

Date: Wednesday, 22 March 2023 at 6.00 pm

Venue: Baptist Tabernacle Auditorium, The Square, Stockton on Tees, TS18 1TE

Cllr Ross Patterson (Mayor)

Cllr Helen Atkinson	Cllr Louise Baldock
Cllr Chris Barlow	Cllr Jim Beall
Cllr Pauline Beall	Cllr Jacky Bright
Cllr Carol Clark	Cllr Robert Cook
Cllr Nigel Cooke	Cllr Evaline Cunningham
Cllr Ian Dalgarno	Cllr Ken Dixon
Cllr Lisa Evans	Cllr Dan Fagan
Cllr Kevin Faulks	Cllr Luke Frost
Cllr Clare Gamble	Cllr John Gardner
Cllr Ray Godwin	Cllr Lynn Hall
Cllr Stefan Houghton	Cllr Barbara Inman
Cllr Niall Innes	Cllr Mohammed Javed
Cllr Eileen Johnson	Cllr Paul Kirton
Cllr Tina Large	Cllr Mrs Ann McCoy
Cllr Steve Matthews JP	Cllr David Minchella
Cllr Mick Moore	Cllr Steve Nelson
Cllr Mrs Jean O'Donnell	Cllr Maurice Perry
Cllr Lauriane Povey	Cllr Stephen Richardson
Cllr Tony Riordan	Cllr Andrew Sherris
Cllr Michael Smith	Cllr Lee Spence
Cllr Norma Stephenson OBE	Cllr Mick Stoker
Cllr Hugo Stratton	Cllr Ted Strike
Cllr Marilyn Surtees	Cllr Laura Tunney
Cllr Hilary Vickers	Cllr Steve Walmsley
Cllr Mrs Sylvia Walmsley	Cllr Alan Watson
Cllr Sally Ann Watson	Cllr Paul Weston
Cllr Julia Whitehill	Cllr Bill Woodhead MBE
Cllr Barry Woodhouse	

AGENDA

1 Welcome and Evacuation Procedure

2 Declarations of Interest

3 Minutes

To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on xxx

4	Constitution Update	(Pages 7 - 10)
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10	Members' Question Time	(Pages 33 - 40)
11	Forward Plan and Leader's Statement	

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Contact: Democratic Services Officer, Peter Bell

KEY - Declarable interests are:-

- Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI's)
- Other Registerable Interests (ORI's)
- Non Registerable Interests (NRI's)

