

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....22nd May 2008

1. Title of Item/Report

Strategy For Change, Primary Capital Programme

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report relating to the Strategy for Change for the Primary Capital Programme.

It was explained that in December 2007 the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) issued guidance for Local Authorities on developing, agreeing and implementing a strategic approach to capital investment for primary schools. Part of that guidance was a requirement for Local Authorities to prepare a Strategy for Change document that would be considered by DCSF in June, 2008.

Members were informed that subject to agreement the Council would receive capital allocations for the next 14 years to support the delivery of the Children's Plan by creating primary schools equipped for 21st century learning at the heart of the community with a range of children's services in reach of every family. The objective for primary schools in Stockton on Tees would be to rebuild, remodel or refurbish at least half of all schools. The draft Strategy was the product of work undertaken within the Council and with partners such as Dioceses to identify the principles by which priorities would be established and those schools that should receive investment in the first five years of the Programme. Members of Cabinet were provided with a copy of the draft strategy.

RESOLVED that the Strategy for Change for the Primary Capital Programme be approved and that it be submitted to the Department for Children, Schools and Families in June, 2008 in anticipation that funding for the Programme will start in April, 2009.

3. Reasons for the Decision

The Strategy for Change is an essential component in securing funding for the Primary Capital Programme.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Cook declared a personal prejudicial interest in this item as he was a Governor at Norton Primary School and left the room for the discussion and voting on this item.

Councillor Mrs Beaumont declared a personal prejudicial interest in this item as she had a close relative who attended Levendale Primary School and left the room for the discussion and voting on this item.

6. Details of any Dispensations

Not Applicable

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

Not later than Midnight on Monday 2 June 2008

Proper Officer  
27 May 2008