

Agenda Item

Executive Scrutiny Committee

19/11/24

THE STOCKTON-ON-TEES PLAN 2024-2028

Summary

This report invites comments from Executive Scrutiny Committee on the Stockton-on-Tees Plan 2024-2028, ahead of it going to Full Council for recommended approval in November.

Executive Scrutiny Committee is also recommended to note plans for reporting future progress to Executive Scrutiny Committee.

Detail

1. The Stockton-on-Tees Plan was approved by Cabinet in October, for consultation ahead of recommended approval by Full Council on 20 November.
2. This Plan marks a new direction for our organisation. It sets out a vision for the future of our Borough, developed with the voice of our communities.
3. The Stockton-on-Tees Plan has been developed to reflect the drivers and priorities for the Council, our partners and most importantly communities.
4. A high-level analysis of data has been carried out to give us a picture of our performance and to set a baseline.
5. The voice of communities has also informed the development of a draft Vision for the Borough:

Stockton-on-Tees is home – a warm and friendly place, where we welcome others and come together as a single community. We are a diverse and inspiring Borough, culturally rich and with confidence in a future that we can all share and be proud of. At the economic heart of Tees Valley, we are a dynamic, safe and healthy place, where everyone can grow and succeed. We work together to reduce inequalities and remove barriers to opportunity. We are Team Stockton-on-Tees,

6. Five priority areas are proposed as the focus of our activity to turn our Vision into reality. These are:
 - The best start in life to achieve big ambitions
 - Healthy and Resilient Communities
 - A Great Place to Live, Work and Visit
 - An Inclusive Economy
 - A Sustainable Council

A copy of the draft Plan is attached at Appendix 1.

7. There was wide engagement with communities and Elected Members in developing the draft plan. A formal consultation on the draft plan was used to gather any final views ahead of Full Council approval. The consultation was live from the 18th October until the 4th November 2024 and no responses were received.

It is therefore proposed that, subject to comments from Executive Scrutiny Committee, the draft attached at Appendix 1 is taken to Full Council for recommended approval.

It is also proposed that Executive Scrutiny Committee receives regular updates on progress to deliver the Stockton-on-Tees Plan.

Recommendations

8. It is recommended that Executive Scrutiny Committee:
 - a. Provides comments on the final draft Plan
 - b. Receive regular updates on the progress of the Stockton-on-Tees Plan.
This will be done using a series of performance indicators that are closely linked to the plan.

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