Members – Declaration of Interest Guidance

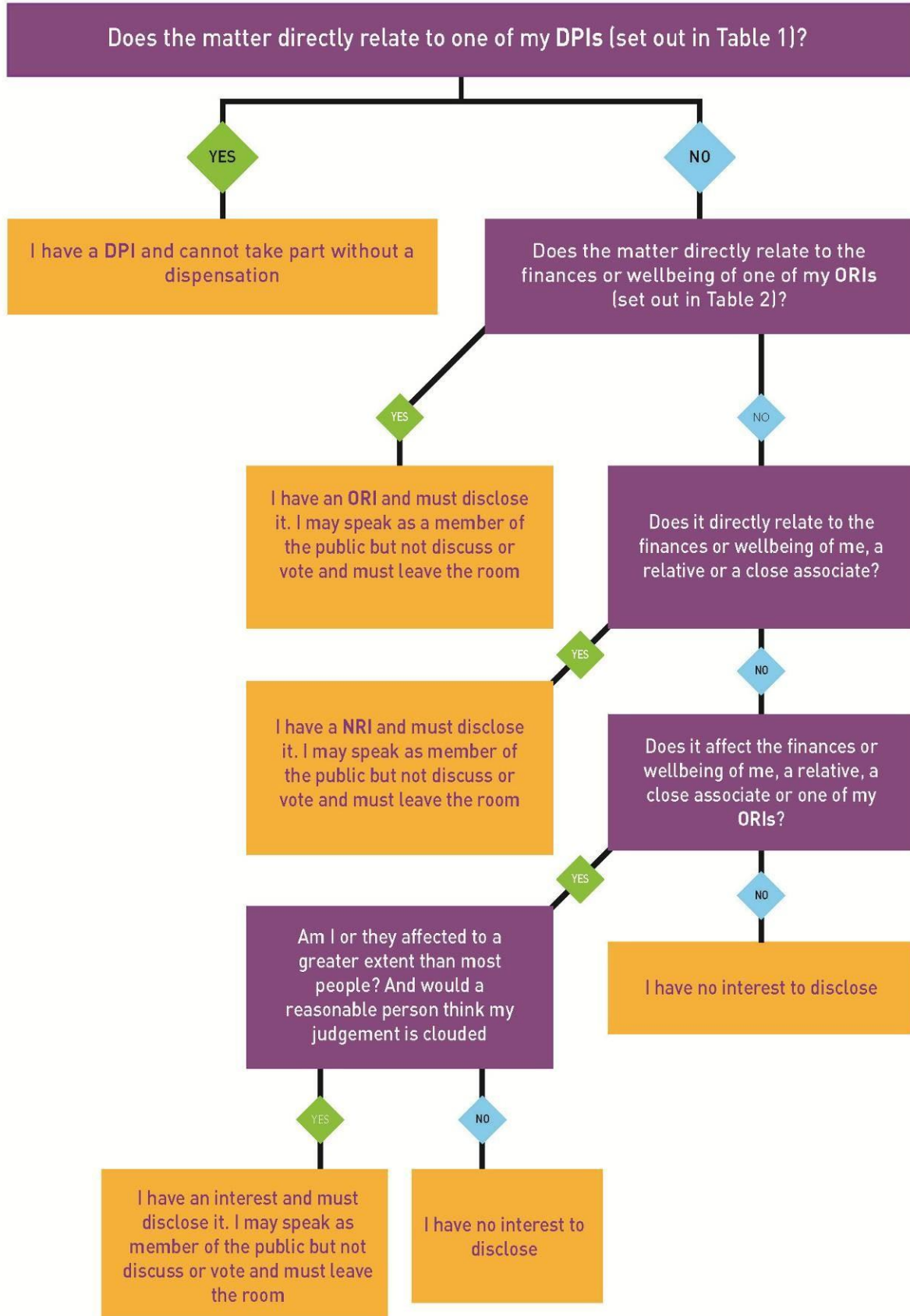


Table 1 - Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Subject	Description
Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain
Sponsorship	Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the council) made to the councillor during the previous 12-month period for expenses incurred by him/her in carrying out his/her duties as a councillor, or towards his/her election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.
Contracts	Any contract made between the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners (or a firm in which such person is a partner, or an incorporated body of which such person is a director* or a body that such person has a beneficial interest in the securities of*) and the council — (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and (b) which has not been fully discharged.
Land and property	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the council. 'Land' excludes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not give the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil partners (alone or jointly with another) a right to occupy or to receive income.
Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the council for a month or longer.
Corporate tenancies	Any tenancy where (to the councillor's knowledge)— (a) the landlord is the council; and (b) the tenant is a body that the councillor, or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil partners is a partner of or a director* of or has a beneficial interest in the securities* of.
Securities	Any beneficial interest in securities* of a body where— (a) that body (to the councillor's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the council; and (b) either— (i) the total nominal value of the securities* exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or (ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the councillor, or his/ her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners have a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

* 'director' includes a member of the committee of management of an industrial and provident society.

* 'securities' means shares, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, units of a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and other securities of any description, other than money deposited with a building society.

Table 2 – Other Registerable Interest

You must register as an Other Registrable Interest:

- a) any unpaid directorships
- b) any body of which you are a member or are in a position of general control or management and to which you are nominated or appointed by your authority
- c) any body
 - (i) exercising functions of a public nature
 - (ii) directed to charitable purposes or
 - (iii) one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union) of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO COUNCIL

22 MARCH 2023

**REPORT OF CORPORATE
MANAGEMENT TEAM**

COUNCIL’S CONSTITUTION

SUMMARY

This report presents the updated Constitution for consideration by Council.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

1. The amendments specified in the table in this report and shown in tracked changes in the draft amended Constitution be approved and the amended Constitution agreed.

DETAIL

1. All Local Authorities in England have a statutory duty under the Local Government Act 2000 to maintain an up to date Constitution and to make their Constitution publicly available.
2. The Monitoring Officer, on behalf of and in consultation with the Chief Executive, has a responsibility under paragraph 1.37 of the Constitution to monitor and review the Constitution on a regular basis and has delegated authority to make changes to the Constitution, to, amongst other minor changes, reflect the Council’s structures and decision making requirements.
3. The Monitoring Officer proposes the following changes for the proper working of the Council, to reflect the working practices of the Council or for clarification. The reasons for each proposed change is specified in the table.

Page No	Paragraph No	Reason for Amendment
15	2.4(d)	Added wording to clarify that only the additional finances will be determined by Council where main decision is an executive decision
18	2.16 (c)	For clarification
19	2.17	For clarification
24	Heading	For clarification
29	2.49 (e) and (f)	To reflect the current arrangements

