

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting9th October 2008

1. Title of Item/Report

Revised Constitution

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on the revised Constitution. The report asked Cabinet to agree the updated Executive Functions delegations in the Constitution; recommend for approval to Council the revised Local Choice and Council Functions delegations and to note and/or agree the remaining revisions to the Constitution as a whole.

The Executive, Local Choice and Council Functions delegations had been updated since the Constitution was last republished (7 November 2007).

The changes had been highlighted in the current version of the Constitution and brought specifically to Members and Officers attention. They were necessary due to the need to correct existing delegations; cover functional areas which were not presently referred to; reflect new legislative provisions and to respond to changes approved by Cabinet/Council (eg revised planning and licensing delegations; delegations regarding Stockton Renaissance post Neighbourhood Renewal).

Members were asked to agree the updated Executive Functions delegations and to recommend for Council approval the revised Local Choice and Council Functions.

Amendments had also been made to other parts of the Constitution to reflect changes agreed by Council, as follows:-

- * new Cabinet Member portfolios and changed composition of Cabinet
- * changes to the select committee structure
- * new local assessment (misconduct allegations) arrangements
- * members allowances
- * adding in the agreed Communication, Consultation and Engagement Strategic Framework

RECOMMENDED to Council that:-

1. The updated Executive Functions delegations referred to be agreed and endorsed by Council.

2. The revised Local Choice and Council Functions delegations be agreed by Council.

3. The remaining revisions to the Constitution as a whole be noted or agreed as appropriate by Council.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To ensure that the Cabinet's and the Council's delegation schemes, and the Constitution as a whole, are up to date, accurate and reflect operational and legislative change.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

Not Applicable

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

Not later than Midnight on Friday, 17th October 2008

Proper Officer
13 October 2008