STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

1. <u>Title of Item/Report</u>

Review of Elections 2007

2. <u>Record of the Decision</u>

Members considered a report that provided specific details about the implementation of recommendations from a review of elections held in 2005 and a review that had taken place concerning the 2007 elections.

Cabinet was reminded that following the Parliamentary General Election and Local Government Elections held in 2005, a review was undertaken which resulted in some twenty four recommendations for improvement across all areas of election management and administration.

Implementation of the recommendations commenced in September 2005 led by the Head of Democratic Services (Deputy RO) and supported by the Returning Officer and Team Leader for Electoral Community Engagement and Civic services (Deputy RO). A summary of progress was provided.

Members also noted outcomes from a review of the 2007 local Elections and considered a report that identified what went well and areas where improvement could be made. Linked to these outcomes were a range of recommendations which would help improve the delivery of future elections. These were provided to Members for their consideration.

RECOMMENDED to Council that the report be noted and the recommendations contained in appendix 2 relating to a review of the 2007 local elections be endorsed.

3. <u>Reasons for the Decision</u>

To provide members with specific details about the implementation of the recommendations from the review of the 2005 elections and the review which had taken place concerning the 2007 elections.

4. <u>Alternative Options Considered and Rejected</u>

None

5. <u>Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest</u>

None

6. <u>Details of any Dispensations</u>

Not Applicable

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Not Applicable

Proper Officer 03 April 2007