31	2.53	To delegate decisions about traffic regulation orders to officers if 5 or less objections have been received during the statutory consultation period
44	2.130	To reflect the current position
47	2.153A	To insert a new paragraph to give the Chief Executive the power to make urgent decisions and to mirror the existing power of the CEX to make urgent Cabinet decisions
61	3.42	To clarify that specified functions cannot be determined by Council
72	3.114	To be consistent with committee rules
72	3.116	To be consistent with committee rules
72/73	3.119	For clarification
73	3.121	For consistency with legislation
74	3.125(b)	For consistency with legislation
78	3.138	For consistency with legislation
78	3.140(b)	Not required under Regulations
78	3.141	Not required under Regulations
91	3.183(a)	Not required under Regulations – delete if removed from urgency procedures
95	3.190	New strategies that need approval of council – and delete capital strategy and investment strategy from 3.191
97	3.205	To distinguish between executive and non-executive functions – and clarify that Council cannot make executive decisions by way of amendment or motion to Council
97	3.206	For clarification between executive and non-executive functions
97	3.208	Unnecessarily restricts urgency decisions
100	3.216	Virements would be within the context of the overall approved MTFP
107	Table below 3.260	To reflect increased statutory thresholds
115	Standstill Period Table	To reflect increased statutory thresholds
132	4.42	To correct a typing error and reflect the LGA model code of conduct
133	4.43	To be consistent with the LGA model code of conduct

4. A tracked-changes version of the Constitution highlighting the amendments referred to in this report is available on the Members area of the Intranet
<https://intranet.stockton.gov.uk/members/constitution-and-procedure-rules/>
<https://intranet.stockton.gov.uk/media/343229/constitution-may-2022-tracked-changes.docx>

COMMUNITY IMPACT IMPLICATIONS

1. There will be no community impact implications arising from this report

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

1. There are no financial implications arising from this report. The cost of the review of the Constitution is covered by the ongoing revenue budget for the Corporate Services Directorate.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

1. Section 37 of the Local Government Act 2000 requires the Council to keep its Constitution under review. The Constitution delegates authority to the Monitoring Officer to review the constitution and make minor changes but other changes require the approval of Council.

RISK ASSESSMENT

1. This report is categorised as low to medium risk.

CORPORATE PARENTING IMPLICATIONS

1. There are no corporate parenting implications as a direct result of this report.

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AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO COUNCIL

22 MARCH 2023

REPORT OF CORPORATE MANAGEMENT TEAM

COUNCIL PLAN 2023-26

SUMMARY

This report presents a draft Council Plan 2023-26.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Council approve the Council Plan 2023-26.

DETAIL

1. The Council Plan sets out our vision for the Borough looking forward to 2026, and the key priorities we will be working on as your Council in the coming year to do our part in bringing the vision to life.
2. You will see in this plan that we want the Borough to be:
 - A place where people are healthy, safe and protected from harm
 - A place that is clean, vibrant and attractive
 - A place with a thriving economy where everyone has opportunities to succeed
3. The Council Plan is attached at **Appendix 1**.

COMMUNITY IMPACT IMPLICATIONS

4. This report covers the Council Plan. The Council Plan summarises the Council's strategic position over the next 3 years and describes the Council's Policy Principles, Vision and Key Objectives. The Council Plan, whilst covering all of the Council's services, does not include any policy changes and there are therefore no community impact implications as a direct result of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. This report covers the Council Plan. The Council Plan summarises the Council's strategic position over the next 3 years and describes the Council's Policy Principles, Vision and Key Objectives. This report is aligned with the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan although there are no financial implications as a direct result of this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6. This report covers the Council Plan. The Council Plan summarises the Council's strategic position over the next 3 years and describes the Council's Policy Principles, Vision and Key Objectives. There are no legal implications as a direct result of this report.

RISK ASSESSMENT

7. The development of the Council Plan is categorised as low to medium risk. Existing management systems and daily routine activities are sufficient to control and reduce the risk.

CORPORATE PARENTING IMPLICATIONS

8. There are no corporate parenting implications as a direct result of this report.

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Welcome to our
2023 - 2026 Council Plan

We want the Borough to be:

**A place where
people are
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and protected
from harm**

**A place that is
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**A place with
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opportunities
to succeed**

The Plan describes how we are going to do this and what we hope to achieve in 2023-2024.



What is the Council Plan?

The Council Plan sets out our vision and hopes for the Borough looking forward to 2025 and it explains the priorities we will be working on in the coming year to bring the vision to life. This plan is again developed in a difficult financial context, where our long-term funding from Government is not clear.

Who is the Council Plan for?

The Council Plan is for everyone who lives and works in the Borough. The Council is here to serve and support you, and we take that responsibility very seriously. That's why we've created this Plan: to set out in one place what we aim to achieve and what we will be focussing on in the coming year.

Who is involved in it?

We are an ambitious Council, we have big plans for the Borough, and we recognise that we can't achieve them on our own. So, whilst this Council Plan focuses on what we plan to do as a Council, we also have a number of partnership plans that set out the exciting work we're doing with our partners, to bring the vision to life.

