taken on the MTFP report submitted as part of the 2010/11 budget cycle.

CONSULTATION, INCLUDING WARD COUNCILLORS

5. Not applicable.

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