

CARE AND HEALTH INNOVATION ZONE

Summary

The Committee will receive a briefing on developments in relation to the Borough's 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. The appointment of Arup Group Ltd to develop a masterplan for the area which would make up the Care and Health Innovation Zone was announced by SBC in December 2023.
<https://www.stockton.gov.uk/article/11580/Masterplanner-appointed-for-Stockton-on-Tees-Care-and-Health-Zone>
3. An initial vision statement was collated and includes an overview of the vision, why it will 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>
4. 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/>.
5. Noting with interest the ongoing developments regarding this new initiative, the Committee requested a briefing via an approach to senior SBC officers in February 2024. Information on the following elements was specifically sought (focusing, wherever possible, on care and health matters):
 - The Zone's origin
 - Its key components (including financial considerations)
 - Who is involved (and to what extent)
 - Timelines for development and implementation
 - Perceived benefits
6. Relevant SBC personnel are scheduled to be in attendance to provide a briefing to the Committee.

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