Find out more by reading:

- The Community Safety Strategy
- The Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- The Inclusive Growth Strategy
- The Children's and Young People's Strategy
- The Adult Social Care Strategy
- The Communities Strategy
- The Environmental Sustainability and Carbon Reduction Strategy
- The Fairer Stockton-on-Tees Framework

You can find all of these on our website www.stockton.gov.uk/our-plans

We have an instinct to collaborate and we work hard to be an effective partner. You can be sure that we are co-ordinating and driving all the benefits from these closely related plans to make sure that they deliver the greatest possible benefit to the Borough.



Councillor Bob Cook
Leader of the Council



Mike Greene
Chief Executive

About Stockton-on-Tees

Our Borough

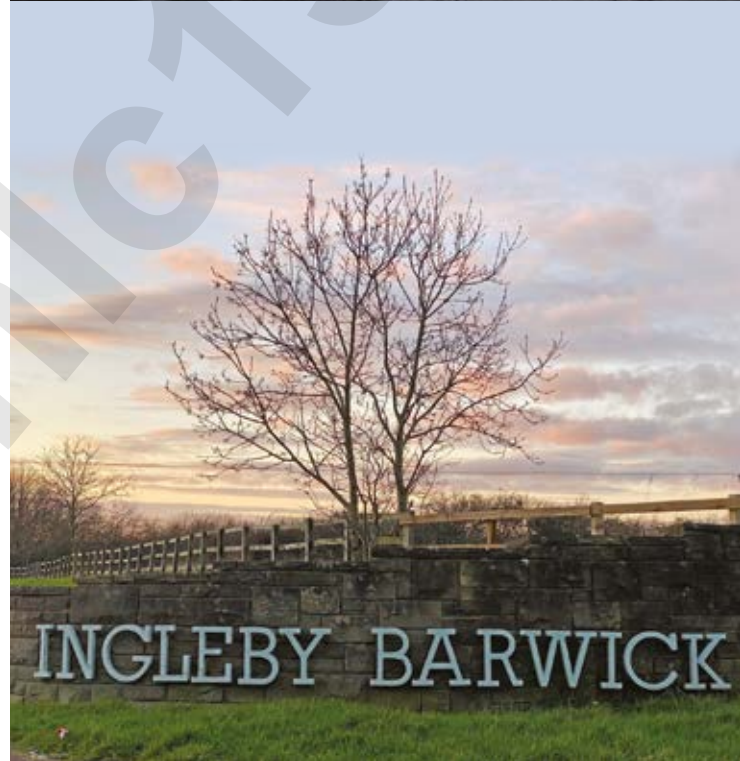
The Borough of Stockton-on-Tees has something for everyone. It's no wonder our population is growing, business is booming, and you tell us you're happy to be here. Here are some things you might like to know about our Borough.

A place people are proud to live

200,000 people call the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees home. They live in our thriving towns - Billingham, Ingleby Barwick, Norton, Stockton, Thornaby and Yarm - and our rural villages. Our population is increasing, with a 2.8% rise over the last seven years, and we're committed to serving this growing community, supported by a thriving and active voluntary, community and social enterprise sector. We're delighted to know people are proud of living here.

Going places and getting further

Business is booming in the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees, where 5,500 businesses generate £4 billion for the local economy. We account for a third of the Tees Valley economy overall and our towns provide work for people from across the Borough. Our excellent road and rail connections with London and key northern cities make the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees a great place to do business. Whilst Teesside International Airport, on the Borough's boundary, provides international connections for our globally ambitious businesses.



Alive with events, leisure and culture

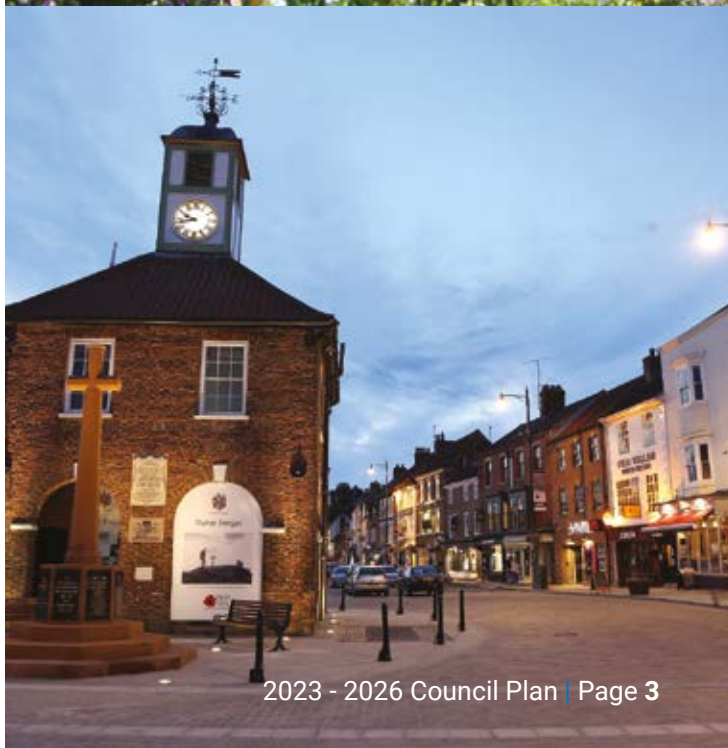
There's always something to do in the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees. Whether that is enjoying our beautiful parks, the river and open spaces, or visiting our distinctive towns. We will continue to promote a year-round festival and events programme, to ensure we can all enjoy the wide range of activities, events and facilities that put our Borough on the map. Our Plan will maintain the Borough's reputation as a thriving and vibrant place to be.

