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Tees Valley Care and Health Innovation Zone

Summary

The Committee will receive an update on developments in relation to the Tees Valley Care and Health Innovation Zone.

Detail

1. In October 2023, proposals to develop a 'Care and Health Innovation Zone' in Stockton were considered by the Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (SBC) Cabinet.

<https://www.stockton.gov.uk/article/11268/Vision-to-create-a-care-and-health-innovation-zone-in-Stockton-receives-green-light-from-Councillors>
2. An initial vision statement was collated and included an overview of the vision, why it would be important to Stockton-on-Tees and Tees Valley, key facts, and partnerships.

<https://moderngov.stockton.gov.uk/documents/s3168/Tees%20Valley%20Health%20and%20Social%20Care%20Innovation%20Zone%20-%20Initial%20Vision%20Statement%20-%20FINAL.pdf>
3. Further details about this initiative can be found on the Tees Valley Combined Authority website – see <https://teesvalley-ca.gov.uk/business/investees/tees-valley-care-and-health-innovation-zone/>.
4. The Committee received an initial briefing on this concept in June 2024 (see <https://moderngov.stockton.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=3335>), with a second update on developments provided at the Committee meeting in July 2025 (see <https://moderngov.stockton.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=5015>).
5. A further year on, the Committee has requested another update on developments, with specific information sought on the following elements:
 - *A reminder of who is actively involved with this initiative (internal departments and external partners) and to what extent?*
 - *Any significant changes to the plans (including financial commitments) since the previous update to the Committee in July 2025?*
 - *A summary of what has been achieved in the last 12 months by the:*
 - *Strategic Programme Board*
 - *Skills Working Group*
 - *Research & Innovation Working Group*
 - *Masterplanning & Infrastructure Working Group*

- *What engagement has taken place with Elected Members and the public / community over the last 12 months in relation to this initiative?*
 - *What is the plan for the next 12 months? What are the current timescales (and the intended outputs) for the short, medium and long-term?*
6. A report has been prepared and is included within these meeting papers. SBC officers are scheduled to be in attendance to provide an overview and address any Member comments / questions.

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