Fighting inequality

Inequality is a challenge in the Borough. We have affluent areas alongside areas of deprivation. Nine of our 26 wards are in the 10% most deprived wards in the country and there is a gap of 21 years in average life expectancy amongst men between the most and least deprived wards. We're committed to fighting this discrepancy and making sure more people enjoy a healthy and happy life here.

The climate change challenge

The effects of climate change are becoming ever more apparent. We know that we all need to radically change our transport, homes, industry, diet and lifestyle. The Council is working with a sense of urgency to develop plans in partnership with businesses and other agencies to drive down carbon emissions and reduce consumption of energy and raw materials. You can read more in the Environmental Sustainability and Carbon Reduction Strategy. Everyone in the Borough can make a difference.



About our Council

Elected by you

We are a unitary authority elected to serve the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees. We are the largest of the five local unitary Councils that make up the Tees Valley region. We have 26 wards, represented by 56 councillors. Following the May 2019 local elections, no political party has overall control of the Council. We have a Leader and Cabinet style administration. That means the Council appoints the Leader, and the Leader appoints the Cabinet.

Planning our financial future

Our medium-term financial planning approach has allowed us to continually balance our budget through delivering savings and efficiencies but also to plan ahead and deliver invest-to-save schemes and innovative changes to service delivery models.

The current financial climate is extremely challenging and there will be a need to deliver budget savings in the future. Our approach will allow time to embark on a series of reviews, which will not only deliver savings but also improve outcomes for our residents.

Our people, our services, our commitment

Our teams continue to rise to the many challenges we face, continuing to deliver high quality, value for money services, and by working with key partners in the public, business and voluntary, community and social enterprise sector.

Our adult and children's social care services, support teams and education support teams work all year round to protect our residents from abuse and exploitation,

working alongside the teams in public health, community safety, licensing, trading standards, welfare support, housing, catering, registrars, bereavement service, community engagement and environmental health work to make sure that the Borough is a place where people are healthy, safe and protected from harm.

Our refuse and recycling, street cleaning, groundworks, parks and maintenance teams all work alongside the teams in heritage, libraries, museums, events and countryside and green space to make sure that the Borough is clean, vibrant and attractive. The planning, building control and housing teams make sure that the Borough has great places to live.

Our business support, inward investment, learning and skills and town centre development teams are working hard to support businesses in the Borough to ensure we have a thriving economy where everyone has opportunities to succeed. Our transport teams continue to manage and improve our highways networks to ensure that residents and businesses can move freely around the Borough.

And all of our teams, whether on the front line or working in the vital support functions that are needed to make it all happen, are ambitious, effective and proud to serve.

We're proud to deliver all of these services, however when we look at the situation in the Borough in 2023/24 and weigh up all of the challenges and opportunities that we face right now, we have identified the following key priorities for the coming year.

Our Vision for the Borough

We want the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees to be...

A place where people are **healthy, safe and protected** from harm

This means the Borough will be a place where:

People live in cohesive and safe communities

People are supported and protected from harm

People live healthy lives

This means we will enjoy:

Great places to live and visit

Clean and green spaces

Rich cultural experiences

A place that is **clean, vibrant and attractive**

This means that the Borough will have:

A growing economy

Improved education and skills development

Job creation and increased employment

A place with a **thriving economy** where everyone has **opportunities to succeed**

We will play our part in bringing about this vision for the Borough by being...

A Council that is **ambitious, effective and proud to serve**

This means that we will make sure that we provide:

- Financial sustainability and value for money
- Dedicated and resourceful employees
- Strong leadership and governance



Making the Borough a place where people are healthy, safe and protected from harm means creating a place where:

- People live in cohesive and safe communities
- People are supported and protected from harm
- People live healthy lives





We have identified these key priorities for 2023-2024 to help us achieve this vision. This year we will:

Support achievement for all pupils including a focus on narrowing the gap in outcomes

Deliver improvement programme focusing on workforce, practice and partnerships for children and families in need

Continue to develop and enhance provision and support for children and young people with additional needs or accessing alternative provision

Implement the investment proposals for children in our care, including new provision and new models of delivery

Maximise the effectiveness of the additional investment made in our community safety related services in order to protect residents

Consider and develop a new serious violence reduction strategy in partnership with other responsible authorities

Give due consideration to the new Protect Duty placed on local authorities as part of the wider national counter-terrorism strategy

Support people to live healthy lives and address health inequalities through a focus on early prevention, long term conditions, substance misuse, smoking, obesity, physical activity and mental health

Continue to lead the public health response to Covid and support the approach to recovery and addressing the impact of Covid, working with partners on the Health and Wellbeing Board

Support the Arson Reduction Strategy in partnership with Cleveland Fire Brigade

Support people to remain safely and independently in their homes for as long as possible and offer help to people who are feeling lonely

Continue to work with adult residential care and care at home providers to improve quality of care and to continue to support them as they respond to the challenges arising from COVID-19

Engage with individuals, families, carers and communities when developing adult social care support and continue to collaborate with the NHS to ensure health and care services work effectively together

Review out of area placements and day options provision for adults

Develop a new model for the health and wellbeing of children and young people 0-19 (25 for SEND), working across key partners and including service commissioning

Work with our communities and partners to develop our approach to healthy places, in the context of regeneration plans and the Health and Wellbeing Strategy

Work with our partners in the VCSE sector and the Community Partnerships to tackle food poverty in the Borough

Continue to prevent and relieve homelessness



Making the Borough a place with a **thriving economy** where everyone has **opportunities to succeed** means creating:

- A growing economy
- Improved education and skills development
- Job creation and increased employment





We have identified these key priorities for 2023-2024 to help us achieve this vision. This year we will:

Continue to develop the Invest Stockton-on-Tees branding campaign and attract inward investment into the Borough

Develop options to bring forward development on vacant employment land

Continue to deliver the objectives in the Inclusive Growth Strategy and using an agreed Action Plan

Continue to develop the successful Employment and Training Hub Model

Develop a procurement charter with partners to promote social value and identify potential areas of development of supply chains in order to support local business

Advance our major transport-related projects including the Portrack Relief Road, Billingham and Eaglescliffe Station improvements, Elton Interchange, and improvements along the A689 corridor



Making the Borough a place that is **clean, vibrant and attractive** means creating:

- Great places to live and visit
- Clean and green spaces
- Rich cultural experiences





We have identified these key priorities for 2023-2024 to help us achieve this vision. This year we will:

Continue the redevelopment of Stockton Town Centre including demolition of the Castlegate Centre and development of the Urban Park, new leisure centre, library, customer services and registry office

Deliver interventions for a Town Deal in Thornaby

Finalise the plans for improvements in Yarm, Preston Hall Museum & Grounds and cycleway infrastructure in line with the Levelling Up fund allocation

Conclude the continued redevelopment of The Sycamores

Development of a business case to actively accelerate the provision of affordable and specialist housing provision within the Borough

Develop blueprints for before phases of redevelopment of town centres

Develop structures and models for future development of Stockton and Billingham town centres

Continue the programme of road / pavement maintenance and repairs and deliver our City Regions Sustainable Transport programme schemes

Continue implementation of the Carbon Reduction and Environmental Sustainability Strategy action plan which includes coalitions with residents, businesses, and partners

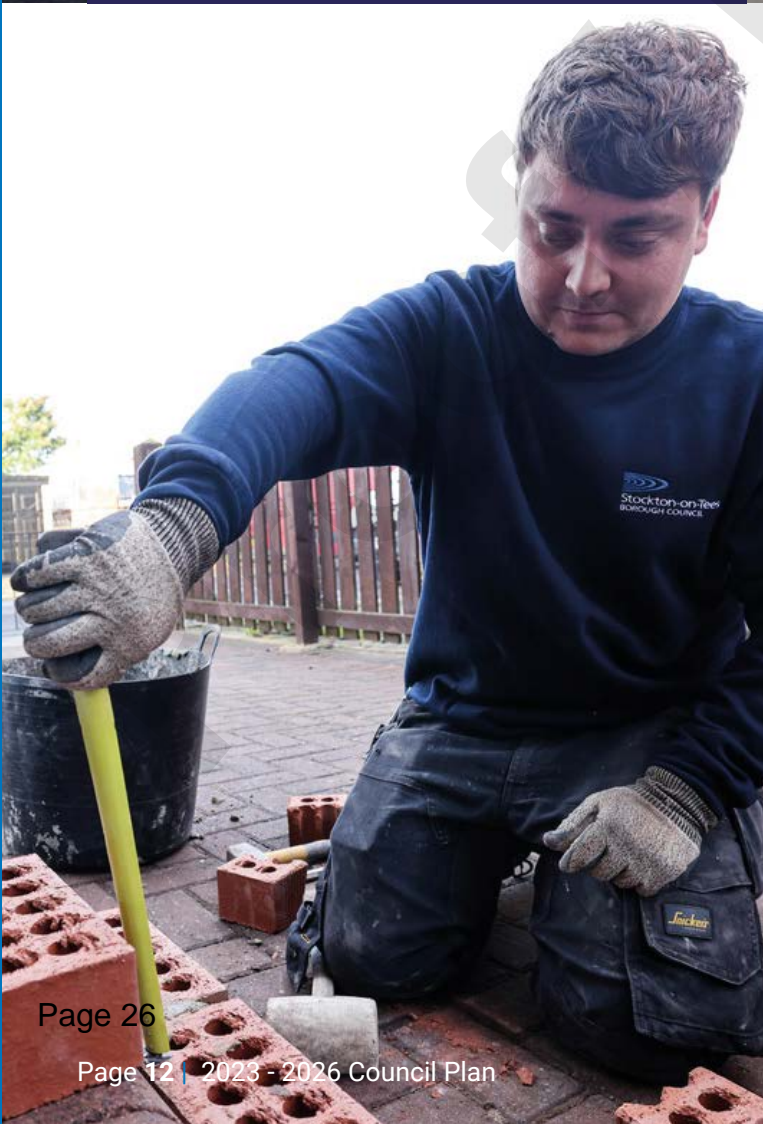
Develop and implement the 2023 borough-wide events programme, incorporating celebrations for the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III and ongoing preparations for Stockton & Darlington Railway Bicentenary

Support the Combined Authority and Bus Operators in delivering the agreed outcomes set out in the Tees Valley Enhanced Bus Partnership Plan and Scheme



We are committed to being a Council that is **ambitious, effective and proud to serve**. This means we will provide:

- Financial sustainability and value for money
- Dedicated and resourceful employees
- Strong leadership and governance





We have identified these key priorities for 2023-2024 to help us achieve this vision. This year we will:

Review of Medium Term Financial Plan including delivery and funding

Develop a Corporate Debt Strategy

Respond to and implement Government's review of Business Rates and Revaluation

Develop and deliver a transformation programme across all services to support the Medium Term Financial Plan

Deliver proposals for the redevelopment of Dunedin House to support flexible working arrangements and the re-location of staff from current buildings

Review the Council's land and assets and develop plans for disposal or for any potential development

Add new features and functions to the Council website and improve online services for customers

Launch a new Council Volunteering Strategy to support our employees to volunteer in the community and to provide additional volunteering opportunities at the Council

Implement the new flexible working arrangements to capitalise and build on the technological advancements and new working practices developed during the pandemic

Continue to develop the Bright Minds Big Futures (BMBF) initiative to ensure that the voice of young people is heard and valued in the development and delivery of Council policies and services

Respond to and implement the Local Government and Parliamentary Boundary Reviews

Continued implementation of the Fairer Stockton-on-Tees Framework to address poverty and inequality in the Borough

Continue the development and roll out of the Cost-of-Living Hub to support the Borough's residents



AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO COUNCIL

22 MARCH 2023

REPORT OF CORPORATE MANAGEMENT TEAM

LOCAL DESIGN GUIDE SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

SUMMARY

A Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) provides guidance on how Local Plan policies are applied and will be a material consideration when determining applications for planning permission within the Borough.

This “Local Design Guide” SPD has been prepared as part of a suite of guidance documents that expand on policies within the adopted Local Plan (2019). The Local Design Guide SPD and accompanying technical appendices (**Appendices A – E**) (All Appendices associated with this report are available to view on the SBC Website – agenda system) is intended as a guide for the design of development sites, with an aim to improving the quality of design within development proposals.

The Local Design Guide SPD and accompanying technical appendices has been published for public consultation and the documents have been amended where appropriate based on the consultation comments received.

It is recommended to adopt the SPD to be used in the determination of planning applications from the point of adoption. If adopted this SPD would supersede and replace existing planning guidance.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Council notes the contents of the report.
2. Council note and consider comments of Planning Committee (to follow).
3. Council adopts the Local Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document and its accompanying technical appendices.
4. Council delegate the authority to approve non-material and minor alterations to the SPD and its accompanying technical appendices to the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing, and the Director of Finance, Development and Regeneration, prior to publication.
5. Council note that the Local Design SPD will apply to all planning applications submitted to the Council after the adoption date and the following Supplementary Planning Documents will be superseded:
 - Supplementary Planning Document 1: Sustainable Design Guide
 - Supplementary Planning Guidance: High Density Development: Flats and Apartments
 - Supplementary Planning Document: Shop Front Design and Advertisements
 - The following elements of Supplementary Planning Document: Open Space, Recreation and Landscaping:
 - 8) Landscaping on development sites

- Appendix 2- Planting within Stockton-on-Tees
- Appendix 3- Tree protection
- Appendix 4: Tree planting specification for softscape areas

However, these Superseded SPDs will continue to be applied in the determination of any valid planning applications submitted on or before the date of adoption of the Local Design SPD.

DETAIL

1. The Stockton on Tees Local Plan was adopted on 30th January 2019 providing a detailed planning policy framework which is the starting point for determining planning applications. Subsequently, (25th September 2019) Council resolved to grant delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing and Director of Economic Growth and Development for the production and consultation on a series of draft SPDs. This authority also allowed any necessary amendments to be made because of comments received during public consultation, however, formal adoption of the final documents remains with Full Council.
2. Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) add further detail and guidance to the implementation of policies in the Local Plan. They do not have the same legal status as the Local Plan, and do not require the same level of preparation and examination prior to adoption.

The Local Design Guide

3. The Local Design Guide SPD (**Appendix A**) is intended as a guide for the design of development sites, with an aim to improve the quality of design proposals and improving the process of gaining planning approval. The guide sets out the design process in step-by-step stages, intended to guide developers and designers through the master planning of a site. A key aspect of the 'Design Process' is engagement and design review which is designed to assist in ensuring applications submitted have been shaped by all relevant stakeholders including the local planning authority.
4. The main document is accompanied by a series of technical appendices that provide further technical guidance and standards on Landscaping and Trees, Play Provision and Shop Front Design and Advertisements. (**Appendix B, C and D**). To accompany the main design guide document, a short overview document has also been developed (**Appendix E**) that summarises the 'Design Process'. This is intended as a quick reference guide for designers and developers.

Consultation

5. During the consultation period on the draft SPD (which took place between 21st November and 19th December 2022), a total of 13 responses were received on the contents of the draft SPD. These responses can be summarised as falling into three main categories:
 - Development Industry
 - Local Residents
 - Organisations
6. The accompanying consultation statement (**Appendix F**) contains a schedule of the comments received and the council's response to them. In response to comments or views received and to provide additional clarity or to rectify any drafting errors, several minor changes to the SPD have been made.

Adoption and Next Steps

7. The SPD has been prepared in accordance with Government legislation and guidance and has been subject to public consultation in accordance with regulations. Comments raised have been considered and, where necessary adjustments to the documents have been made. It is therefore recommended that the documents, as amended and attached at **Appendix A to E** are recommended for adoption.
8. Following adoption, the documents will be made available in the Council's main offices, on the Council's website and in public libraries across the Borough. The SPD will be a material consideration in planning applications. Members should also be aware that legislation makes provision for individuals / organisations to pursue a legal challenge regarding SPDs, and this will end 3-months after adoption of the documents.

COMMUNITY IMPACT IMPLICATIONS

9. A community impact assessment has been completed, The CIA has not identified any potential for discrimination or adverse impact and all opportunities to promote equality have been taken.
10. The wide ranging evidential and consultation activities in the preparation and subsequent adoption of the parent policies in the Local Plan, the consultation and engagement in respect of the SPD, means that the Council do not consider that the SPD will unlawfully discriminate against any group or individual, or provide the grounds for such discrimination. Furthermore, it is considered that the Council has demonstrated 'due regards' across all protected characteristics.

CORPORATE PARENTING IMPLICATIONS

11. This report does not contain corporate parenting implications.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

12. The work arising from the further preparation, adoption and distribution of documents recommended in this report will be undertaken within existing budgetary provisions.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

13. The 2004 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act made provision for the preparation of Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) to provide greater detail on specific policies within the Local Plan.
14. In addition the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 sets out the requirements for producing Supplementary Planning Documents SPDs. SPDs should not contain new policies and should not be contrary to the Local Development Plan or national policy.
15. The European Directive 2001/42/EC applied through the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations (SI No.1633) requires a Screening Report for Strategic Environmental Assessment to be produced.

RISK ASSESSMENT

16. This Supplementary Planning Document is categorised as low to medium risk. Existing management systems and daily routine activities are sufficient to control and reduce risk.

WARDS AFFECTED AND CONSULTATION WITH WARD/COUNCILLORS

The adoption of this document affects all wards within the Borough. A Council members briefing session was held for all Ward Councillors to attend on 21st November 2022 to provide a briefing on the purpose of these documents and the public consultation. The amended SPD presented for adoption was taken to Planning Committee on 15th March 2023; comments received at Planning Committee are to be tabled alongside this report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

The SPD and associated documents to be adopted are as follows:

- Appendix A - Stockton-on-Tees Local Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document
- Appendix B - Landscaping and trees- Technical Guidance and Standards
- Appendix C - Play areas- Technical Guidance and Standards
- Appendix D - Shop fronts and advertisements- Technical Guidance and Standards
- Appendix E - Design Process Overview

The remaining documents (below) were developed to support and inform the preparation of the SPD:

- Appendix F - Consultation Statement
- Appendix G - Strategic Environmental Assessment Consultation Screening Report
- Appendix H - Community Impact Assessment

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This does not include the extension of All Saints.”

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